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## Know COVID-19 Vaccine “Expiration” AND “Beyond-Use” Dates

The COVID-19 vaccine has two important dates about which providers and vaccine administrators must be aware. One is the COVID-19 vaccine expiration date and the other is the COVID-19 vaccine “beyond-use date” (BUD).

The COVID-19 vaccine expiration date is the final day on which the batch or vial of the COVID-19 vaccine can be administered. The expiration date is determined by the manufacturer and is the final day that the manufacturer guarantees the full potency and safety of the vaccine.

The COVID-19 BUD is different from the expiration date. The BUD is the last day that the COVID-19 vaccine can be safely used after it has been transitioned between storage states (thawed, refrigerated, etc.) or altered (diluted, drawn up for administration, etc.) for patient use. The BUD replaces the manufacturer’s expiration date but never extends it.

Please be sure to always check the expiration date or BUD, if applicable, before administering any COVID-19 vaccines. It is also important that providers document and communicate all transition and alteration dates when storing, handling and/or transferring COVID-19 vaccines.

[For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage linked here.](#)

For additional COVID-19 information, please see the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) COVID-19 webpage at: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/covid19/>. A Member Outreach page is available with resources related to COVID-19 that providers and partners can distribute to members. The Member Outreach page is available at: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/CPT/COVID-19/MemberOutreach/>

As a reminder, anyone can sign up to receive emails directly from Nevada Medicaid about a variety of topics. ListServes are available for members and providers [here](#).