

Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

COVID-19 Vaccination Registration through ImmuNet, Maryland's Immunization Information System, Now Open to Providers

Effective Date: Effective immediately

Lines of Business Affected: Johns Hopkins Advantage MD, Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority

Partners, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Process Explanation of Change:

Health care providers are now able to register with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to be able to offer COVID-19 vaccines. MDH is using ImmuNet—its secure, web-based registry—for COVID-19 vaccine ordering and distribution. ImmuNet is the same public health infrastructure that MDH previously used for ordering and distribution of the H1N1 flu vaccine and that it currently uses with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccine.

If your practice is interested in potentially providing the COVD-19 vaccine, you are required to register with ImmuNet prior to vaccine availability. To receive the COVID-19 vaccine, your practice must:

- 1. Be onboarded with ImmuNet and report routine vaccinations administered
- 2. Register with the Center for Immunization through ImmuNet

Please see the recent <u>Clinician Letter from MDH</u> and the <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Registration</u> <u>Quick Reference Guide</u> for more information. You can also contact ImmuNet at <u>mdh.mdimmunet@maryland.gov.*</u>

Note: COVID-19 vaccines are still in limited supply. Until the vaccines are in larger supply, you will not be able to order the vaccines in ImmuNet. Once ordering is open for all providers in ImmuNet, registered providers will receive a notification.

Reminder: Vaccination Reporting Requirement as of October 1, 2019

Since October 1, 2019 Maryland statute Health General §18–109 mandates that all vaccinations administered in the State of Maryland be reported to ImmuNet, regardless of patient opt-out status in ImmuNet. This will include administered COVID-19 vaccines. MDH will use COVID-19 vaccine administration data from ImmuNet to determine vaccine coverage rates throughout the state and ensure high-risk populations are being successfully vaccinated.

Vaccine providers are encouraged to review the <u>Report to ImmuNet</u> website to determine what steps are needed to connect/onboard with ImmuNet to prepare to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This website has details on reporting and how to contact the ImmuNet Help Desk for additional assistance.

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