

Welcome to California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Friday Provider Office Hours

Friday, January 7, 2022



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Provider Office Hours Q&A

During today's session, please use the Q&A panel to ask your questions so our subject matter experts can respond directly.



Housekeeping

Reminder to Panelists:



Please mute yourself when not speaking.

Please monitor the Q&A panel for questions you may be able to answer.

Reminder to Attendees:



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<https://eziz.org/covid/education/>



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Agenda: Friday, January 7, 2022

No.	Item	Speaker	Time (AM)
1	Welcome and Announcements	Leslie Amani (Moderator)	9:00 – 9:05
2	Vaccine Administration	Joshua Quint (CDPH)	9:05 – 9:10
3	Combating the Surge	Rob Schechter, M.D. (CDPH)	9:10 – 9:15
4	Clinical Update	Caterina Liu, M.D. (CDPH)	9:15 – 9:20
Poll Discussion and Q&A			9:20 – 9:30
5	Storage & Handling	Kate McHugh (CDPH)	9:30 – 9:35
6	Vaccine Management	Eric Norton (My Turn) and Claudia Aguiluz (CDPH)	9:35 – 9:45
7	Wrap Up & Resources	Leslie Amani (Moderator)	9:45 – 10:00
Q&A			

Announcements

Leslie Amani, CDPH

30 Conversations in 30 Days

- Updated [Medical Professions Program Toolkit](#) with:
 - Training videos for effective conversations
 - On-demand webinars
 - Conversation guide
 - How to host a successful training
 - Pre and post conversation steps
 - Ways to get connected
- Upcoming Webinars:
 - Talking with Patients in the Latinx Community about COVID-19 Vaccines, Wednesday, January 19 at 12:00PM | [Register here](#)
 - Talking with Patients in the Black/African American Community about COVID-19 Vaccines, Thursday, January 20 at 12:00PM | [Register here](#)

30 Conversations in 30 Days

Medical Professions Program Toolkit



Welcome to the [30 Conversations in 30 Days](#) campaign by [Vaccinate all 58](#), [#ThisIsOurShot](#), and [#VacunateYa](#). Our goal is to equip California's trusted medical professionals with the skills and confidence to have proactive conversations with their patients and colleagues about COVID-19 vaccines. Thank you so much for joining this statewide grassroots effort. We are thrilled and honored to have you as part of the team!

Training Videos for Effective Conversations

Below are 4 short training videos aimed at helping support providers in having effective conversations about COVID-19 vaccines. Learn how to:

- [Approach](#) disarming COVID-19 vaccine misinformation
- [Address](#) a patient who expresses a vaccine conspiracy theory
- [Explain](#) the importance of herd immunity
- [Speak](#) with colleagues about COVID-19 vaccines

On-Demand Webinars

Talking with Patients about the COVID-19 Omicron Variant, Booster Doses, and Other Hot Topics: [Video](#) | [Slides](#)

Talking with Patients about COVID-19 Vaccines and Fertility & Pregnancy: [Video](#) | [Slides](#)

Talking with Parents of School-Aged Children about COVID-19 Vaccines: [Video](#) | [Slides](#)

Talking with Patients in Rural Communities about COVID-19 Vaccines: [Video](#) | [Slides](#)

Talking with Patients about COVID-19 Vaccines: [Video 1](#) | [Slides 1](#) | [Video 2](#) | [Slides 2](#)

#ThisIsOurShot and #VacunateYa Materials

[#ThisIsOurShot](#)

[#VacunateYa](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Conversation Guide](#)

[How to Host a Successful Training](#)

[Pre and Post Conversation Steps](#)



Volunteer Resources Job Aid

Volunteer Services Supporting Vaccination Needs

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

This quick reference guide lists **volunteer services** that can be utilized to help support unmet vaccination needs for Providers, LHJs, and MCEs.

For COVID-19 vaccine providers interested in conducting large vaccine events, please contact your local health department.

Guidance concerning requests for non-volunteer staffing support is available [here](#).

Please ensure that all COVID-19 volunteers complete **CDPH required training for non-traditional and expanded vaccinators** before starting volunteer vaccination activities.

Resource	Description	Contact Information
California Volunteers	California Volunteers is the state office tasked with engaging Californians in service, volunteering and civic action to tackle our State's most pressing challenges while mobilizing all Californians to volunteer and serve in their communities.	Safely help our communities respond to COVID-19. Reach out to: https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/get-involved/covid-19/ to serve in California.
VolunteerMatch.org	Get the volunteers you need to vaccinate California. VolunteerMatch / California Volunteers Partnership allows you to create a profile and post volunteer opportunities at no cost. A national organization, with over 1.3M monthly site visitors looking for opportunities and 16.9M connections made.	Follow 3 steps to get started: https://myturnvolunteer.volunteermatch.org/
California Emergency Response Corps (CERC)	CERC can provide short-term team deployments of an AmeriCorps member(s) who will provide support services addressing urgent vaccine needs. Complete and submit the request form online to seek CERC support. A representative will follow up with you to discuss an AmeriCorps member(s) availability and, as applicable, next steps. Submitting your form does not guarantee your organization will receive support.	Complete the AmeriCorps Disaster Services Deployment Request Form .

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and their contact

See the tab "For Vaccination and list volunteer

) Department of Volunteer

) medical and nursing student

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View [archived communication](#)

For Providers

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Add Clinic Staffing and Reduce Patient Wait Times at No Cost to You

As the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 rapidly sweeps through the state, prompt vaccination could help reduce the strain on healthcare systems, yet the wait for appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine in some settings can be up to a few weeks.

To help support your vaccination clinics, you may make requests for supplemental staff, at no cost, through the following programs:

- Submit a request for state-funded vaccination staff for COVID-19 and/or Flu vaccination clinics to your local Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) program. Find your local contact using the [MHOAC contact list](#).
- Recruit volunteers to assist with your COVID-19 vaccination clinics by using one of the volunteer services listed in this [Volunteer Services Quick Reference Guide](#).

View Archived Messages

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COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Note: My Turn – Volunteer program ended December 31, 2021.

Face Mask Guidance

January 5, 2022
CDPH Communication:

Extends requirement for
universal masking indoors
statewide December 15, 2021,
through February 15, 2022.



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State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

January 5, 2022

TO: All Californians

SUBJECT: Guidance for the Use of Face Masks

Related Materials: [Face Coverings Q&A](#) | [Face Coverings Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#) | [Face Mask Tips and Resources](#) | [Face Shields Q&A \(PDF\)](#) | [Safe Schools for All Hub](#) | [More Home & Community Guidance](#) | [All Guidance](#) | [More Languages](#)

Updates as of January 5, 2022:

- Extends requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021, through February 15, 2022.

Guidance For the Use of Masks

Background

The COVID-19 vaccines remain effective in preventing serious disease, hospitalization, and death from the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Unvaccinated persons are more likely to get infected and spread the virus which is transmitted through the air and concentrates indoors. To ensure that we collectively protect the health and well-being of all Californians; keep schools open for in-person instruction; and allow California's economy to remain open and thrive, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) **is requiring masks to be worn in all indoor public settings, irrespective of vaccine status, until February 15, 2022.** This requirement will be updated as CDPH continues to assess conditions on an ongoing basis.



Isolation and Quarantine Guidance



Home and Community Guidance

- Isolation and Quarantine
- Mega Events
- Travel
- Masking

Find All Guidance by Topic

- State Public Health Officer's Orders
- Employees and Workplace
- Education
- More...

Multi-lingual Guidance




Stay informed!

Provider Resources on eziz.org/covid

Frequent Content Updates:

- Alerts
- Program Enrollment
- My Turn Onboarding
- Reporting Requirements
- Patient Resources
- Archived Communications
- Education & Support Materials
- More to explore!

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Program Updates

Program Enrollment

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Vaccine Management

Vaccine Administration

Reporting Requirements

Archived Communications

Patient Resources

Provider Support

COVID Call Center

Email: [Program Info](#)
Phone: (833) 502-1245
Hours: Mon-Fri, 8AM-6PM

Contact us for questions about the program or help with accessing documents.

myCAVax and My Turn

Email:
[myCAVax Technical Support](#)
[MyTurn Onboarding](#),
[MyTurn Technical Support](#)
Phone: (833) 502-1245
Mon-Fri, 7AM-7PM
Sat-Sun, 8AM-1PM

My Turn Clinic Translation Line:
(833) 980-3933
Mon-Fri: 8AM-8PM
Sun-Sat: 8AM-5PM

Vaccines

[Manufacturer Contacts](#)

Updates for Providers

- COVID-19 Vaccination Program FAQs Updated 1/6
- Connect with Vaccine Experts – Provider Office Hours Every Friday
- myCAVax Training
- Weekly Webinars and Training Calendar

Alerts:

- Vaccine Inventory**
 - Upcoming Expiration Dates
 - [Pfizer Transition to the New "Gray Cap" Vaccine for Ages 12+ on December 23](#) | Pfizer Training

Boosters

- Expansion to 16 Years and Older
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Chart](#)
- Expanding Vaccination Capacity (Provider Readiness Checklist)
- Clinical Considerations for People Who Received COVID-19 Vaccine Outside the US
- COVID-19 Testing, Vaccination and Personal Protective Equipment for Health Care Personnel (HCP) at Health Care Facilities Letter

Now Enrolling Providers of Pediatric Services

- Benefits for Primary Care Providers
- Find Information on How to Enroll

Featured Resources

Tools to Avoid Vaccine Mix-Ups:

- Comparison Guide of COVID-19 Vaccine Products
- COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Chart | Summary of Related Guidance and Requirements
- Vaccine Administration Checklist
- Preventing Administration Errors
- Coadministration of COVID-19 Vaccine with Other Vaccines | Tips | Preteens

Vaccine Management:

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider FAQs

- Answers to provider questions
- Updated weekly: last updated 1/6/2022
- Currently in its 53rd iteration!



Q: What are the recommended time intervals between the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 primary vaccination series and the booster dose?

A: The CDC recommends [a shortened booster interval to 5 months](#) after completion of the Pfizer COVID-19 primary vaccination series for people 12 years and older. The booster interval after completion of the Moderna COVID-19 primary vaccination series is 6 months.



Q: How can COVID-19 vaccine Providers make requests for supplemental vaccine staff, including clinic supervisors, at no cost to support vaccination needs?

A: To support vaccination needs, COVID-19 vaccine Providers can make requests for supplemental staff at no cost through the following programs:

- Submit a request for state-funded vaccination staff for COVID-19 vaccination clinics to your local Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) program. Find your local contact using the [MHOAC contact list](#).
- Recruit volunteers to assist with your COVID-19 vaccination clinics by using one of the volunteer services listed in this [Volunteer Services Quick Reference Guide](#).

Please note: The My Turn Volunteer program ended on December 31, 2021.

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider FAQs v.53.0_1.6.22 1

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider FAQs

For Prospective, Newly Enrolled, and Current California COVID-19 Vaccine Providers. Providers may also visit [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) for information and updates.

Directions: [Click on a category to be directed to related FAQs.](#)

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[Provider FAQs on EZIZ, Updated Weekly](#)



COVID-19 Vaccination Program Webinars and Training for Providers

Week of January 10, 2022

Note: Calendar subject to change

	Monday 1/10	Tuesday 1/11	Wednesday 1/12	Thursday 1/13	Friday 1/14
myCAvax	myCAvax Vaccine Order Request with Q&A 10:00 am – 10:30 am PW: myCAvax2021!				Provider Office Hours 9:00 am – 10:00 am PW: Immunize!
My Turn					
Combined Office Hours and Events	My Turn and myCAvax Office Hours 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PW: Immunize2020!				

View On Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Intro to My Turn Onboarding (v. 11/10/21)What's New in My Turn (v.12/8/21)Provider Office Hours and MCE Office Hours Archived Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provider 101 Account Enrollment: Section A: Organization Application (v. 10/21/21)Provider 101 Account Enrollment: Section B: Location Application (v. 10/21/21)Vaccine Marketplace (v. 8/26/21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What's New in myCAvax (v. 10/12/21)What's New in myCAvax for Reactivated Providers (v. 9/8/21)Patient Check-in and Vaccine Administration (v.12/8/21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clinic Manager Training (v. 12/8/21)Vaccine Administrator / VA Assistant Training (v. 12/8/21)
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Help

Website: www.eziz.org/covid, [FAQs](#)
General email: covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov
CDPH Provider Call Center: 1-833-502-1245, 8am-6pm

My Turn email: myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov
myCAvax Help Desk Email: myCAvax.HD@accenture.com
Phone: (833) 502-1245

Vaccine Administration

Joshua Quint, CDPH

Vaccine Administration Data

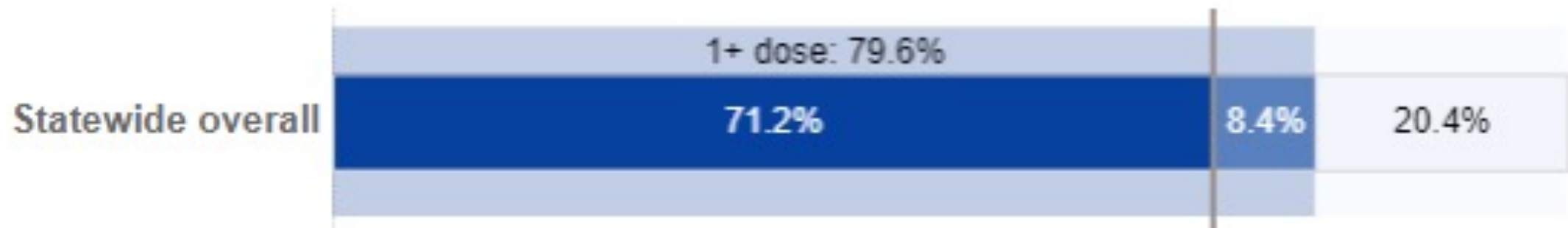
as of January 3, 2022

65,013,522

+1,102,915 (from previous week)

■ Fully vaccinated ■ Partially vaccinated □ Not yet vaccinated

Total Doses Administered



Vaccine Type over Time

as of January 3, 2022

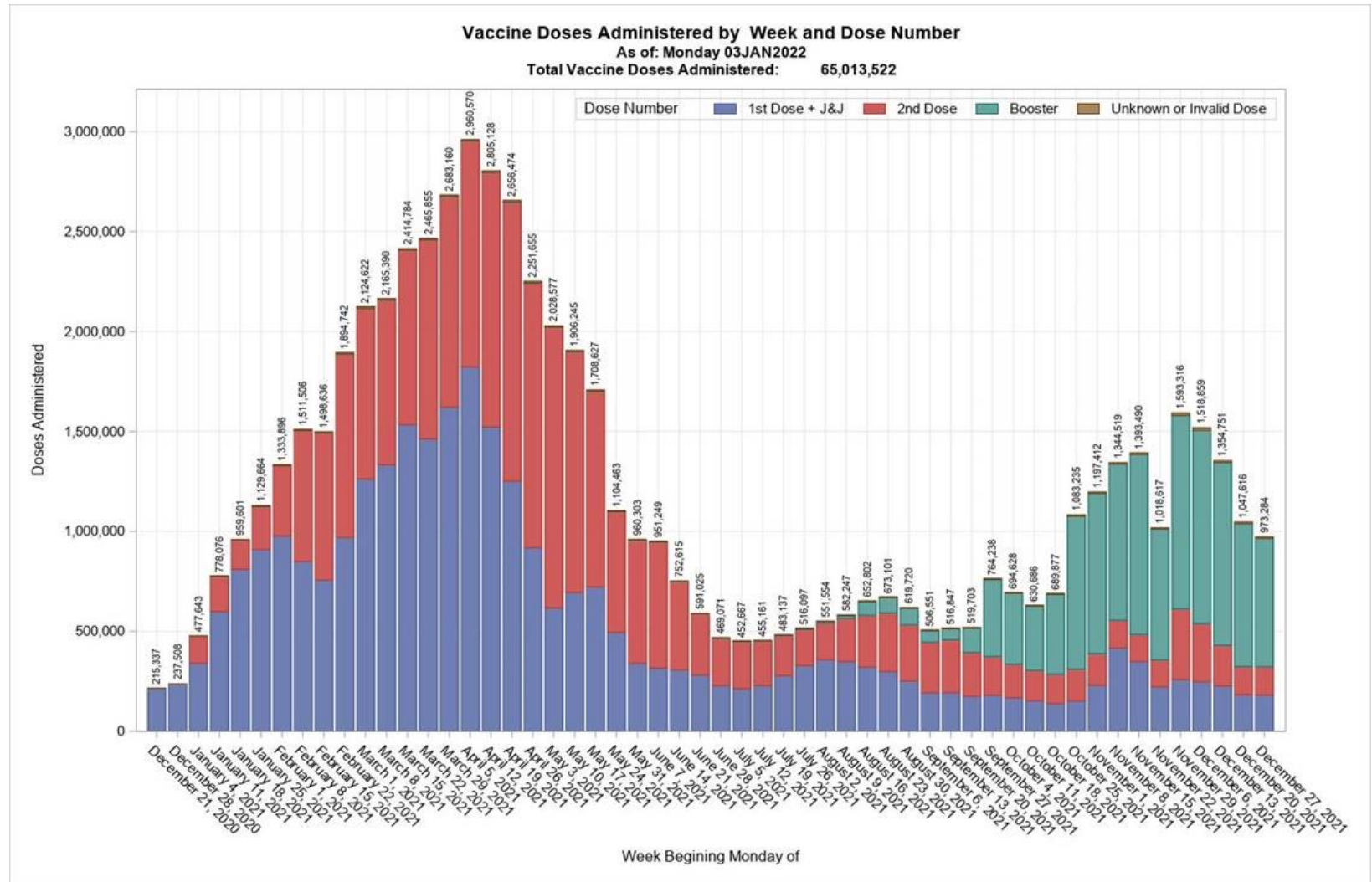
Increase in vaccine administration driven by new eligibility groups: adult booster shots and 5-to-11-year-olds.

Weekly Vaccination Rates

High: 3.0 M (4/5)

Low: 0.5 M (7/5)

Current: 1.0 M (12/27)



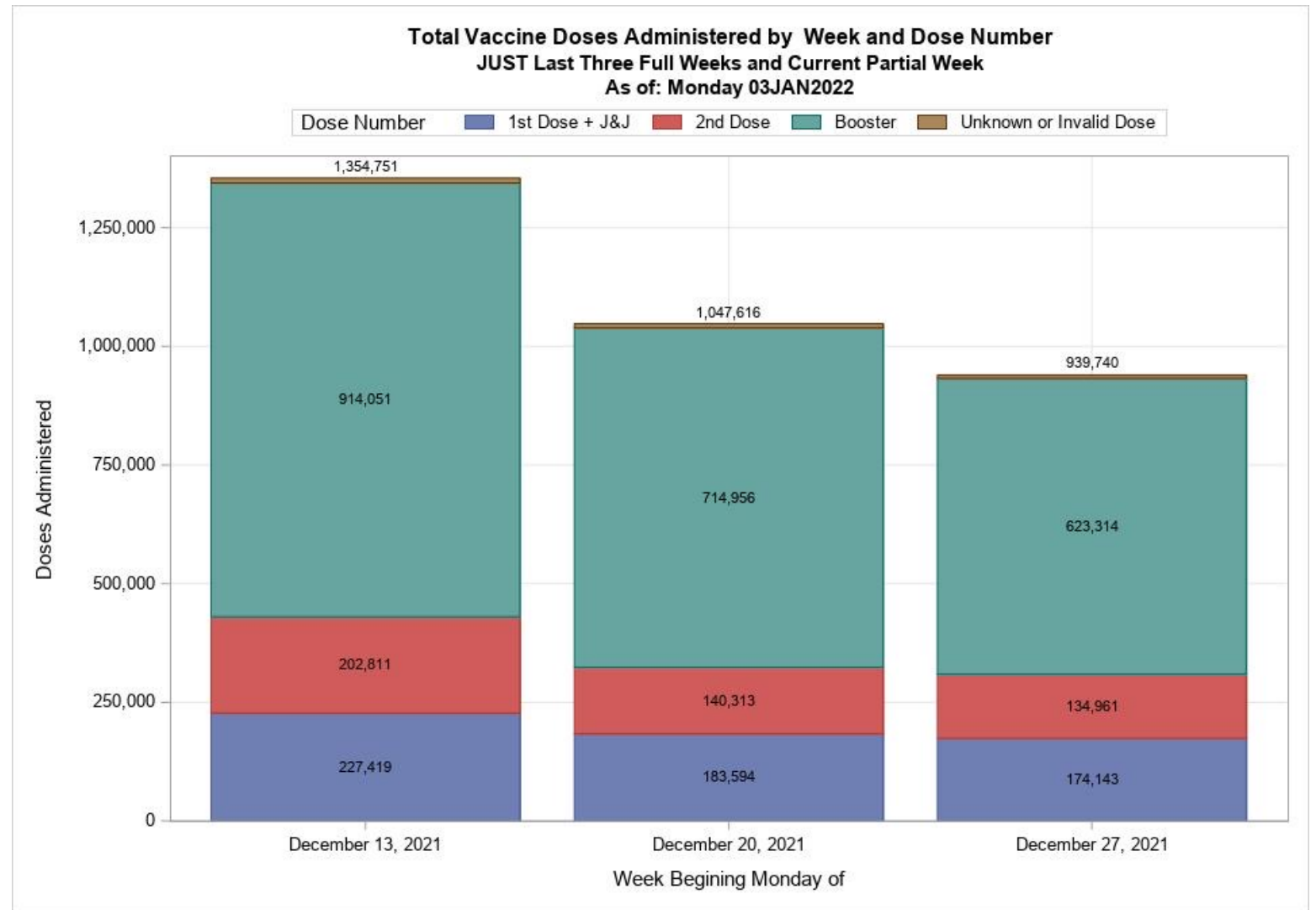
Vaccine Type over Time

as of January 3, 2022

Vaccination
administration slowed
over the holiday weeks.

0.94 M doses 12/27 – 1/2

- 10% from previous week
- 30% from 2 weeks prior



Vaccination Ages 5-to-11

as of January 3, 2022

1,572,271 doses

+131,513 (from previous week)

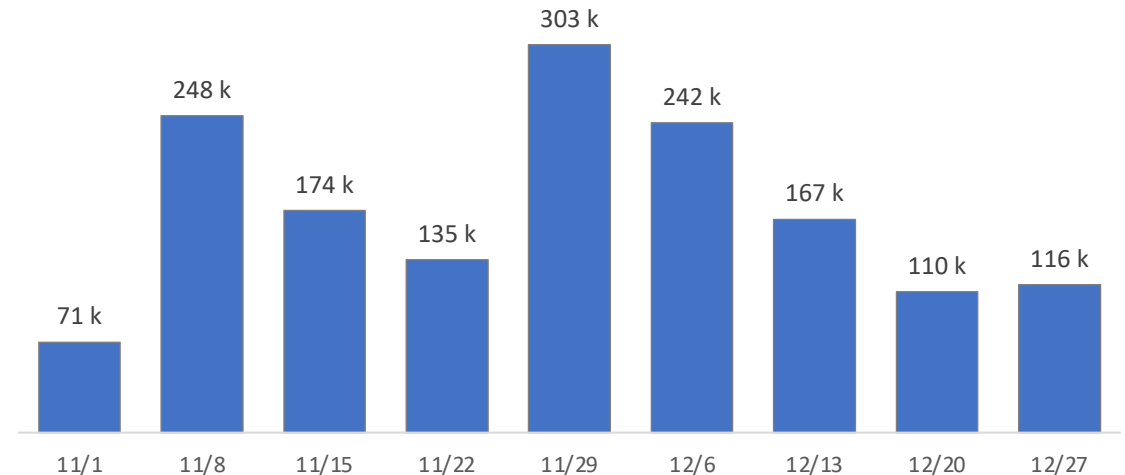
Total Doses Administered

27%

+2% (from previous week)

of all 5-to-11-year-olds in CA
have received **at least 1 dose**

Doses Administered to 5-11 Year Olds



Booster* Vaccinations

as of January 3, 2022

10,048,600 persons

+758,843 (from previous week)

Total Doses Booster Doses Administered

47% of eligible** population

+ 3%

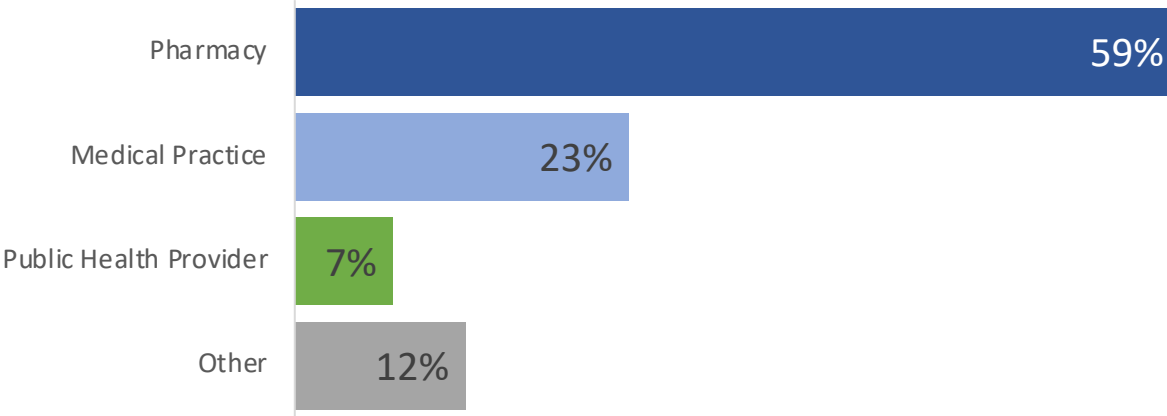
**21,284,804 individuals, 16+ years of age,
and J&J + 2 months or MRNA + 6 months

67% of 65+ eligible population

+ 2%

*Includes Additional Doses

Booster Doses By Provider Type
(n=10,110,373)



New Variant Dashboard



The screenshot shows the California Department of Public Health website. At the top left is the CDPH logo. To its right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are four tabs: "I am looking for", "I am a", "Programs", and "A-Z Index", each with a downward arrow. Below these tabs is a breadcrumb trail: "Home | Programs | Center for Infectious Diseases | Division of Communicable Disease Control | Tracking Variants". A green horizontal bar is below the breadcrumb trail. Below the green bar is a navigation menu with links: "COVID-19 Home", "Protect Your Health", "Get Latest Guidance", "See the Numbers", and "Learn More". The main content area has the heading "Tracking Variants" with a date "1/6/2022". Below this is a section titled "Related Materials:" with links to "Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know" and "Variant Genetic Sequence Data". Below that is a section titled "Variants Are a Normal Part of Viruses" with two paragraphs of text.

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Tracking Variants

1/6/2022

Related Materials: [Omicron Variant: What You Need to Know](#) | [Variant Genetic Sequence Data](#)

Variants Are a Normal Part of Viruses

Viruses change through mutations that create new strains of virus over time. This is a normal process that happens with most viruses. We call these strains variants.

Some variants rise and then disappear. Other variants become common. Most variants do not have a meaningful impact.

Why Track Variants?

Scientists and public health officials are studying variants to learn more about how to control their spread and to understand whether the variants:

- Spread more easily from person-to-person
- Cause milder or more severe disease in people
- Are detected by currently available viral tests
- Respond to medicines currently being used to treat people for COVID-19
- Change the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines

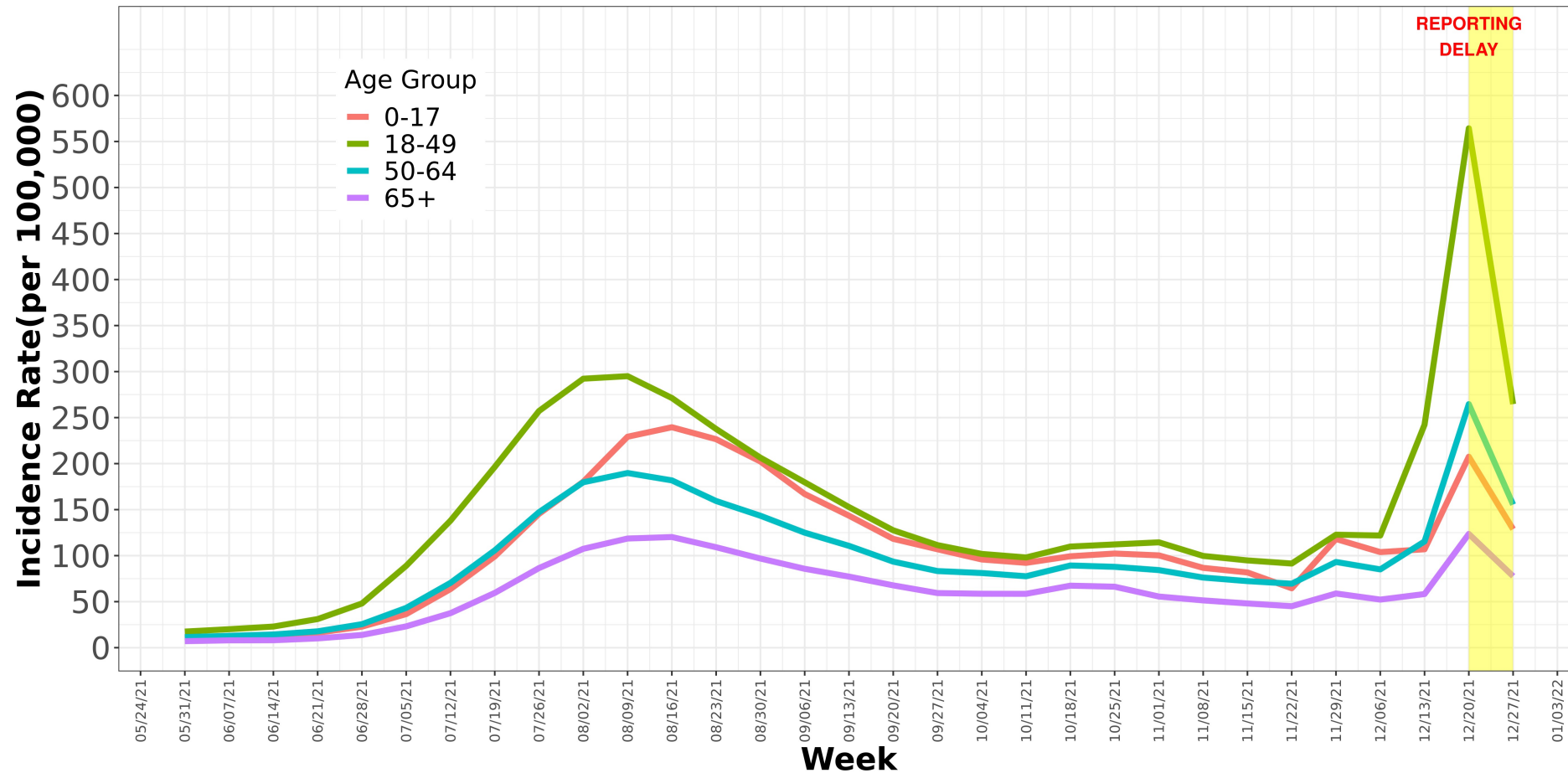
[Omicron Variant Fact Sheet](#)

Combating the Surge

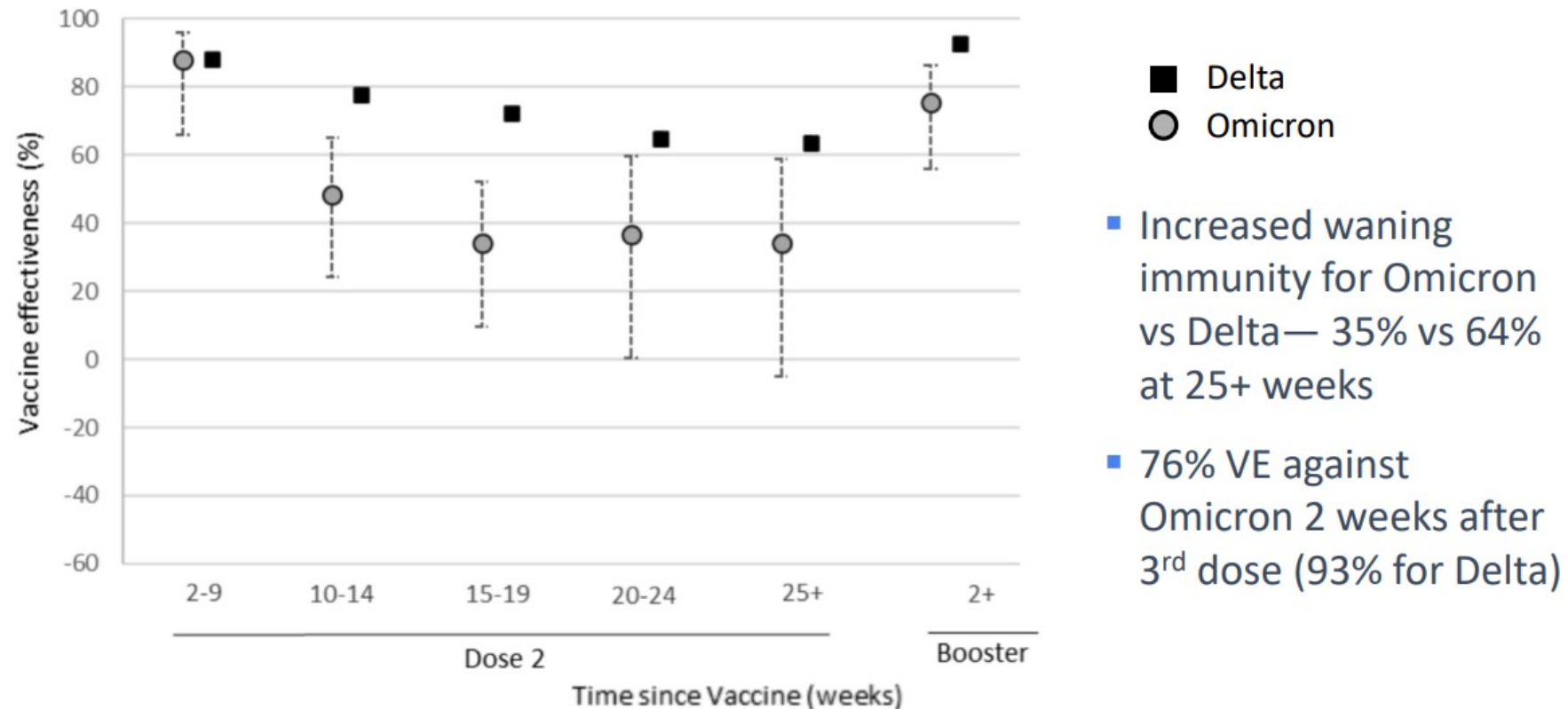
Robert Schechter, M.D., CDPH

COVID-19 Incidence through December 30, 2021

Any Open Hospital Beds by Late January?



Pfizer mRNA vaccine effectiveness (VE) against infections with Delta and Omicron variants, United Kingdom



Andrews et al.. <https://khub.net/documents/135939561/430986542/Effectiveness+of+COVID-19+vaccines+against+Omicron+variant+of+concern.pdf/f423c9f4-91cb-0274-c8c5-70e8fad50074>

Your Continued Help is Needed to Fill Immunization Gaps

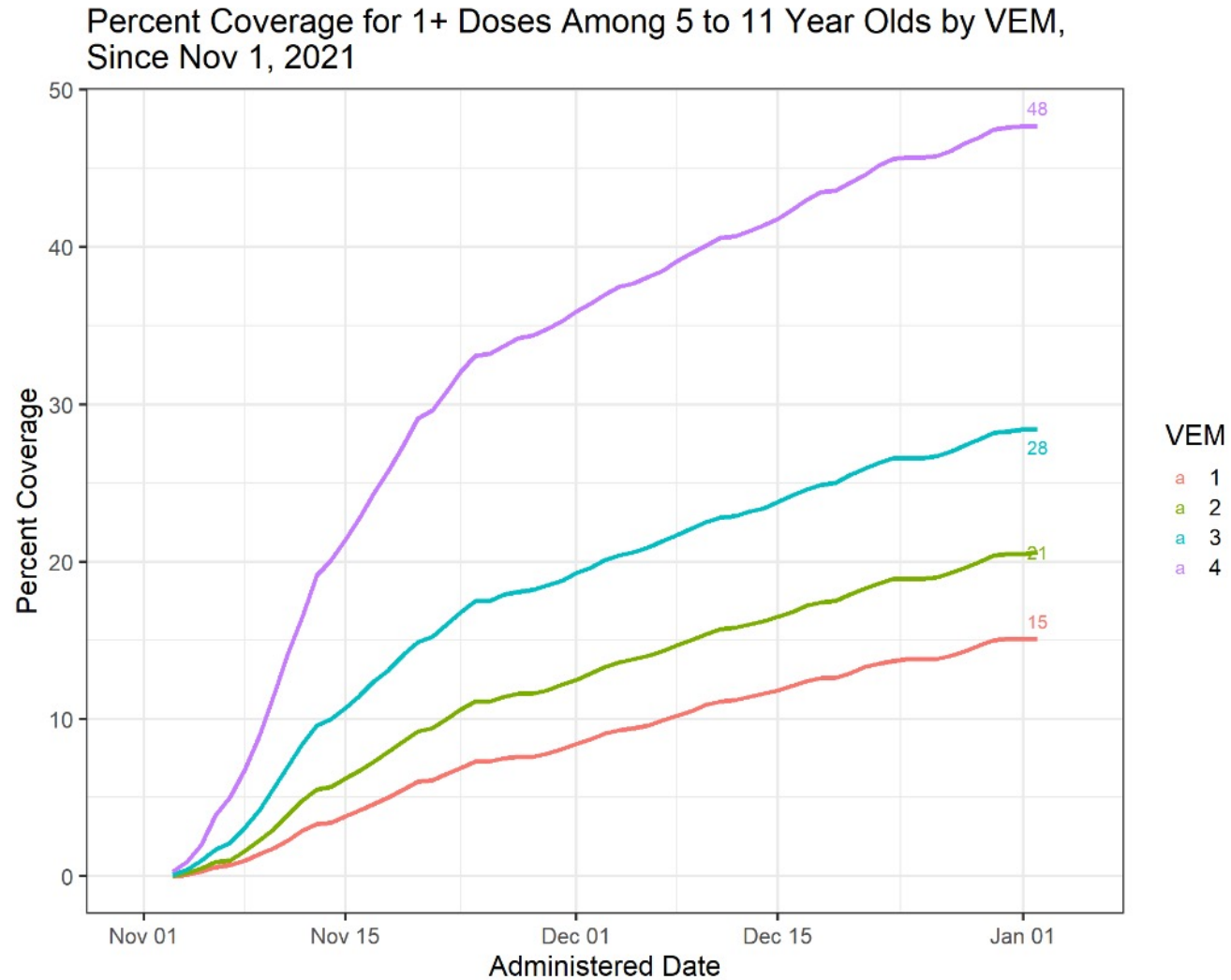


Immunization Gaps – Boosters

- LTCFs, NHSN* reporting: <50% of residents boosted
- Other facilities with vulnerable residents also need vaccination and boosting
- Other vulnerable populations
- (ACIP meeting today to discuss boosters for 12-to-15-year-olds)

*Long-term Care Facilities, National Healthcare Safety Network

Immunization Gaps – Primary Series



Local Health Department Access to COVID-19 Vaccinator Resources

- Supported by state & federal funding
- Resources
 - **Nursing and/or clerical staff** overseen by LHD clinical or public health personnel
 - vs.
 - **Stand-alone teams** for mobile or fixed site vaccination (LHD typically provides vaccine)

Today's Poll

Considering the recent surge, are you currently facing challenges with vaccine administration?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Clinical Update

Caterina Liu, M.D., CDPH

mRNA Booster Interval Shortened to 5 months

- FDA shortened the booster interval to **5 months** after completion of:
 - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine primary series for people 12 years and older
 - Moderna COVID-19 vaccine primary series for people 18 years and older.
- CDC and Western States Safety Review Workgroup now recommend the 5-month interval for boosters for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. (Stay tuned for statements regarding Moderna.)
- FDA shortened the interval to provide better protection sooner for individuals against the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

Additional Primary Dose for Immunocompromised Children 5-to-11 Years

- FDA also expanded the Pfizer-BioNTech EUA to allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5-to-11 years.
- CDC and Western States Safety Review Workgroup recommend an additional primary dose for immunocompromised children 5-to-11 years.

Pfizer-BioNTech Boosters for 12-to-15-Year-Olds

- FDA expanded EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include booster doses for adolescents 12-to-15 years of age.
- CDC and Western States Safety Review Workgroup now recommend that adolescents ages 12-to-17-years-old **should receive** a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series.
- Note: Only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-to-17.

Summary: Booster Eligibility

Updated to include:

- additional dose for immunocompromised children aged 5-11 years old
- booster shot at 5 months after completion of primary series of Pfizer for those aged 12 years and older.
- Stay tuned for additional updates on Moderna!

IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech	Who should get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone 12 years and older	When to get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series	Which booster can you get: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations• Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster
IF YOU RECEIVED Moderna	Who should get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults 18 years and older	When to get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series	Which booster can you get: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations
IF YOU RECEIVED Johnson & Johnson's Janssen*	Who should get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults 18 years and older	When to get a booster: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination	Which booster can you get: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations

*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine [may be considered in some situations](#).

Job Aid: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Chart

Includes new recommendations for:

- additional dose in immunocompromised 5-to-11-year-olds
- booster dose in 12-to-15-year-olds
- booster dose at 5 months after primary series of Pfizer for those 12 years and older
- Stay tuned for additional updates for Moderna vaccine!

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

Use this chart to help determine when to give COVID-19 vaccine based on age or health conditions.

Dose		Age:		
		5-11	12-17	18+
Pfizer-Pediatric (5-11)	Primary 2 doses (21 days apart)	✓		
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Pfizer dose	✓		
Pfizer/Comirnaty (12+)	Primary 2 doses (21 days apart)		✓	✓
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Pfizer dose		✓	✓
	Booster dose* of Pfizer (or Moderna if age 18+), at least 5 months after 2nd dose of Pfizer		✓	✓
Moderna (18+)	Primary 2 doses (28 days apart)			✓
	Additional (3rd) dose for immunocompromised, at least 28 days after 2nd Moderna dose			✓
	Booster dose* of Moderna (half-dose) or Pfizer, at least 6 months after 2nd dose of Moderna			✓
Johnson & Johnson (18+)	Primary 1 dose			✓
	Booster dose* of different brand (preferred) or J&J, at least 2 months after primary J&J dose			✓

* Use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines is preferred over the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. However, the Janssen vaccine may be offered in some situations:

- When there is a contraindication to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or to a component of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine)
- When a person would otherwise remain unvaccinated due to limited access to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
- When a person wants to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine despite the safety concerns identified

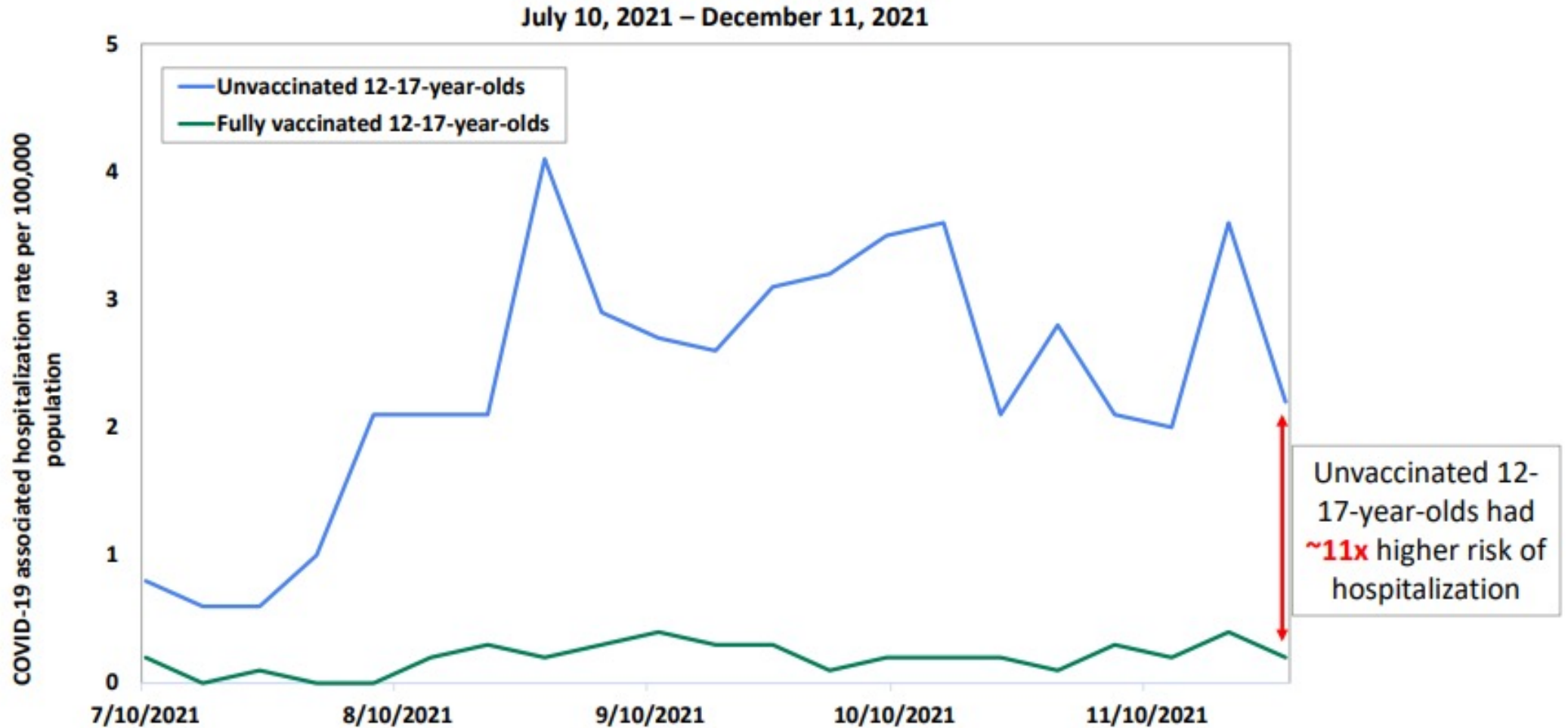
View [Related Guidance and Requirements](#). (Eligibility is subject to change as guidance is updated.)

Summary

Public Health Problem

- US experiencing substantial **increase** in cases over last month
- **Omicron** variant represents over half of recent U.S. cases
- COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations **7–11 times higher** in unvaccinated adolescents, compared to vaccinated adolescents
- Vaccine effectiveness in adolescents 12–15 years of age remains high, but may have some waning over time
 - Current VE estimates primarily in the setting of the **Delta variant**

COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates among 12–17-year-olds, by vaccination status



Source: CDC's COVID-NET, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#covidnet-hospitalizations-vaccination>

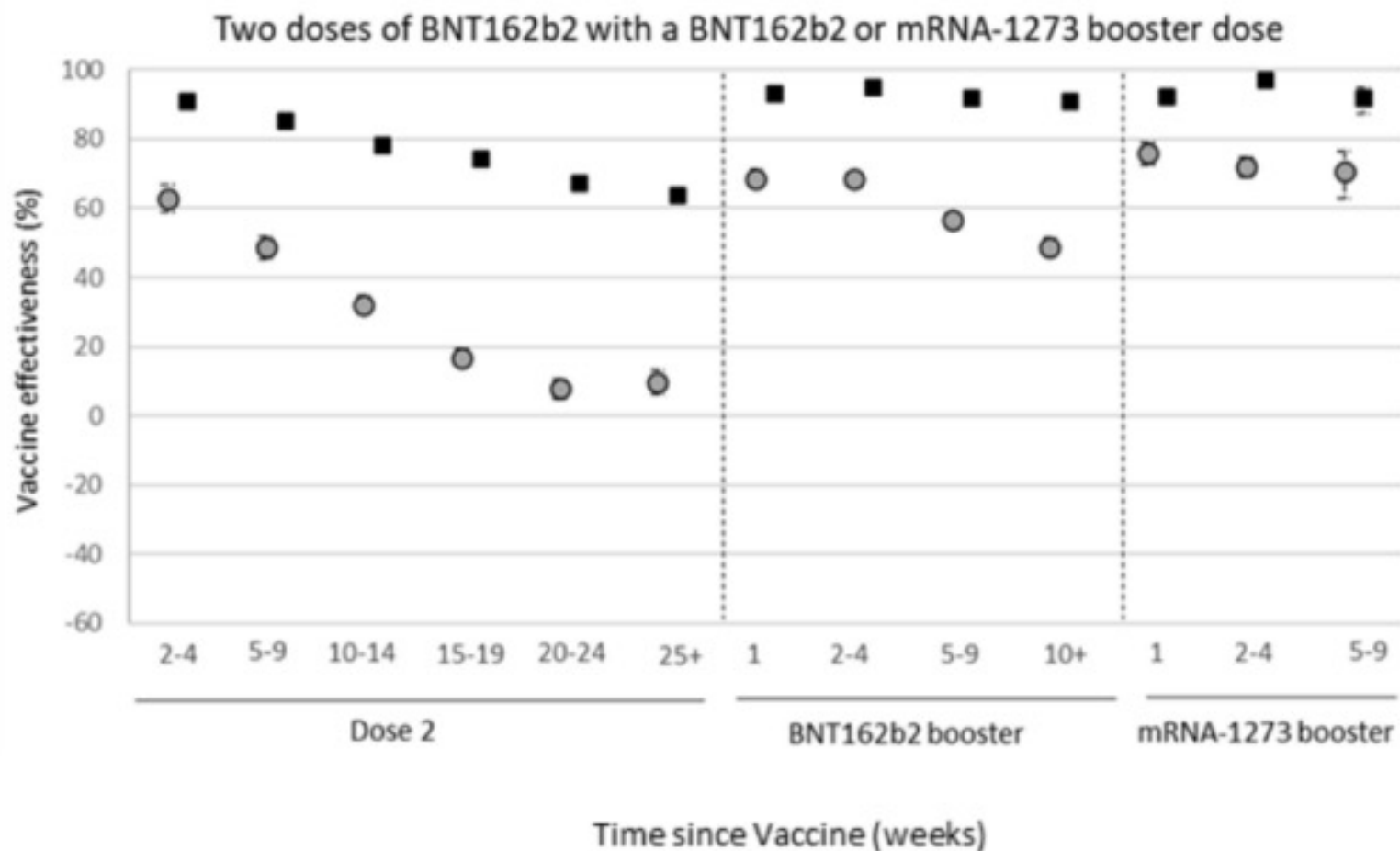
Vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 hospitalization among patients aged 12–18, 19 pediatric hospitals, 16 states, July – September, 2021

Age group, yrs	No. vaccinated/Total (%)		Vaccine effectiveness, % (95% CI)
	Case-patients	Controls	
All	6/179 (3.4)	93/285 (32.6)	93 (83–97)
12–15	4/106 (3.8)	53/179 (29.6)	91 (74–97)
16–18	2/73 (2.7)	40/106 (37.7)	94 (78–99)

- **Limitation:** VE estimate reflects Delta dominant period

Olson SM, et al. MMWR 2021;70:1483–1488. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7042e1>

Pfizer mRNA vaccine effectiveness (VE) against infections with Delta and Omicron variants, United Kingdom



- Delta
 - Omicron
- Increased waning immunity for Omicron vs Delta
 - mRNA vaccine booster increased VE against Omicron

Andrews et al.. <https://khub.net/documents/135939561/430986542/Effectiveness+of+COVID-19+vaccines+against+Omicron+variant+of+concern.pdf/f423c9f4-91cb-0274-c8c5-70e8fad50074>

Potential benefits of booster dose in 12–15 year olds

- 2-dose primary series of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in 12–15 year olds provides protection against COVID-19 symptomatic infection, hospitalization, MIS-C and death
- VE after the primary series is high, but likely impacted by Omicron variant
 - In persons ≥ 18 years of age in the UK: VE was lower for Omicron variant compared to Delta
 - Estimates of VE against Omicron in adolescents 12–15 years of age is unknown
- Booster dose shown to increase neutralization antibody level and VE in persons ≥ 18 years of age
 - In the UK, a booster dose increased VE in the setting of Omicron

Potential harms of booster dose in 12–15 year olds

- Myocarditis rates among 12–15-year-olds who received a primary series lower than rates among 16–17-year-olds
- Among >6,000 12–15-year-olds who received a third dose in Israel, no cases of myocarditis were reported
 - In older age groups, rates of myocarditis after a third dose **lower** than what is seen after second dose

VaST assessment: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster dose in 12–15-year-olds

- VaST reviewed the most recent data from three U.S. safety monitoring systems*, including data on safety after the primary vaccination series in 12–15-year-olds and after booster doses in 16–24-year-olds (the youngest age group for which boosters were previously authorized)
- No new safety signals or concerns were identified
- At the present time, data do not suggest safety concerns regarding a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster dose for 12–15-year-olds, beyond those previously identified in older age groups

*VAERS, v-safe, VSD

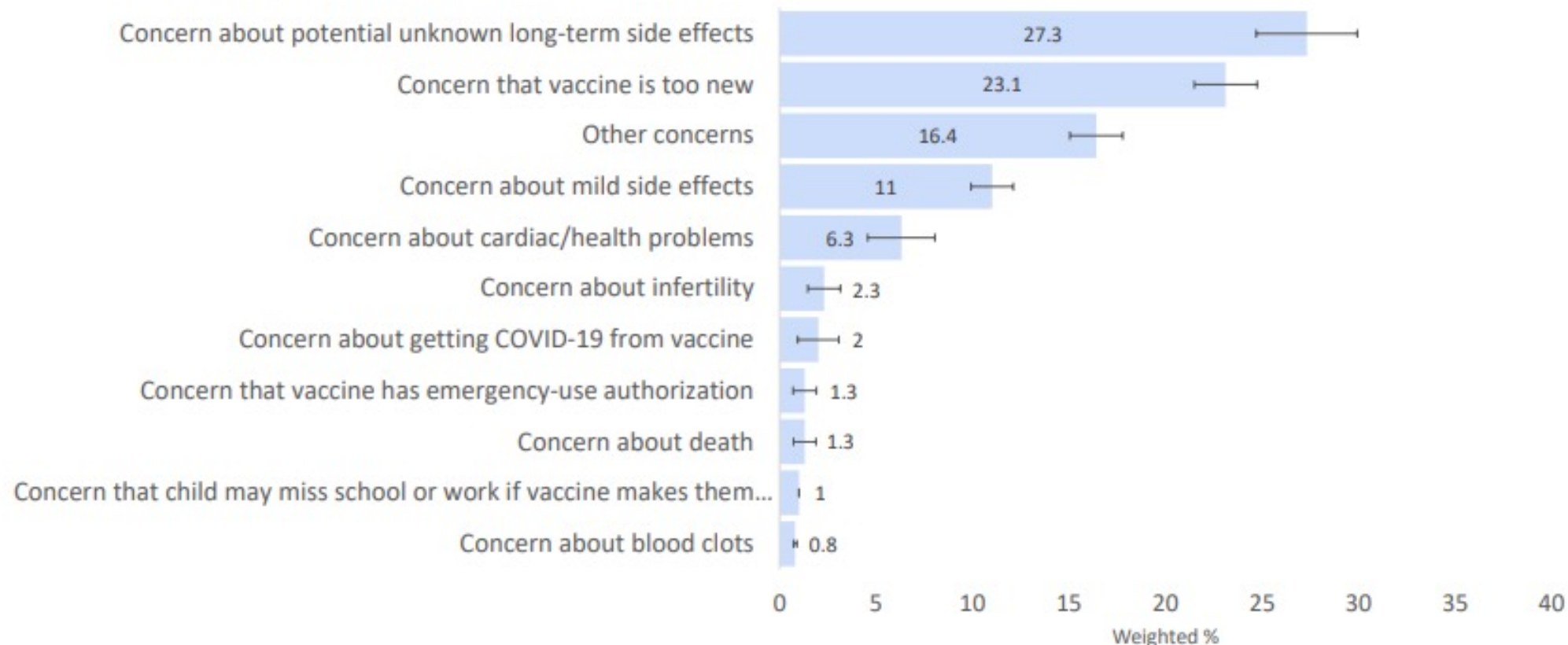
Summary

Benefits and Harms

- In the setting of Omicron, likely lower vaccine effectiveness in all populations, compared to effectiveness seen with Delta variant
- Higher antibody titers improve neutralization of Omicron variant; booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines increase neutralization titers
- Impact of booster dose on neutralizing antibody or VE in adolescents 12–15 years of age is unknown, but likely to provide additional protection
- Myocarditis rates after booster dose likely lower than what is seen after a 2nd dose in younger adolescents

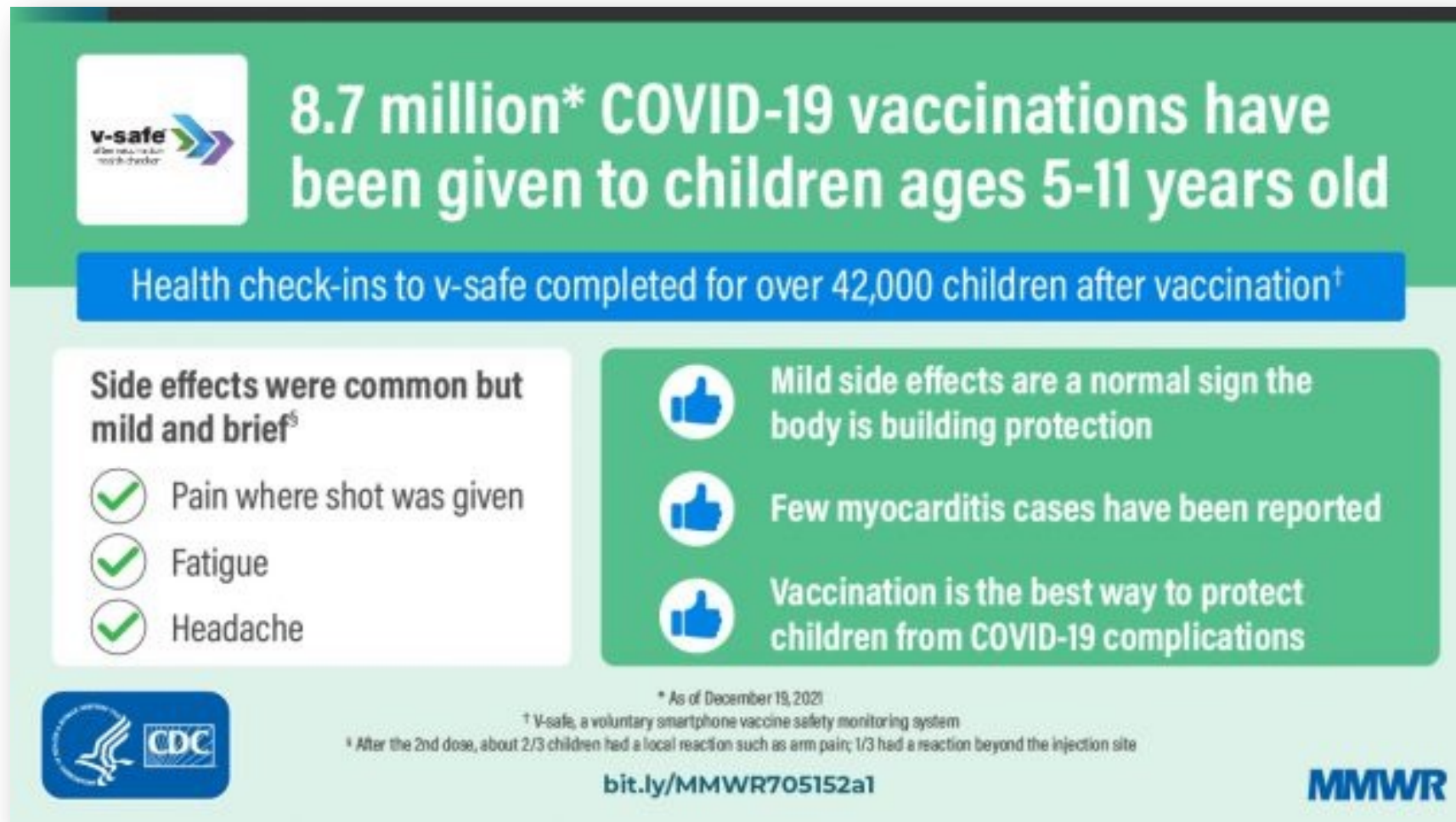
Parental concern about safety of COVID-19 vaccines in adolescents

NIS-CCM – Oct 31, 2021 – Nov 27, 2021, n=877



CDC Preliminary & Unpublished data, National Immunization Survey, October 31, 2021 – November 27, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe in Children 5-to-11 Years



COVID-19 Therapeutics Links

- [CDPH COVID-19 antiviral therapeutics page \(includes locations with antivirals\)](#)
- [CDPH monoclonals information page](#)
- [CDC therapeutics health advisory](#)
- [Therapeutics locations nationwide](#)
- For more information, please [contact your MHOAC](#)

Provider Office Hours Q&A

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Storage & Handling

Kate McHugh, CDPH

Job Aid: Transitioning to Pfizer's Comirnaty Gray Cap Formulation

Includes:

- key points and reminders
- storage requirements
- tips on avoiding administration errors
- ordering recommendations

Transitioning to Pfizer's Comirnaty® Gray Cap Formulation



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Pfizer's Comirnaty (12+ years, gray cap) tris-sucrose formulation is now available in myCAvax. The purple cap formulation is no longer available for Standard Orders. See [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#) for additional information on this new vaccine product.

Key Points on Comirnaty® Gray Cap Vaccine

- Does not require dilution
- Recommend carrying only one Pfizer 12+ formulation in inventory (if not, label products very clearly)
- CDC does not recommend administering both purple and gray cap formulations in the same clinic
- Review [Vaccine Administration Checklist](#) to minimize administration errors
- Details on ancillary kit configuration will be announced soon

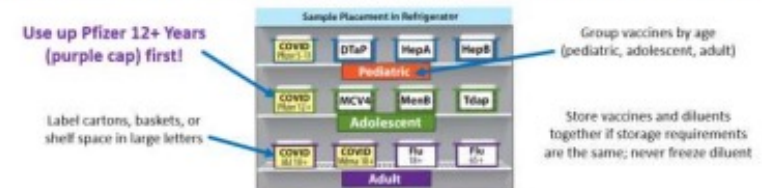
Gray Cap Storage Requirements

- Single-use shippers – shipped at ultracold temperatures (return data logger only, instructions included). **DO NOT USE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE**
- Ultracold storage – store at ultracold (-90 to -60°C) temperatures for up to **9 months**, counting month printed on vial as 1st month
- Freezers – **DO NOT STORE IN ROUTINE FREEZERS**
- Refrigerators – May be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F) for up to **10 weeks**

Not sure how to store? See [Receiving & Storing Pfizer & Comirnaty Vaccine Products](#) for guidance.

To Avoid Administration Errors

Ideally carry one Pfizer 12-plus-years formulation at a time, or store purple and gray cap products on separate shelves. Train staff to recognize both products and understand differences in storage, handling, and administration.



When Do I Order Comirnaty® Gray Cap?

- Factor in remaining inventory of Pfizer 12+ Years (Purple Cap) before placing orders; if Pfizer 1170 order has expired, please create a new order for Pfizer tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap)
- There is a 300-dose minimum order (5 cartons) for Standard Orders
- Purple cap formulation may still be available through Small Orders

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

IMM-1414 (1/5/22)

Job Aid: Receiving & Storing Pfizer/Comirnaty Vaccines

Covers:

- step-by-step receiving & storing instructions for Pfizer vaccines
- thermal shipper return policy

Receiving & Storing Pfizer/Comirnaty Vaccine Products



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Upon delivery, sites assume responsibility for storing vaccines in temperature-controlled environments. This job aid compiles guidance from CDC, Pfizer-BioNTech, and Controlant and is updated for California providers.

General Points

- Vaccines ship in ultra-cold thermal shipper with dry ice; ensure staff are trained on [dry ice safety](#)
- Vaccine products have a different formulation with different packaging, product configurations, dosages, National Drug Codes (NDC), and storage requirements
- See [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#) (details about vaccine, kits, dimensions, PPE & needles; to be updated for pediatric product) or CDC's [product comparison guide](#)
- Other clinical resources can be found on [CDC's website](#)
- Ancillary kit ships within 24-48 hours of vaccine and includes PPE

Pfizer/Comirnaty® (12+ Years, Gray Cap) Tris-Sucrose Formulation

- FDA-approved for ages 16+; authorized under EUA for ages 12 through 15
- Vial will not be labeled Comirnaty initially; may be labeled Pfizer Tris-Sucrose Formulation
- Vaccine ships in a smaller, lighter, single-use shipper; [this video](#) shows how to receive the shipper and return the data logger; do not return shipper
- Sites should ideally carry only one Pfizer 12-plus-years formulation at a time; use up Pfizer 1170 or 450 products before ordering gray cap
- Does not require diluent; to avoid dilution errors, CDC doesn't recommend administering purple and gray cap products in a single clinic at the same time
- May be stored at 2-8°C (36-46°F) for up to 10 weeks; **do not store in routine freezers**
- Single-use shipper may not be used for temporary storage; sites that previously used Pfizer thermal shipping containers for temporary storage must prepare for use of an ULT freezer or refrigerator
- Available in smaller 300-dose configurations (5 cartons)
- Continue to use [storage and handling labels](#) and [BUD labels](#) for Pfizer purple cap formulation for now

Pfizer Pediatric (5-11 Years, Orange Cap)

- **Do not store in routine freezers; do not use thermal shipper for on-site vaccine storage**
- Vaccine ships in a smaller, lighter, single-use shipper; [this video](#) shows how to receive shipper
- [Storage and Handling Summary](#) details receiving and storing the product
- Apply [storage and handling labels](#) to cartons to prevent administration and handling errors
- Apply [beyond-use tracking labels](#) to cartons when storing vaccine in the refrigerator

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

IMM-1339 (1/5/22)

Job Aid: Receiving Small Orders from TPR

Includes instructions on:

- how to stop the temperature monitor
- where to locate vaccine expiration dates

Receiving Small Orders from TPR

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program



If sites selected "Delivery" when submitting a Small Order request, AmerisourceBergen will handle the packaging and redistribution of vaccines. Check with your local health department to determine delivery options for redistributed vaccines.

Basics

- Pfizer pediatric (ages 5-11) and Pfizer 12+ years (purple cap) are currently available
- Pfizer 12+ Years (purple cap) was retired from Standard Orders on 12/23/21; sites may continue to receive this product through Small Orders until local health department and TPR supplies are depleted
- Comirnaty (12+ years, gray cap) tris-sucrose formulation will be available once Pfizer purple cap supply is depleted; please check your shipments carefully to determine which product you have received
- **Vaccine products must be refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C upon receipt; once stored, vaccine cannot be stored at ultra-cold or frozen temperature ranges**
- Vaccines ship under ultracold temperatures with dry ice; ensure staff are trained to [handle dry ice](#)
- Primary Location Coordinator on the order receives emailed notifications regarding shipments and kits; see [Critical Systems & Senders](#) to ensure emails are not blocked or sent to Junk folders
- [Report any shipment incidents](#) in myCAVax; email C19vaccineops@amerisourcebergen.com for remediation; COVID Call Center will close out all incidents upon resolution
- Many lots of **Pfizer-BioNTech 12+ Years** were authorized for emergency use. Some lots comply with FDA approval of COMIRNATY for administration to individuals 16 years of age and older; scan QR code for full prescribing information and important safety information (see [letter to HCPs](#) in vaccine shipper)

Thermal Shipper

A [one-minute video](#) demonstrates how to open the shipper and stop the temperature monitor.



Vaccines will arrive in dry ice shipper.



Please read the shipper insert with important information about receiving.

A Styrofoam lid is placed over the interior payload. The entire foam shipper is surrounded by a corrugate outer shell and sealed for shipment.



Product vials and temperature monitor will be sealed in a padded envelope.

TPR Refrigerated Shipments for Small Orders

- Third-party Redistributor (TPR, AmerisourceBergen) is going to start shipping Pfizer pediatric (5-11 years, orange cap) at refrigerated temperatures.
- When TPR ships Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap), it will also be shipped at refrigerated temperatures.
- New shippers are very similar to the old ones but packed with gel ice packs and bubble wrap instead of dry ice.
- Shippers use the same data loggers but set for 2°C to 8°C.

Insulin Syringes

- CDPH heard that at least one provider received 1½" needles with their insulin syringes.
- CDPH sent a communication to providers asking you to double check needles that come with the ancillary kits.
 - If a provider receives 1½" needles, this should be reported to McKesson and to CDPH as a shipping incident.
- CDC does not think it is widespread at this time, but CDPH will monitor.

Vaccines Expiring

- Many lots of Moderna, Pfizer, and one lot of Janssen (J&J) expiring in January and February.
- Please ensure you are regularly checking expiration dates of vaccine and using the vaccine expiring soon first.
- Checking expiration dates:
 - [See recent communication](#)
 - [Janssen COVID-19 vaccine by Johnson & Johnson expiry checker](#)
 - [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine expiry checker](#)
 - Pfizer: Check EUAs for updated expiry dates (see next slide)

Reminder: Check Inbox for Email Updates

For Providers

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration Dates

Enrolled providers in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program have vaccine inventory that may expire soon, including many lots of the Moderna vaccine. Be sure to reference the table of expiring lots below for a detailed list by product. Please see the [recent communication](#) about the vaccine expiry extension for Pfizer tris-sucrose (12+, gray cap) and Pfizer pediatric (5-11 years, orange cap) vaccine products.

We encourage all providers to:

- check your inventory
- dispose of expired vaccine
- update vaccine inventory records in VaccineFinder
- report vaccine waste in myCAvax
- utilize the [Vaccine Marketplace](#)

Please reference the [Vaccine Management Checklist](#) job aid for detailed guidance and links to other helpful resources.

Having trouble receiving listserv messages?

- ✓ Check your junk/spam folder for emails from COVIDCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov
- ✓ Save COVIDCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov in your contacts or mark as “safe.”
- ✓ Check with your IT department.
- ✓ Email jane.grey@cdph.ca.gov for assistance.

January 5, 2022: Email to Providers

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration Extension



The FDA has approved an extension of the expiration dates of Pfizer pediatric (5-11 years, **orange cap**) COVID-19 vaccine and the new formulation, Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, **gray cap**) COVID-19 vaccine from **6 to 9 months** after the date of manufacture printed on the vial and cartons.



The extended expiration date is **effective immediately** for all currently available batches that have not yet expired. **Example: Date of Manufacture of 09/2021 will expire 5/31/2022.**



If you have posted doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on the Vaccine Marketplace, please review your post and update the expiration information accordingly.

Pfizer EUA Fact Sheets for Healthcare Providers

- Pfizer 1170 (12+ years, purple cap) [View FDA Fact Sheet](#)
- Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap) [View FDA Fact Sheet](#)
- Pfizer pediatric (5-11 years, orange cap) [View FDA Fact Sheet](#)

Reducing Chance of Errors with Pfizer Diluent

- Try to minimize the amount of Pfizer 1170 (12+ years, purple cap) on hand before ordering the Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap).
- During transition period, keep vaccines well-organized and separated in the freezer/refrigerator.
- Ensure all staff are trained and know that diluent is not required for the Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, gray cap) vaccine.

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Updates & Training Sessions

Date & Time (linked)	Password
Tuesday, January 11 – 12 PM	cKXFZSiW634
Wednesday, January 12 – 9 AM	v9MUab6Yrd6
Thursday, January 13 – 9 AM	BXke23nMVD3
<i>More sessions coming!</i>	

For providers and immunization staff personnel. **Please attend one of these sessions!**

Topics include:

- Introduction of Comirnaty/Tris-sucrose (gray cap) formulation
- Vaccine use
- Storage & handling
- Preparation & administration
- Medical updates
- Q&A

Vaccine Management

Eric Norton, My Turn and Claudia Aguiluz, CDPH

FDA/WSSSRW Recommendations – System Changes



The FDA announced expanded EUA recommendations for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to include:

- Expand the use of a single booster dose to include use in individuals 12 through 15 years of age.
- Shorten the time between the completion of primary vaccination of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and a booster dose to at least five months.
- Allow for a third primary series dose for certain immunocompromised children 5 through 11 years of age.

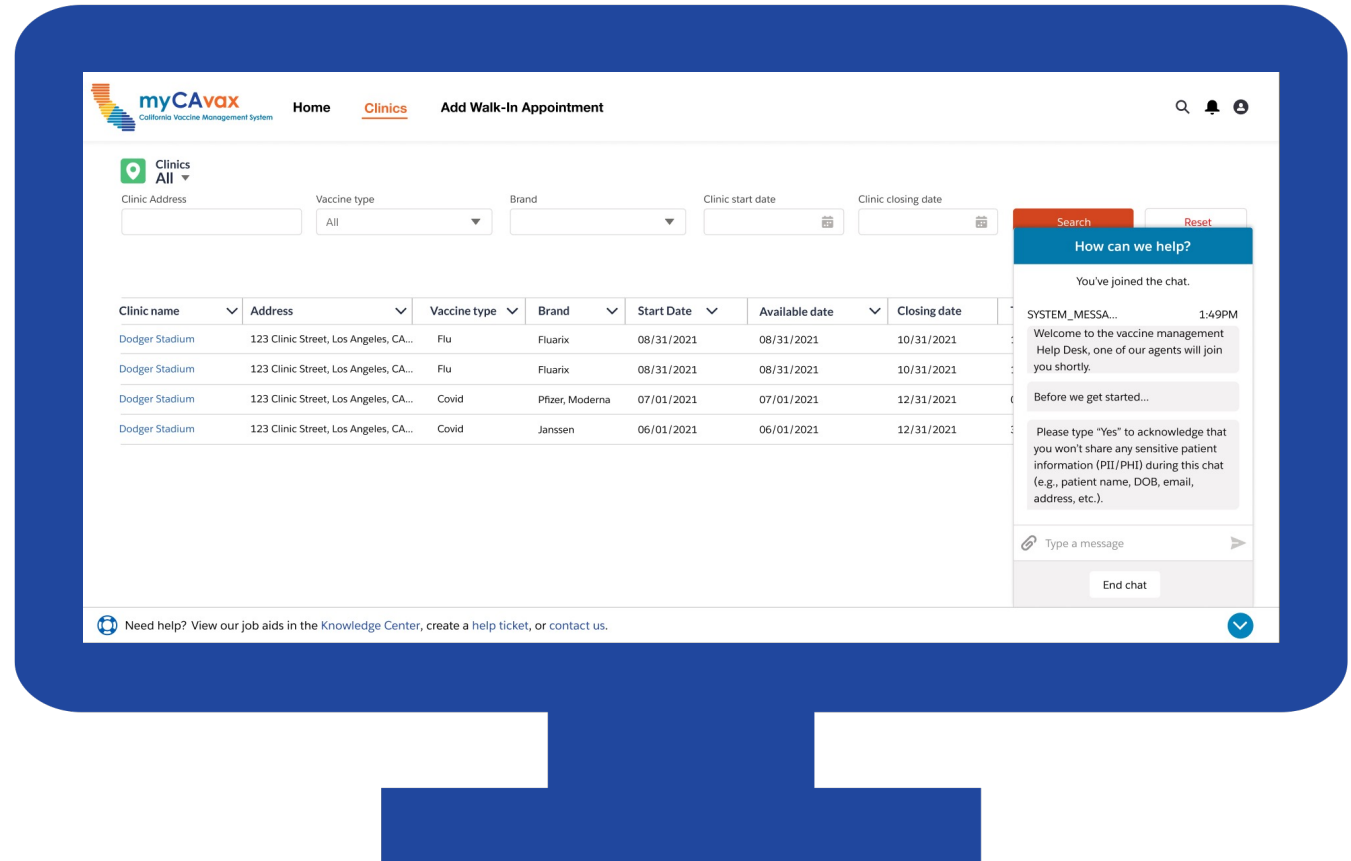
The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup statement recommended this as well and the system updates have been implemented in My Turn as of 01/06.

Live Chat Feature Preview



Coming Soon:

A live Help Desk chat option will be coming soon to ensure help is easily available for you!



Reminder: Update your Clinic Hours



Please update your hours in myCAvax to reflect when your clinics will be open and able to receive shipments.

Ensure you don't have lingering holiday hours that may impede shipments.

Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program



Pfizer pediatric (5-11 y/o) vaccine product is now available for Standard Order in myCAvax with a minimum quantity of 100 doses. Ancillary kits for all products (and initial dry ice kit for Pfizer 1170) will arrive within 24-48 hours of vaccine.

For Providers

Week 1

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Provider Order (submit by 5pm) →				Moderna/J&J - Standard TPR-Pfizer	Pfizer-Standard				
		Limited Catch-Up Orders* (submit by 5pm) →				Moderna/J&J - Standard TPR-Pfizer	Pfizer-Standard		



Delivery windows are dependent on provider's days/hours of operation. Once submitted, orders cannot be cancelled.

Watch for emails regarding order confirmations, advance shipment notices of vaccine and ancillary kits, and temperature monitoring alerts. Add [list of senders](#) to your contacts or work with your IT staff to ensure emails are not filtered to Spam or Junk folders.

* Catch-up opportunity for urgent orders on Wednesday if Monday deadline is missed.

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

IMM-1360 (1/5/22)

View [Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)

myCAvax Reminders



Ensure you are updating Vaccine Marketplace with dose amounts, expirations, and utilizing the Vaccine Marketplace as a resource.



Remember to fill out redistribution and wastage reports.

Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ Years, Gray Cap) Reminders

*The new formulation, Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, **gray cap**), is now available in myCAvax.*



Standard Orders

- If your Pfizer 1170 (12+ years, **purple cap**) has expired, please create a new order for Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, **gray cap**).
- Ensure you are working with only one Pfizer formulation at a time.
- Standard Orders have a 300-dose minimum order (5 cartons) quantity.

Small Orders

- Small Orders for both Pfizer products (12+, **purple** and **gray caps**) are available, however local supply may vary.
- Pfizer Tris-sucrose (12+ years, **gray cap**) will be available for TPR fulfillment once Pfizer 1170 (12+ years, **purple cap**) supply is depleted. Please check your shipments carefully to determine which product you have received.

APPENDIX

myCAvax – Known Issues - *Updated 1/3*



Known Issues

Vaccine Order Review 'Fulfill Orders' unable to update 30+ Orders at one time

- ✓ For LHD users of larger counties, you may have encountered an issue in which you are unable to update all your approved small orders to fulfillment pending in one go and were forced to do the process in small batches. You would have received an error that said, 'CPU time limit exceeded'.

Shipping Hour Configurations

- ✓ Shipping Hours on Accounts & Location Applications have been re-configured from the AM to PM Model to Open Hours & Closed Hours (Break during the Open Hours).



Workaround

- ✓ A fix to automatically batch the 'Fulfill Orders' button is planned for 1/13/2021.
- ✓ Just like with any batch job, you'll click 'Fulfill Orders' once and must wait until the batch is complete before re-using the button. You'll know the batch is complete, once all the orders are accounted for on the Order Fulfillment Record. There will be no need to manually re-click the button like the current process.
- ✓ A clean up of shipping hours occurred on 12/8
- ✓ We highly recommend confirming your hours are accurate on your Active Location Accounts & In Progress Location Applications. If not, please update through Community/LHD Admin.

Wrap-up

Leslie Amani, CDPH

Additional Support

Type of Support

Description

Updated 12.29.21



COVID-19 Provider Call Center

The COVID-19 Call Center for Providers and Local Health Departments is dedicated to medical providers in California and their COVID-19 response, specifically addressing questions about State program requirements, enrollment, and vaccine distribution, including the Vaccine Marketplace.

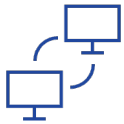
- Email: covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov
- Phone: (833) 502-1245, Monday through Friday from 8AM–6PM



Enrollment Support

For Provider enrollment support, please contact myCAVax Clinic Operations at

- Email: myCAvaxinfo@cdph.ca.gov



myCAVax Help Desk

Dedicated staff provide up-to-date information and technical support on the myCAVax system.

- Email: myCAvax.HD@Accenture.com
- Phone: (833)-502-1245, option 3, Monday through Friday 7AM–7PM, Saturday and Sunday 8AM–1PM

For training opportunities: <https://eziz.org/covid/education/>

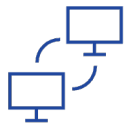


My Turn Clinic Help Desk

For **onboarding support** (those in the process of onboarding): myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov

For **technical support** with My Turn Clinic for COVID-19 and flu vaccines: MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com or (833) 502-1245, option 4: Monday through Friday 7AM–7PM, Saturday and Sunday 8AM–1PM.

For job aids, demos, and training opportunities: flu at <https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/flu/> and COVID at <https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/>



Archived Communications

For archived communications from the COVID-19 Provider Call Center about the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program visit

- Website: [EZIZ Archived Communications](#)

Hear it? Clear It.

If you see or hear of any vaccine-related rumors within the communities you serve, share them with our Trust and Safety team via the CDPH Rumors Inbox.



Trust and Safety Team

Our shared mission is to reduce COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and increase vaccination across the State of California.



How You Can Help

You are critical in our effort to provide Californians accurate and timely information around COVID-19 vaccination.



Monitor What You See and Hear

Monitor online media and what you hear in your local communities for potential rumors and inaccurate information.

If found, **report** it to **rumors@cdph.ca.gov**

[Contact](#)

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Thank you!



Monday:

My Turn & myCAvax Office Hours link

Monday, January 10, at 12:00 PM

Audio Conference: 415-655-0001

Access Code: 145 995 8782

Session Number: 145 995 8782

Session Password: Immunize2020!

Friday:

Provider Office Hours link

Next session: Friday, January 14

Audio Conference: Register to access

Session Password: Immunize!

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