

For Providers

## California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Weekly Wrap Up – February 4, 2022

### Important Role of Medical Practices in Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination

Over 65% of California children ages 5-11 years have yet to receive 1 dose of COVID-19 vaccine. And the poorest neighborhoods are far behind. [Read more.](#)

#### COVID-19 CAN BE SERIOUS FOR KIDS.



**4X MORE DEATHS**  
THAN FLU

**800**  
DEATHS

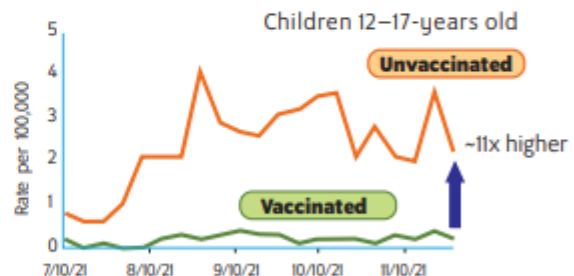
Over 800 children have died from COVID-19 in the US, compared to approximately 200 pediatric flu deaths over the past two years.

**8,300**  
HOSPITALIZATIONS

About 1 in 3 children hospitalized with COVID-19 in the US were admitted to the ICU, similar to the rate among adults.

#### 11X HIGHER RISK OF HOSPITALIZATION

COVID-19 associated hospitalizations in unvaccinated children are 11x higher than fully vaccinated.



**PEDIATRIC VACCINATION COVERAGE IS LOW, ESPECIALLY FOR CALIFORNIA'S MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

Your strong recommendation is one of the most important factors in your patients' decision to get their children vaccinated. Here's the data as of January 31, 2022:

- 5-to-11-year-olds are more likely to be vaccinated by a Medical Practice than the general population.
- People living in Q4 (healthier) areas are more likely to be vaccinated by a Medical Practice than people living in Q1 (less healthy) areas.

Pfizer-BioNTech has submitted a request to amend the [Emergency Use Authorization of their COVID-19 vaccine in children 6 months through 4 years of age](#). And California is once again gearing up for an expansion in eligibility.

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and endurance of all of you on the frontlines.

Please consider ways your practice can expand outreach or access to COVID-19 vaccines and narrow the vaccine equity gap in your local community.

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## Reporting Requirements for Providers

All providers have signed the COVID-19 Provider Agreement, which includes all of the requirements providers must adhere to. Below are important reporting reminders:

1. Report COVID-19 doses administered within **24 hours of administration to your local immunization registry (IIS)** (e.g. CAIR2, Healthy Futures, or SDIR).
2. Submit **race and ethnicity information** for every vaccinated patient to your local immunization registry. [This job aid](#) will assist you in this process.
3. Report COVID-19 **doses in inventory daily** to the VaccineFinder website.
4. Report doses spoiled, expired or wasted to myCAVax. The [Reporting Doses Spoiled, Expired or Wasted](#) job aid will assist you in this process.
5. Report adverse event to VAERS. [This resource](#) has instructions on adverse event reporting.

State data indicates that many California providers participating in the COVID-19 Vaccinators Program are not complying with inventory reporting. If you have unreported doses, please make every effort to report them and bring your clinic into compliance with the reporting requirement. Please review the [Reporting Requirements at a Glance](#) job aid for reporting details.

### Vaccine Reporting Resources

- [Reporting Inventory to Vaccine Finder](#)
  - [VaccineFinder Updates](#)
  - [Required: Report "Race/Ethnicity" For Every Patient Receiving COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
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## COVID-19 Vaccination Following SARS-CoV-2 Infection

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone ages 5 years and older, regardless of a history of symptomatic or asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infection. This includes people with prolonged post-COVID-19 symptoms and applies to primary series, additional primary doses, and booster doses.

People with known current SARS-CoV-2 infection should defer vaccination at last until recovery from the acute illness (if symptoms were present) has been achieved and criteria to discontinue isolation have been met.

is insufficient to inform guidance. Refer to CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#).

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## Myocarditis Cases Reported after mRNA-Based COVID-19 Vaccination in the U.S.

### December 2020 to August 2021

A descriptive study of the myocarditis reports to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) revealed that the rates of reported cases of myocarditis after second vaccination are higher than expected in males aged 12-15 and 16-17 years. Of those myocarditis cases requiring hospitalization, 98% were discharged at time of the review.

There were no verified cases of myocarditis requiring heart transplant, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), or ventricular assist device.

### COVID-19 Vaccination after Myocarditis or Pericarditis

“Until additional safety data are available, experts advise that people who develop myocarditis or pericarditis after a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine not receive a subsequent dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.” - [CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Administration of a subsequent dose of COVID-19 vaccine before additional safety data are available can be considered in certain circumstances for people who develop myocarditis or pericarditis after receiving a dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. Please view these considerations [here](#).

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## Provider FAQ of the Week

**Q: Where can COVID-19 vaccine Providers find information on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5 years of age?**

A: Pfizer submitted their COVID-19 vaccine to the FDA [for children ages 6 months through 4 years](#) of age. Note: When authorized, this COVID-19 vaccine will share the same storage and handling characteristics as the Pfizer pediatric (5-11 years, orange cap) vaccine:

- 9-month shelf life at ultra-low temperature
- 10-week shelf life at normal refrigerated temperature
- Comes in a 10-dose vial with 10 vials per carton
- Requires dilution, provided by the U.S. Government
- Maroon cap

## Reminders

### Large Quantities of Vaccine Expiring

Large amounts of both Pfizer and Moderna vaccine recently expired or are expiring over the next couple of months. Refer to [this communication](#) that identifies lot numbers and provides vaccine management resources to guide you.

If vaccine has expired (including past beyond-use dates) please:

- Remove the vaccine from storage units immediately
- Report the vaccine wastage to myCAvax
- Dispose of expired vaccine
- Report your updated inventory counts to VaccineFinder

See [Vaccine Management Checklist](#) for guidance.

### myCAvax Enhancement Details

This week, new enhancements became available in the myCAvax system for Providers. Please see the [Release Update](#) for a full explanation of the new functionalities and how they impact you.

### Upcoming Help Desk Feature - Check in with myCAvax Maya!

**Coming next week on 2/9**, the myCAvax system will include an embedded chat feature with a direct line to the technical Help Desk to support you troubleshoot when an issue arises. You will be able to access live help by opening a pop-up window in the bottom right corner.

myCAvax Maya is an Organization Coordinator. This week she needs her colleague's account deactivated.



## myCAVax: Upcoming Training

Click on the dates below to join sessions or access links on [EZIZ.org/COVID/myCAVax](https://EZIZ.org/COVID/myCAVax).

Password for all sessions: **myCAVax2022!**

### Vaccine Order Requests with Q&A

- Tuesday, February 8 at 12:30PM – 1:00PM – [Click here to register this session!](#)

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## Useful Resources

- [Upcoming Expiration Dates](#)
- [Vaccine Administration Checklist](#)
- [Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors](#)
- [Reporting Doses Spoiled, Expired, or Wasted \(including Moderna booster doses\)](#)
- [Receiving Redistributed Small Orders](#)
- [Protect Kids with COVID-19 Vaccine Infographic](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Chart | Spanish](#)
- [Summary of COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#)
- [CDPH COVID-19 Treatments Webpage](#)

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## Support Opportunities

### Provider Office Hours

Please attend our weekly webinars to hear updates from the COVID-19 Vaccination Program and have your questions answered.

- [Fridays 9–10 AM](#) (Password: Immunize!)
- [Archived Sessions | Frequently Asked Questions](#)

### My Turn & myCAVax Office Hours for LHDs and Providers

- [Every Monday at 12:00 PM](#) (Password: Immunize!)

### COVID Call Center for Providers

- For Program information: email [covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov) or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday – Friday, 8AM–6PM)

### myCAVax Help Desk

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call (833) 502-1245, option 3 (Monday – Friday 7AM – 7PM, Saturday – Sunday 8AM – 1PM)

- System related training materials are available via the Knowledge Center in myCAvax and at [EZIZ.org/COVID](https://EZIZ.org/COVID)

### My Turn Help Desk

- Onboarding: email [myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov)
  - Technical support for My Turn Clinic: email [MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com](mailto:MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com) or call (833) 502-1245, option 4 (Monday – Friday 7AM – 7PM, Saturday – Sunday 8AM–1PM).
  - [Job aids, demos and training opportunities](#)
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**Vaccinate ALL 58**

Together we can end the pandemic.

COVID-19 Vaccination Program