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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, and the CDC endorsed an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, making it the fourth COVID-19 vaccine on the US market. This FAQ will assist with questions around the role, availability, and when to administer Novavax.

**Q:** How is Novavax different from other COVID vaccines and what is the recommended time to administer?

**A:** Novavax is the first COVID-19 protein subunit vaccine. It was developed using a familiar type of vaccine technology that has been used for more than 30 years in the US. Novavax is a two-dose vaccine for adults ages 18 years and older for PRIMARY vaccine series. The doses should be separated by 3–8 weeks. Currently, a booster dose using any COVID-19 vaccine is not authorized for adults in this age group who receive a Novavax primary series.

**Q:** When is Novavax preferred over another vaccine?

**A:** Novavax is an option for individuals with an allergy to mRNA vaccines, or who prefer to be vaccinated with a non-mRNA-based vaccine. Individuals hesitating to be vaccinated for COVID because of the mRNA vaccine type may be swayed to get vaccinated with this different vaccine type. Novavax will not eliminate the risk of breakthrough cases and transmission, but like the others, it will provide protection against serious illness and outcomes associated with COVID-19, including emergency department or urgent care visits, hospitalizations, and death.

**Q:** Can I order Novavax through Consonus Pharmacy?

**A:** Consonus will NOT be stocking Novavax. Initially, there will be limited quantities and providers of Novavax. Additionally, we expect very low demand for this vaccine as most residents and staff in LTC are already fully vaccinated and therefore are not eligible to receive this vaccine. However, we are committed to assisting our clients in locating Novavax. If you are currently participating in the Consonus COVID Vaccine program, you have need of Novavax and you cannot find it, please let us know and we will help you locate a provider of the vaccine.

**Q:** What product does each Consonus Pharmacy location have on hand?

**A:** Please see below chart for product per location.

	Arizona	California	Nevada	Oregon	Washington
Pfizer		•		•	•
Moderna	•		•		