

Vaccine Provider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine EXAMPLE Competency Exam

Refer to the [EUA Fact Sheet](#) for Healthcare Providers (updated 5/19/2021) for questions 1-22:

1. According to the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine can be used in the following individuals:
  - a. 6 months & older
  - b. 12 years & older
  - c. 16 years & older
  - d. 18 years & older
2. Thawing UNDILUTED vials in the REFRIGERATOR can be stored for up to \_\_\_\_\_ and may take up to \_\_\_\_\_ to thaw for a carton of vials at temperatures of 2°C to 8°C.
  - a. 4 days; 1 to 2 hours
  - b. 31 days (1 month); 2 to 3 hours
  - c. 6 days; 4 to 5 hours
  - d. 7 days; 5 to 6 hours
3. For immediate use, thawing undiluted vials for 30 minutes at ROOM TEMPERATURE (up to 25°C) must then be diluted within \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 2 hours
  - b. 6 hours
  - c. 2 days
  - d. 6 days
4. Before AND after diluting the vial, you should:
  - a. GENTLY invert vaccine vial 10 times
  - b. Shake the vial vigorously
  - c. Swirl the vial
5. The appropriate diluent to use is:
  - a. 1.8mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection
  - b. 2.1mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection
  - c. 1.8mL of Bacteriostatic Sodium Chloride Injection
  - d. 2.1mL of Sterile Water
6. After diluting the vial, store vials of vaccine between \_\_\_\_\_ while protecting from light and using within \_\_\_\_\_ from the time of dilution.
  - a. -80°C to -60°C; 2 hours
  - b. -80°C to -60°C; 6 hours
  - c. 2°C to 25°C; 2 hours
  - d. 2°C to 25°C; 6 hours
7. The vaccine is a \_\_\_\_\_ series with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose ideally given on day \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 2-dose; 21
  - b. 2-dose; 28
  - c. 3-dose; 14
  - d. 1-dose; 21
8. How should the vaccine be administered?
  - a. Intramuscularly; 0.3mL per dose
  - b. Intramuscularly; 0.5mL per dose
  - c. Subcutaneously; 0.3mL per dose
  - d. Subcutaneously; 0.5mL per dose
9. True/False If the amount of vaccine remaining in the vial cannot provide a full dose of 0.3 mL, discard the vial and any excess volume (i.e., do NOT pool excess vaccine from multiple vials).
10. True/False Six (6) doses are expected from each vial. Anything less should be reported as "wastage".
11. True/False It is appropriate to interchange this vaccine with other COVID-19 vaccines to finish the series.
12. True/False After properly diluting the vaccine, immediately record date and time on vaccine vial.
13. True/False After adding the diluent of 1.8mL of 0.9% Sodium Chloride to the vial, equalize pressure by withdrawing 1.8mL of air into the empty diluent syringe before removing the needle.
14. True/False Before drawing up a dose of the vaccine, vigorously shake the vial to properly mix the product.
15. True/False The diluted vaccine should appear as a fully clear liquid without particulate matter.
16. True/False Dry ice, when stored in a tightly closed container, can build pressure and potentially explode.
17. True/False Ultracold shipping containers containing dry ice should be opened in a small, enclosed space to encourage stability of the product.
18. True/False Unopened vials may be stored at -25°C to -15°C for up to two weeks (track total time); vials may then be returned ONE TIME back to recommended storage condition of -80°C to -60°C.
19. True/False Transporting thawed vials at 2°C to 8°C is not supported under the EUA.

- 20. Regarding the “Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers”, the vaccination provider MUST:**
- Provide a copy of the Fact Sheet
  - Direct the recipient/caregiver to the website [www.cvdvaccine.com](http://www.cvdvaccine.com) to obtain the Fact Sheet
  - Any of the above are correct
  - None of the above are correct; providing the Fact Sheet is NOT Required
- 21. The vaccination provider is responsible for mandatory reporting of the following that occur post-administration of this vaccine to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS):**
- Vaccine administration errors, even if no adverse event occurred
  - Serious adverse events (life-threatening, death, hospitalization, etc.)
  - Cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS)
  - Case of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death
  - All of the above are correct
- 22. The vaccination provider must communicate to the recipient/caregiver information consistent with the “Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers” prior to vaccine administration, including:**
- FDA has authorized the emergency use of the vaccine, which is not a fully licensed vaccine
  - The recipient or caregiver has the option to accept or refuse the vaccine
  - The significant known/potential risks and benefits of the vaccine, and the extent to which such risks and benefits are unknown
  - Information about the available alternative vaccines and the risk and benefits of those alternatives
  - All of the above are correct

**Answers to questions 23-29 can be found on the CDC website regarding Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the US by clicking [here](#) (updated 5/14/2021):**

- 23. True/False** Pregnant patients should never be offered this COVID vaccine.
- 24. True/False** Patients who are immunocompromised, pregnant, breast-feeding, or have history of a resolved COVID-19 infection can generally be offered this COVID vaccine.
- 25. True/False** Patients who are currently on home isolation with suspected or confirmed COVID should come to the clinic to get vaccinated during their quarantine period.
- 26. True/False** A 32-year-old patient arrives to your clinic for their second dose of the COVID vaccine. It has been 35 days since their first vaccination. Giving a second dose today would be considered “valid”, and the 2-dose series can be considered as “complete”.
- 27. What is the minimum interval for the second dose of the vaccine to be consider as “valid”?**
- 14 days
  - 17 days
  - 21 days
  - 28 days
- 28. It is recommended to space the COVID vaccine from any other vaccine by at least:**
- 7 days
  - 14 days
  - 21 days
  - Minimum spacing is no longer recommended
- 29. Which of the following patients need to be observed for at least 30 minutes post-vaccination (versus the standard 15 minutes) to monitor for the occurrence of immediate adverse reactions?**
- History of immediate allergic reaction to other vaccines unrelated to COVID vaccine components
  - History of anaphylaxis due to any cause unrelated to COVID vaccine components
  - History of immediate/severe allergic reaction to polyethylene glycol (PEG)
  - Both (a) and (b) are correct
  - All of the above are correct

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Vaccine Provider’s Printed Name

Signature

Date