**COVID-19 Vaccine Handling Toolkit** 

# Operational Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparation During the Pandemic

## Highlights



## Prepare and administer vaccines at different locations by different individuals

Generally, vaccines are prepared and administered immediately by the same healthcare practitioner. This new information provides considerations for different healthcare practitioners to prepare and label vaccine syringes and storage containers, while allowing others to safely administer the vaccine within the beyond-use date.



### Pre-draw the vaccine into syringes for efficient administration

Typically, vaccines are prepared and administered immediately by the same healthcare practitioner. This new information provides operational and labeling considerations for healthcare practitioners where vaccine preparation and administration are performed by different healthcare practitioners and perhaps across different preparation and administration settings. This helps ensure safe administration within the beyond-use date.



#### Maximize doses per vial

Practice settings who may not have adequate quantities of low dead-volume syringes can more consistently achieve the maximum doses withdrawn per vial based on the information provided.