

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Weekly Wrap Up – February 18, 2022

California's COVID-19 SMARTER Plan

Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled the [SMARTER Plan](#), the next phase of California's pandemic response.

SMARTER stands for:

- **Shots** – Vaccines are the most powerful weapon against hospitalization and serious illness.
- **Masks** – Properly worn masks with good filtration help slow the spread of COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses.
- **Awareness** – We will continue to stay aware of how COVID-19 is spreading, evolving variants, communicate clearly how people should protect themselves, and coordinate our state and local government response.
- **Readiness** – COVID-19 is not going away, and we need to be ready with the tools, resources and supplies we will need to quickly respond and keep public health and the healthcare system well prepared.
- **Testing** – Getting the right type of tests—PCR or antigen—to where they are needed most. Testing will help CA minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- **Education** – California will continue to work to keep schools open and children safely in classrooms for in-person instruction.
- **Rx** – Evolving and improving treatments will become increasingly available and critical as a tool to save lives.

Related resources:

- [SMARTER Plan Webpage](#)
- [SMARTER Plan](#)
- [Questions & Answers: The SMARTER Plan](#)
- [SMARTER Plan Social Media Toolkit](#)

myCAvax Reminders

Get Ready for the Upcoming Release with myCAvax Maya

Join Maya as she gets excited for the New Vaccine Order Request process, launching next week! Maya will be able to place orders for multiple products at once, which will save her so much time. Stay tuned for more information about the release and how the updates will help you!



President's Day – No Deliveries

Due to the President's Day holiday, there will be **no Standard Order deliveries on Monday, February 21**. Deliveries will resume on Tuesday, February 22. Please review the [Holiday Ordering Calendar](#) and [this communication](#) for more information.

Vaccine Wastage

Providers have expressed concern over wasting vaccines, especially if a vial is punctured to vaccinate a single patient.

Vaccine wastage is expected, may be unavoidable, and will increase as vaccine rollout continues because:

- more providers, including smaller provider sites, are now receiving vaccine;
- vaccine continues to be available only as multi-dose vials; and
- vials must often be punctured without using the full number of doses printed on the label.

CDC Guidance: Vaccinate every eligible person who presents at a vaccination site—even if it means puncturing a vial at the end of the day.

- Avoid missed opportunities for vaccination.
- Vaccinate family members or friends who accompany patients to medical visits even if they are not established patients at the practice.
- Follow clinical best practices to maximize vaccination, including assessing immunization status at every visit and making a strong recommendation to immunization.

Please view this related job aid: [Missed Vaccination Opportunities and Wastage](#)

Updated Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines

CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) page has been updated with the following changes (last updated February 11, 2022):

Updated guidance for moderately or severely immunocompromised people:

- Clarification of existing recommendation to receive a 3-dose mRNA vaccine primary series followed by a booster dose for a total of 4 doses
- New guidance to shorten the interval between completion of the mRNA vaccine primary series and the booster dose to at least 3 months (instead of 5 months)
- New guidance for those who receive the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine primary series to receive an additional dose and a booster dose, for a total of 3 doses to be up to date

Updated guidance that it is no longer necessary to delay COVID-19 vaccination following receipt of monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma

Updated guidance on receiving a booster dose if vaccinated outside of the United States

Updated contraindication and precaution section to include history of myocarditis or pericarditis after an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine as a precaution

Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Updates & Training Sessions

Please attend one of the following training sessions:

- [Tuesday, February 22 at 12PM](#) | Password: MMeBHKrM326
- [Wednesday, February 23 at 9AM](#) | Password: NgBarUWa228
- [Thursday, February 24 at 9AM](#) | Password: nMfj6BJEy32
- [Tuesday, March 1 at 12PM](#) | Password: svU8YkF58Qc
- [Wednesday, March 2 at 9AM](#) | Password: 3jJ2WJMgeb8

More sessions listed! For the full list of Pfizer training sessions, please click [here](#).

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!)
- **Holiday: Cancelled on Monday, February 21**

COVID Call Center for Providers

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

myCAvax Help Desk

- For technical issues (password resets, etc.): email myCAvax.HD@accenture.com or 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

My Turn Help Desk

- Onboarding: email myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov
- Technical support for My Turn Clinic: email 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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