

# UConn HEALTH

<b>POLICY SPONSOR</b> Keri Collard	<b>POLICY TITLE</b> Standing Order for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID) Vaccine for Employees	
<b>APPLICABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All UConn Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UConn John Dempsey Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> UConn Medical Group <input type="checkbox"/> UConn Health Pharmacy Services, Inc. <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Clinics <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/> School of Dental Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> School of Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Department or Entity <i>Provide Department or Entity Name(s):</i>	<b>POLICY CATEGORY</b> <i>Select All That Apply</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical <input type="checkbox"/> Research	<b>REVIEW CYCLE</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years

**SCOPE:**

This protocol applies to vaccine administered by licensed UConn Health personnel not authorized to independently prescribe vaccine.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this standing order is to reduce the morbidity and mortality of SARS-CoV-2 virus by vaccinating UConn Health Workforce members as permitted by the food and drug administration (FDA), in accordance with recommendations by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Vaccination Program and the criteria established by the advisory committee on immunization practices (ACIP).

**POLICY STATEMENT(S):**

This standing order authorizes any UConn Health personnel, licensed to administer immunizations in the State of Connecticut, to administer the SPIKEVAX COVID vaccine to eligible UConn Health Workforce Members.

All credentials of personnel vaccinating must be active and in good standing in the State of Connecticut.

All personnel described in this section should administer the vaccine as outlined in the procedure below.

## DEFINITIONS

Standing order- order initiated by appropriate licensed personnel per designated procedures, without a client specific order, if the UConn Health Workforce member ~~patient~~ meets certain criteria.

SPIKEVAX – 2023-2024 COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine formula by Moderna

Staff member - UConn Health personnel, licensed to administer immunizations in the State of Connecticut

## ENFORCEMENT

### All Policies must include the following statement:

Violations of this policy or procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with By-Laws, Rules of Conduct, applicable collective bargaining agreements, other applicable Policies, student and/or resident/fellow codes of conduct, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

## PROCEDURES

1. Confirm eligibility for SPIKEVAX:
  - a. Everyone ages 5 years and older is recommended to receive 1 dose of the updated vaccine.
  - b. For individuals previously vaccinated with any COVID-19 vaccine, administer the dose of SPIKEVAX at least 2 months after the last dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
2. Screen for Contraindications for COVID-19 Vaccine
  - a. Contraindications and Precautions for SPIKEVAX:
    - i. Contraindications:
      1. Severe allergic reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) to a previous dose or component of either mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
      2. Immediate allergic reaction with any severity to a previous dose or component of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (including polyethylene glycol [PEG]).
      3. Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to polysorbate (due to potential cross-reactive hypersensitivity with the vaccine ingredient PEG).
    - ii. Confirm UConn Health Workforce member has reviewed and understands the current *Information for Recipients and Caregivers SPIKEVAX*.
    - iii. Confirm UConn Health Workforce member has consented to the administration of the vaccine.
3. Administration
  - a. Staff member will place COVID vaccine standing order in EPIC.
  - b. Dose: 0.5 mL single dose pre-filled syringe
    - i. SPIKEVAX is a white to off-white suspension. It may contain white or translucent product-related particulates. Do not administer if vaccine is discolored or contains other particulate matter.
  - c. Storage
    - i. Storage of Single Dose Pre-Filled Syringes after Thawing
      1. Storage at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F):
        - a. Syringes may be stored refrigerated between 2°C to 8°C

- (36°F to 46°F) for up to 30 days.
2. Storage at 8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F):
    - a. Syringes may be stored between 8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F) for up to 24 hours.
  3. Do not refreeze once thawed.
  4. Thawed syringes can be handled in room light conditions.
- d. Preparation
- i. Do not shake. Do not dilute the vaccine.
  - ii. Use a sterile needle for the appropriate size for intramuscular injection.
  - iii. With tip cap upright, remove tip cap by twisting counterclockwise until tip cap releases. Remove tip cap by twisting counterclockwise until tip cap releases. Remove tip cap in a slow, steady motion. Avoid pulling tip cap while twisting.
  - iv. Attach the needle by twisting in a clockwise direction until the needle fits securely on the syringe.
- e. Route: Intramuscular
- i. Administer the entire dose intramuscularly. Discard the needed syringe in the appropriate sharps containers.
- f. Documentation
- i. Consent and administration will be documented in EPIC. Documentation will be uploaded to CTWiZ, which the employee will have the option of opting out.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Clinical Policy Standing Orders](#)

Information for Recipients and Caregivers SPIKEVAX (2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA formula): [Patient Package Insert - SPIKEVAX \(fda.gov\)](#)

SPIKEVAX Package Insert: <https://www.fda.gov/media/155675/download?attachment>

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