Account for Additional Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

As the initial doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccine have been delivered and administered over the past days, immunizers have observed additional volume in the vaccine vials after proper reconstitution and administration of five doses. In response, FDA has issued preliminary advice:

“Given the public health emergency, it acceptable to use every full dose obtainable (the sixth, or possibly even a seventh) from each vial, pending our administrative solution to the issue. However, since these are preservative-free vials, any further remaining liquid that does not constitute a full dose should not be pooled from multiple vials to create one.”

To account for a potential 6th or 7th dose from each vial of COVID-19 vaccine in CAIR2, providers should add the additional doses to your current inventory (e.g., for every 5 doses, add 1-2 more doses). Keep in mind that vaccine inventory only decrements for providers who enter doses manually (CAIR2 user interface) and data exchange (enter doses through EHR) users currently set up for decrementing.

See instructions below on how to adjust your inventory to add additional doses.

For any questions regarding manually adjusting inventory in CAIR, please contact CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov. If you are submitting data to CAIR electronically, please contact CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov.

How to Adjust Your Inventory to Add Doses in CAIR2

1. Click on the desired Pfizer or Moderna vaccine lot.
2. Select "Add" as the action under "Modify Quantity on Hand."

3. From the drop-down menu, select "Transfer In" as the "Reason Type." Under the "Reason Notes," type in "additional doses per vial."

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