Standard Clinic – Inventory Manager

User Manual

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Introduction – Welcome to VAMS

The Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) is a secure, web-based tool built to help jurisdictions, vaccination clinics, organizations, and vaccine recipients manage COVID-19 vaccination efforts. It supports operations and data collection and tracking to meet COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Four Portals

Each portal is designed for a specific type of user.

- **Jurisdiction Portal**
  - Register your jurisdiction
  - Add organizations and clinics within your jurisdiction

- **Organization Portal**
  - Register your organization's information
  - Add organization members for COVID-19 vaccination eligibility

- **Recipient Portal**
  - Register my patient information
  - Schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment
  - View my COVID-19 vaccination certificate

- **Clinic Portal**
  - Register your clinic information
  - Manage vaccination appointments
  - Log vaccinations

- “Organization” refers to any institution, association, company, or other group that will add critical infrastructure workers and others at-risk groups in VAMS to be considered for COVID-19 vaccination.
- “Member” is one example of an organization.
- Vaccination clinics are often referred to as “vaccine clinics” in VAMS.
PRIVACY NOTE

To receive the COVID-19 vaccine, personally identifiable information (PII) and protected health information (PHI) will be entered into VAMS. PII is any data that could potentially identify an individual. PHI includes demographic information and relates to the individual’s past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition. VAMS complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) privacy and security rules. For more information about HIPAA visit: https://www.cdc.gov/phlp/publications/topic/hipaa.html

How to Use the User Manual

This manual is to be used by the Inventory Managers to better understand and manipulate VAMS. In this guide, you will find step by step instructions along with images of the pages to assist you while manipulating VAMS.

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Your Role and Responsibilities

You will use VAMS to manage COVID-19 vaccine inventory for your clinic.

You will be able to:

➢ Log COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory
➢ Reduce COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory
➢ Monitor COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Levels
➢ Access Multiple Clinics in VAMS

The table below illustrates the activities that only you, as the Inventory Manager, can perform in VAMS.

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<td>Set and manage clinic schedule</td>
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<td>Monitor clinic vaccine inventory levels to match appointments scheduled</td>
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<td>Manage (add, edit, remove) VAMS users</td>
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<td>Check in vaccine recipients</td>
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<td>Access and review recipient record (name, date of birth [DOB], medical history, known allergies, etc.); add notes to record (if applicable)</td>
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<td>Log vaccination (vaccine information, outcome, and waste, if applicable)</td>
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<td>View next-dose eligibility dates</td>
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Navigating VAMS

Quick Tip: VAMS works best in the Google Chrome browser but can be accessed via any browser except Internet Explorer. VAMS also works on mobile devices.

To access VAMS, visit: https://vams.cdc.gov/vaccineportal/s

Below you will find ways to help you navigate VAMS:

Header/Banner

Clicking the VAMS logo will return you to your portal’s home page. The Help link will take you to a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs). The arrow beside your name will drop down and allow you to log out of the system.

Tabs

Tabs are available at the top of the page and allow you to move between pages. The tab you are currently viewing will be underlined and bolded.

Buttons

Buttons will allow you to start, advance, and complete tasks.

Tables

Tables allow you to sort and filter information. You can view details by clicking the links in each row. You can also filter the columns by clicking on the table headers.
Activate your User Account

To start this step, you will need:

- Internet access
- Email account access
- Registration email from no-reply@mail.vams.cdc.gov

After the Jurisdiction POC enters your name and email address into VAMS, you will get an email containing a link to create a VAMS account.

Quick Tip: Check your spam or junk folder if it is not in your inbox. If you still cannot find the email, contact your Jurisdiction POC.

1. Check your email for the link to set up your account.
2. Click the registration link in your email. You will be taken to the account creation page.
   - **NOTE:** The registration link is for your registration only and cannot be used to register anyone else.

Once you click the link, you will be taken to a page to create a password.

3. Verify your email address.
4. Create your password.
5. Check your email account for a verification code.
6. Enter the verification code.
7. Read the terms and conditions and check the box if you agree.
8. Click **Create Account**.
9. You will be directed to the **Clinic Portal** page.

- **NOTE:** After five unsuccessful login attempts, you will be locked out for one hour.
Managing Inventory
Now that you activated your account, you will be able to:

- Log COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory
- Reduce COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory
- Monitor COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Levels
- Access Multiple Clinics in VAMS
Log COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory

You can log vaccine delivery two different ways:

1. Scan the barcodes on the vaccine vials using the 2D scanner. This will automatically enter the vaccines into VAMS.
2. Manually enter the information.

Barcode Types:

- Unit of Use, UoU, is the vaccine vial.
- Unit of Sale, UoS, is the packaging the vials are delivered in.

Log Vaccine Inventory using a 2D Scanner

You must scan each UoS individually. Each UoS contains multiple vials. When logging inventory, you must scan one UoU from each UoS.

1. Click the Inventory tab.
2. Click the Scan Inventory button. The Scan Inventory pop-up will appear.
3. Scan the UoS barcode on the vial using your 2D scanner. The barcode will appear in the barcode field.
4. Select the Manufacturer.
5. Click Next.
6. The UoS information will populate the required fields.
7. Enter the total UoU vials.
8. Click Next.
9. Scan the UoU barcode on one of the vials. It will appear in the barcode field.
10. Click Next.
11. Ensure the information is correct.
12. Click Next.
13. Click Finish.
Log COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Manually

1. Click the **Inventory** tab.
2. Click **Manually Log Inventory**. A Manually Log Inventory page will appear.
3. Select the **Manufacturer** from the drop-down menu.
4. Select the **Product** from the drop-down menu.
5. Select the **UoS NDC**.
6. Enter the **UoS Lot Number**.
7. Enter the **UoU Lot Number**.
8. Enter the Total UoU (vials) in UoS.
9. Enter the **Expiration Date**.
10. Click **Next**.
11. Ensure the information is correct.
12. Click **Next**.

13. Click **Finish** in the pop-up window.

➢ **NOTE**: When you log inventory, you are logging the number of vials, not doses.
Correcting UoS and UoU While Adding New Inventory

You are now required to enter the UoS and UoU lot numbers that match. If these numbers are entered incorrectly, you will receive an error message. The error message will ask you to invalidate the existing entry and reenter the correct doses using the UoS and UoU lot number before proceeding with the additional inventory entry.

Invalidating the existing entry will not correct the lot numbers on recipient records. It will correct the unused inventory in VAMS so that future recipient records will reflect accurate lot numbers. Existing recipient records cannot be edited at this time.

1. A message appears informing you the lot numbers are not the same.
2. Click the Previous button to return to the Log Entry page to re-enter the correct information.
3. Or, click Back to Portal to return to the home page.

➢ NOTE: If you entered UoU and UoS numbers that do not match prior to the above error message appearing, you will need to invalidate the inventory before you enter additional inventory.

To invalidate inventory:

4. Click on the Inventory tab.
5. You will see two columns, UoS and UoU.
6. Find the inventory entry that does not match.
7. Click the blue UoS link. This will take you to the Inventory Details page.
8. On this page is the detailed information associated with this inventory. The Doses Remaining will be the number that is invalidated.
9. Click Invalidate.
10. Click Yes to invalidate the inventory.
11. The remaining doses will be invalidated. You will need to remember this number. You will be able to return to this page by selecting the blue link on the Inventory Management page.
12. On the Inventory Management tab, you will see Invalid for the record that you invalidated.

➢ NOTE: You will need to log the correct lot number by using the Logging Inventory section of this guide.
Reduce COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory

You can reduce vaccine inventory two different ways:

1. Scan the barcodes on the vaccine vials using the 2D scanner. This will automatically enter the vaccines into VAMS.
2. Manually enter the information.

Log Vaccine Waste by using the 2D Scanner

1. Click the Inventory tab.
2. Click the Reduce Inventory button. You will be directed to the Reduce Inventory (scan) page.
3. Scan the UoS barcode on the vial using the 2D scanner.
4. Enter the Reason for the waste.
5. Enter the Number of doses wasted.
6. Click Next.
7. Ensure the information is correct.
8. Click Finish.
**Reduce Inventory Manually**

1. Click the **Inventory** tab.
2. Click **Manually Reduce Inventory**. You will be directed to the Manually Reduce Inventory page.
3. Select the **Manufacturer**.
4. Select the **Product**.
5. Enter the **UoU (vial) lot number**.
6. Select the **reason for the reduction**.
7. Enter the **number of doses reduced**.
8. Click **Next**.
9. Ensure the information is correct.
10. Click **Finish** on the pop-up window.

➢ **NOTE**: When you log waste, you are logging doses.
Monitor COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory Levels

You can monitor the Inventory Levels by the Inventory Management page. Inventory levels and snapshots of available and booked appointments can be seen on the Inventory Management page. This page provides you with view of your inventory levels.

On this page, you’ll find:

- The number of appointments available for the next 28 days.
- The number of appointments booked.
- The number of vaccine doses your clinic has available.

These numbers are automatically generated from the inventory and waste logged into VAMS.
Access Multiple Clinics in VAMS

If the Clinic Administrator adds you as a user at their clinic, you can access the other clinics once you have logged into VAMS.

1. On any page in VAMS, click on the **drop-down arrow** next to your name in the upper right-hand side of the screen.
2. Click **Switch Portals**.

If you have multi-user access, you will be taken to the portal selection page.

1. Click the **Clinic Portal** button.
2. You will be taken to the **Clinic Selection** page.
3. Select the **Access Portal** button of the clinic you would like to access.

If you have multi-clinic access, if you click **Switch Portals**, you will be taken to the **Clinic Selection** page.
## Glossary of Terms

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<td>2D Barcode</td>
<td>A two-dimensional barcode that stores information vertically and horizontally. It may contain vaccine product identification information, lot number, and expiration date.</td>
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<td>Member</td>
<td>Any worker, staff member, volunteer, other personnel or organization being added to VAMS to receive COVID-19 vaccine.</td>
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<td>Multi-clinic User</td>
<td>A clinic user who performs the same or different roles at multiple clinics registered in VAMS. This user can switch between clinic accounts within the clinic portal.</td>
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<td>Multi-Portal User</td>
<td>A VAMS user with access to multiple VAMS portals (e.g., a clinic administrator who is registered as a VAMS recipient can access the Clinic Portal and Recipient Portal).</td>
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<td>Organization</td>
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<td>Unit of Sale (UoS)</td>
<td>The packaging in which the vaccine vials are delivered.</td>
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<td>Unit of Use (UoU)</td>
<td>The vaccine vials.</td>
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<td>Vaccine Clinic</td>
<td>A clinic administering COVID-19 vaccine (sometimes referred to as a ‘vaccine clinic’ in VAMS and their user manual).</td>
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