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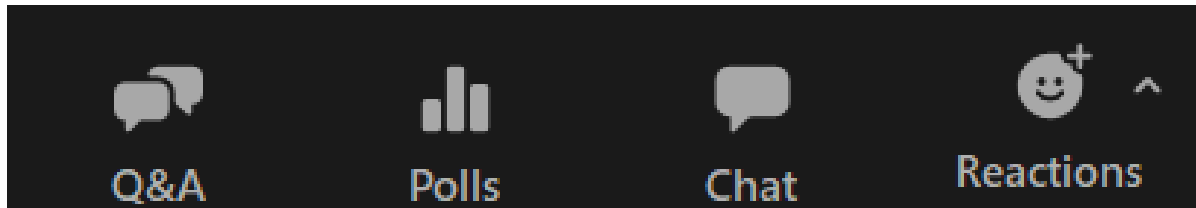*Special Session*

Friday, September 15, 2023
11AM – 12PM

Questions

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

Resource links will be dropped into, "Chat"

Housekeeping

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Please mute yourself when not speaking.

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

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BAP Communications and Listservs

- Email Blanca Corona at Blanca.Corona@cdph.ca.gov to subscribe to the COVID-19 Vaccine Listserv or to receive help with troubleshooting.

- View [archived communications](#).

- Make sure you mark ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov as a **"safe sender"** on your email account to prevent communications from redirecting to your spam, junk, or other folder.

- **New BAP Listserv:** Providers, MCEs, and LHDs who are subscribed to the COVID-19 vaccine Listserv have been **automatically subscribed** to our new BAP Listserv, which went live earlier this week.

COVID-19 Vaccine Support

Provider Call Center

Dedicated to medical providers and Local Health Departments in California, specifically addressing questions about State program requirements, enrollment, and vaccine distribution.

- For myCAvax Help Desk inquiries: myCAvax.hd@cdph.ca.gov
- For My Turn Clinic Help Desk inquiries: MyTurn.Clinic.HD@cdph.ca.gov
- For all other inquiries: providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov
- Phone: (833) 502-1245, Monday through Friday from 8AM–5PM

myCAvax

- Virtual Assistant resolves many questions but will direct you to the Provider Call Center queue for live assistance!

- Knowledge Center houses key job aids and videos that are updated every release. Once logged in, you can access job aids from the myCAvax homepage (or at various places throughout the system) using the links as shown below. Need help? View our jobs aids in the Knowledge Center, or contact us.
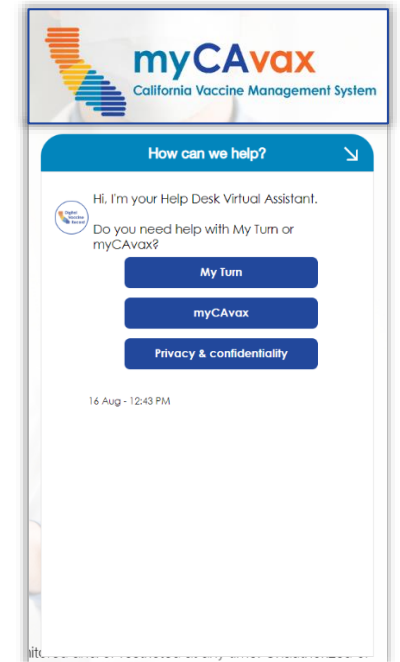
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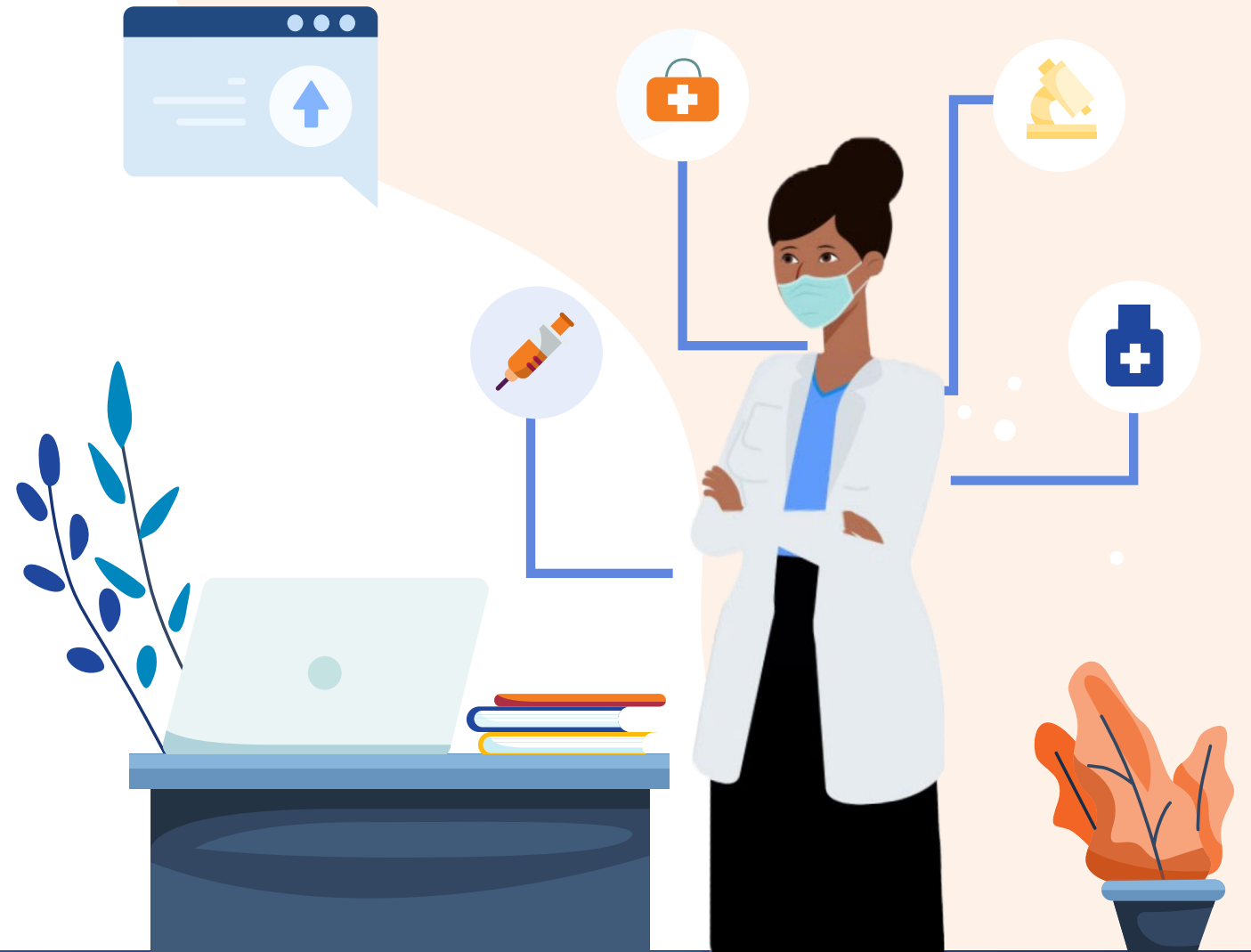
Background on the Bridge Access Program (BAP)

On April 18, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the HHS Bridge Access Program (BAP) for COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments. BAP is a temporary measure created to prevent loss of access to free COVID-19 vaccines and treatment for uninsured and underinsured aged 19 years and older. The program will begin September 2023 and will end on December 31, 2024.

More detailed information can be found at the CDC's Bridge Access Program page, and in the CDPH BAP Requirements at a Glance.

Topic	Bridge Access Program Quick Facts
Storing Vaccine	• Similar to previous products.
Fees	• Vaccine is provided free of charge. No administration fee for BAP
Supply and Anticipated Products	• Limited allocations of Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax.
Program Timeline	• Bridge Access Program will end in December 2024

Vaccine and Clinic Eligibility Guidelines by Funding Source

Program	**VFC** Vaccines for Children Program	**BAP** Bridge Access Program	**317** Local Health Departments[1] (Routine)	**VFA** Vaccines for Adult Program	**SGF** State General Funds[2]
Funding	Federal entitlement program for eligible children. Funds are used to pay for vaccines recommended by ACIP.	Limited federal funds (Section 317) for adult populations to maintain access to COVID-19 vaccines through existing public health infrastructure	Limited federal funds (Section 317) used to pay for adult vaccines recommended by ACIP & support limited outbreak control activities via Public Health Departments.	Limited federal funds (Section 317) used to pay for adult vaccines recommended by ACIP and included in the VFA Program.	Limited state funds for the purchase of vaccines to prevent respiratory illness.
Age and Eligibility	Children Birth–18 years: • Medi-Cal/CHDP eligible • Uninsured (no health insurance) • American Indian or Alaskan Native • Underinsured: health insurance does not cover vaccines (ONLY if the LHD has a FQHC or RHC designation).	Adults 19 years and older: • Uninsured (no health insurance) • Underinsured (vaccines are not covered by insurance)	Adults 19 years and older: • Uninsured (no health insurance) • Underinsured (vaccines are not covered by insurance) • LHD/CDPH decide on outbreak control, PEP or disaster relief efforts. • Household contacts/sexual contacts of HBsAg+ pregnant woman	Adults 19 years and older: • Uninsured adults (no health insurance) • Underinsured adults (vaccines are not covered by insurance)	All ages: • No restrictions
Clinic Type	• State-licensed Community Health Centers • Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) • Health Department and CDPH Approved Health Department Authorized Sites (HDAS) • Juvenile halls/youth correctional facilities • Private provider • School-based clinic	• Health Department and CDPH Approved Health Department Authorized Sites (HDAS) • Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) • Health Department and CDPH Approved Health Department Authorized Sites (HDAS) • IHS & Tribal Clinics	• Health Department and CDPH Approved Health Department Authorized Sites (HDAS) • Juvenile halls/youth correctional facilities (for 19-25 years of age)	• VFC enrolled Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health	• State-licensed Community Health Centers • Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Center (RHC) • Health Department and CDPH Approved Health Department Authorized Sites (HDAS) • Private provider • School-based clinic

Comparing the U.S.G. COVID-19 Program and BAP

Topic	USG COVID-19 Program	Bridge Access Program
Provider Eligibility	• All providers in California that enrolled in the COVID-19 program to provide vaccine to their patients.	• Available to five main Provider types that service uninsured and under-insured adults at public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, Tribal Clinics, and Indian Health Centers and limited locations selected by LHDs that routinely serve large numbers of uninsured/underinsured patients.
Patient Eligibility	• All patients.	• Administered to only uninsured and underinsured patients 19 years of age and older
Vaccine Reporting	• All doses administered reported into the Immunization Registry • Inventory reporting into Vaccine Finder	• All doses administered reported into the Immunization Registry • No inventory reporting into Vaccine Finder.
Waste Reporting	• Waste reporting into myCAvax for all doses. • Wasted, spoiled, and returned doses should be disposed of following local regulations and practice protocols.	• Waste reporting into myCAVax for BAP doses only. • Wasted doses should be wasted following local regulations and practice protocols. • Spoiled and expired doses will be returned to McKesson.
Screening & Documentation	• No insurance screening required	• Eligibility screening must be conducted prior to each vaccine encounter to ensure doses only go to eligible adults. Document patient's eligibility, using a compliant recordkeeping system such as CAIR and your EHR/EMR, or CAIR and the 317 Eligibility Screening Record.

More detailed information can be found in the CDPH BAP Requirements at a Glance job aid.

CDPH

What to Expect: My Turn and BAP

If you will use My Turn to schedule BAP appointments, be sure to update your clinics.

CMs will need to:

✓ Remove deauthorized vaccine supply. Do not remove deauthorized vaccine inventory to ensure continued historical vaccine appointment upload.

✓ Add new vaccine supply* and inventory. Add / update a required clinic phone number and clinic availability.

✓ Cancel / update all existing appointments for the deauthorized COVID-19 vaccine.

*NOTE: Vaccine supply is now distinguished by insurance status and will impact public clinic tags and scheduling.

Navigating myCAvax

Logging into myCAvax

Log in to myCAvax via the Provider Community login portal. If you do not have credentials to access the Provider Community, please contact the Provider Call Center at myCAvax.HD@cdph.ca.gov.

Navigating the Provider Community and the Knowledge Center

The main navigation bar houses tabs for all pages in myCAvax. If questions after this webinar ends, the Knowledge Center is your one-stop-shop for job aids and videos.

Enrolling in the Bridge Access Program

Log in to myCAvax

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Complete program training

View popup and input required information

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Submit application
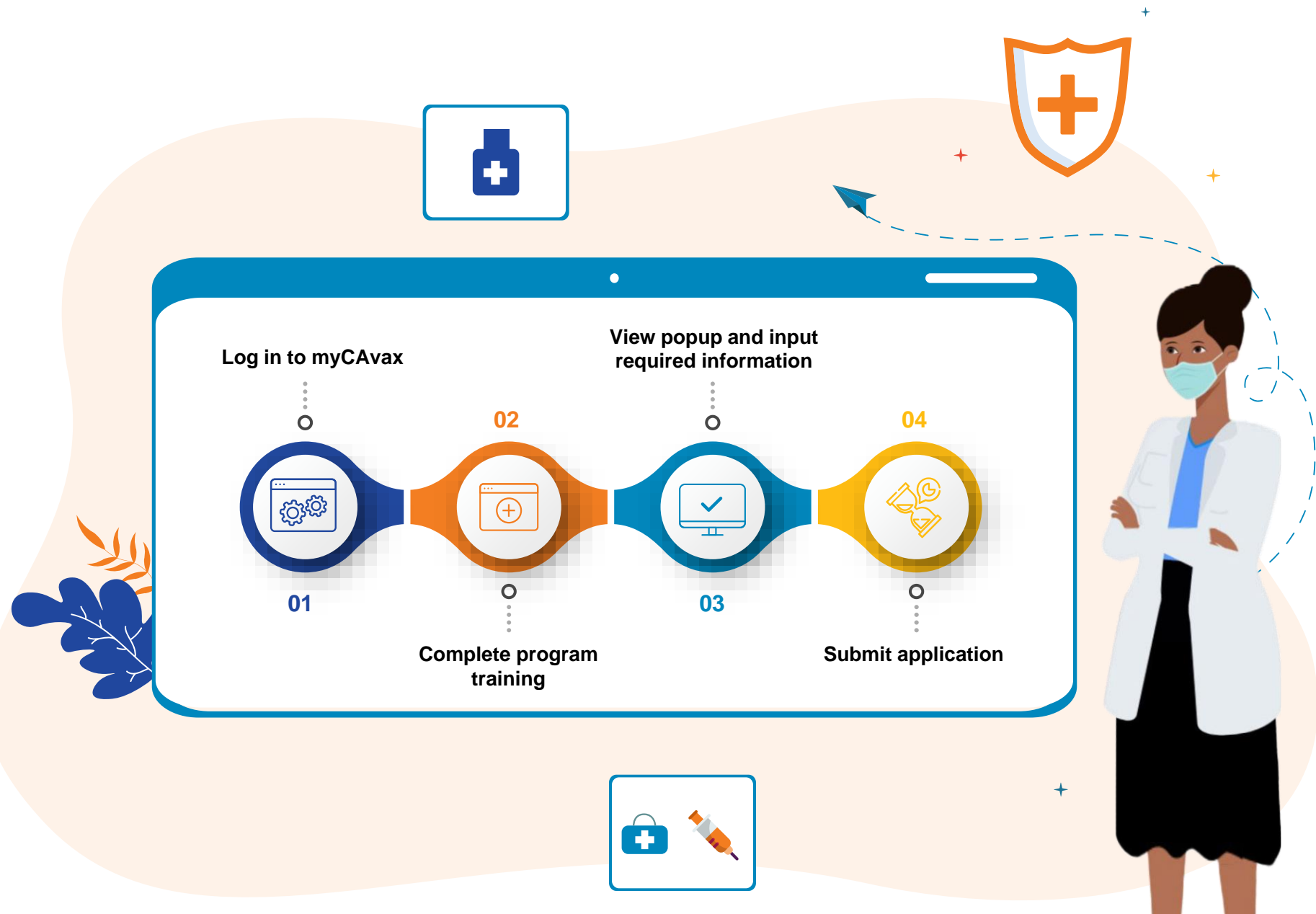
Beginning BAP Enrollment

To enroll in the Bridge Access Program, complete the required training in myCAvax. Then, return to the homepage and a popup will appear with a list of BAP-eligible program locations that you manage.

NOTE: A popup may appear with a list of open transfers. To reveal the BAP enrollment popup, click the 'X' icon in the top right of the transfer popup to close.

NOTE: The popup will only appear for Organization Vaccine Coordinators and Primary Vaccine Coordinators for the Bridge Access Program.
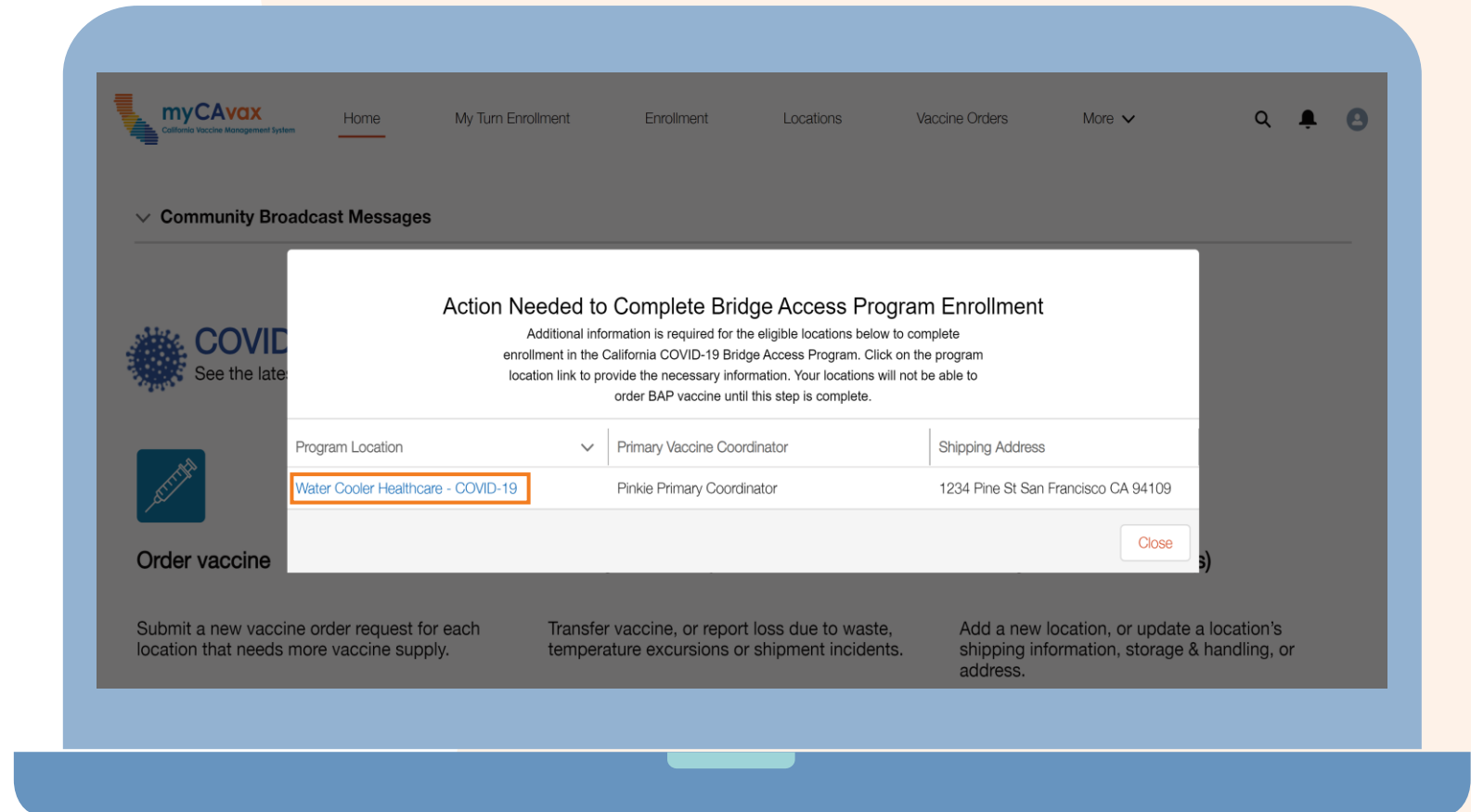
Completing BAP Enrollment

Provide the required information and upload a copy of your signed BAP Provider Agreement. A blank copy of the agreement can be found on the BAP Overview page on EZIZ.

The CDPH Enrollment team may reach out to confirm your IIS ID, storage capacities, and signed BAP agreement.

Estimating the Number of Uninsured and Underinsured Patients

To estimate the number of uninsured and underinsured patients served by your location:

Program Location
Water Cooler Healthcare - COVID-19

Vaccination Provider Profile
Provide the following patient vaccination estimates for your location.

Estimated number of all patients 19+ years old who will receive immunizations at your location during the upcoming 12 month period, by category (both BAP eligible and privately insured patients)

* Number of Uninsured / Under-insured adults 19-64 years of age annually

> 200

* Number of Uninsured / Under-insured adults 65 years of age and older annually

> 100

LHDs:
Review your historical 317 usage and look at the estimates provided in your yearly recertification.

VFA Sites:
Check estimates provided in your yearly recertification.

Other Providers:
Contact your billing department for information about your patient population

Contact Updates and Completing Enrollment

If you are a BAP-eligible Provider who cannot access myCAvax, contact the Provider Call Center to confirm your account is active.

Once in myCAvax, if you do not see the enrollment pop-up, contact the Provider Call Center to confirm your Contact has the appropriate Program Role. Only Organization Vaccine Coordinators and Primary Vaccine Coordinators for BAP will be able to enroll their locations.

Ordering Vaccine and Inventory Management

Anticipated COVID-19 Vaccine Products in BAP

Adult COVID-19 Vaccine Price List

Note: The table below reflects contracts for the 2023-2024 Adult COVID-19.

Vaccine	Brandname/ Tradename	NDC	Packaging	CDC Cost/ Dose	Private Sector Cost/ Dose	Contract End Date	Manufacturer	Contract Number
Covid-19 (Age 12 years and older)	Spikevax™	80777-0102-95	10 pack- 1 dose vial	$81.61	$128.00	6/6/2024	Moderna	75D30123D16646
Covid-19 (Age 12 years and older)	Comirnaty®	00069-2362-10	10 pack- 1 dose vial	$85.10	$115.00	6/6/2024	Pfizer	75D30123D16650

NOTE: Novavax vaccine is not yet available through BAP and will be available for ordering at a future date.

Federal contracts have been modified to allow a sooner delivery of the 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines within public health infrastructure for children and adults.

Updated CDC Vaccine contract information has been posted, and for adult populations, current products are included in the list.

BAP Vaccine Management

Unlike the previous U.S. Government COVID-19 vaccine program, spoiled and expired COVID-19 doses must be returned to McKesson. Wasted doses should be wasted following local regulations and practice protocols for the disposal of regulated medical waste.

BAP Providers will be required to account for all COVID-19 vaccine doses ordered including reporting on-hand inventory, and doses administered.

BAP Vaccine Shipment and Deliveries

Moderna and Novavax vaccines will be shipped by McKesson.

- COVID-19 vaccine orders will follow same shipping timelines for routine vaccines (shipping approximately within 3 days of order receipt at McKesson).
- **Moderna** (SPIKEVAX®) vaccine ships frozen between -50°C and -15°C (-58°F and 5°F).
- **Novavax** vaccine ships like other routine refrigerated vaccines at temperatures between 2° to 8°C (36° to 46°F).

Pfizer vaccines will ship directly from Pfizer

- Will be shipped on dry ice on ultra low temperature conditions.
- CDC contract stipulates vaccines must be delivered within 15 days of order receipt by CDC.
- For vaccines with diluent (6m-4y) diluent will be shipped separately and will arrive at the same time of before vaccines arrive.

BAP Vaccine Storage Capacities

- When ordering, ensure that you have enough vaccine storage space to accommodate your routine adult vaccines, flu vaccine, private-purchase vaccines and COVID vaccines.

- Monitor vaccine storage units regularly and purchase additional storage units if capacity cannot accommodate inventory.

For more information, view the Setting Up Vaccine Storage Units job aid on EZIZ.

Provider BAP Vaccine Ordering Timeline

CDPH is awaiting additional Bridge Access Program vaccine allocation. We anticipate BAP vaccine ordering will be available to Providers the week of **Monday, September 18, 2023**. Expect ordering updates from CDPH via email.

To prepare to order, Providers must:

✓ Complete required training*

✓ Enroll your location in BAP in myCAvax**

✓ Upload your signed Provider Agreement in myCAvax

*NOTE: Required CDC product training has not been released. For now, review vaccine fact sheets.

**IMPORTANT: Providers that would like to receive COVID-19 vaccines from BAP must be enrolled in the program and receive vaccines directly. No redistribution of BAP supplied vaccines is allowed.

Ordering BAP Vaccine

BAP Providers will order COVID-19 vaccine using the same order process (as USG COVID-19 vaccine) in myCAvax.

Navigate to the Vaccine Orders page, select the COVID-19 program, and click 'New Orders'. Then, input the required information and submit your request.

NOTE: All COVID-19 products will be offered to California BAP Providers for ordering, as supply permits.
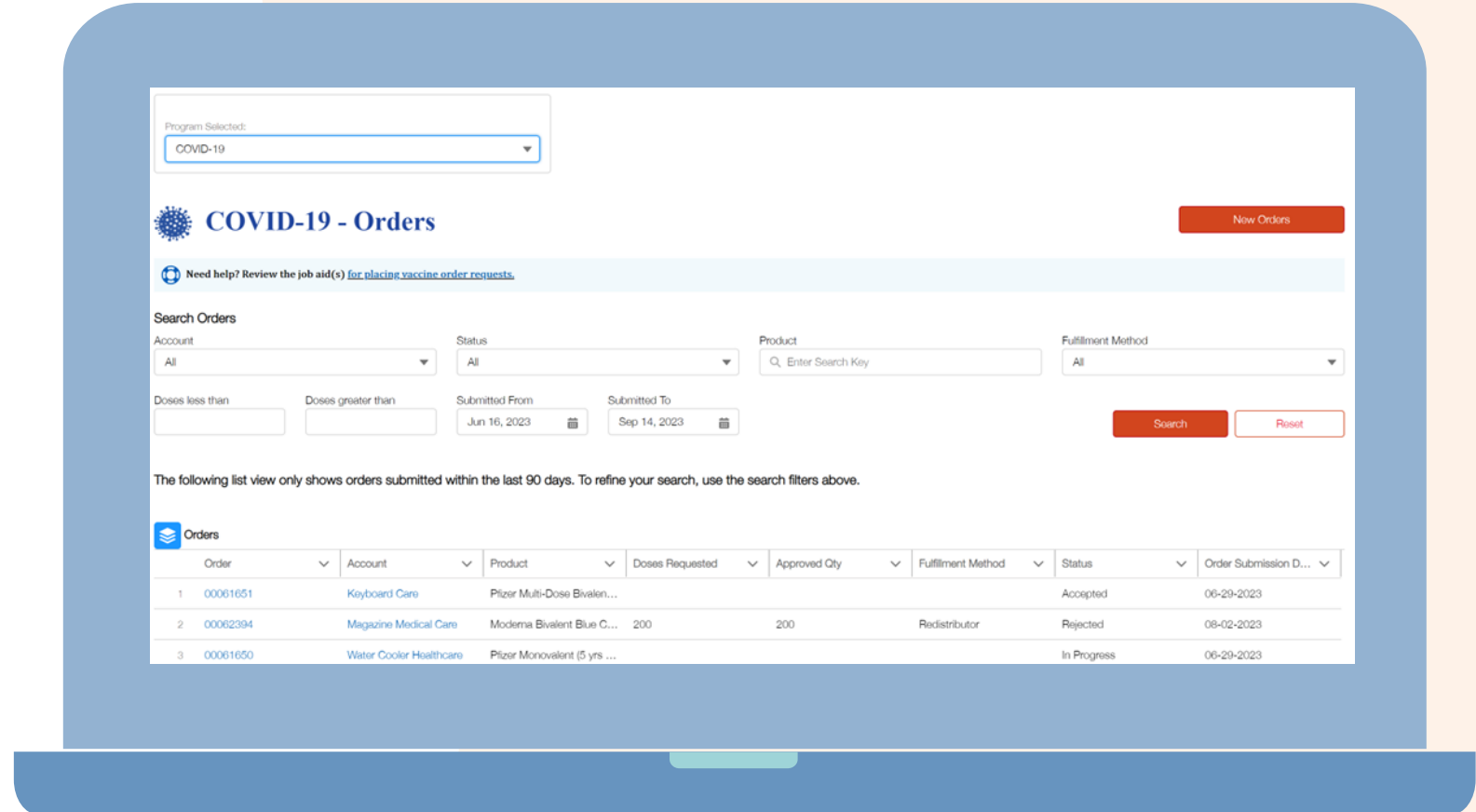
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1. Navigating myCAvax
2. Completing BAP Enrollment
3. Coming Soon: Placing a Vaccine Order Request
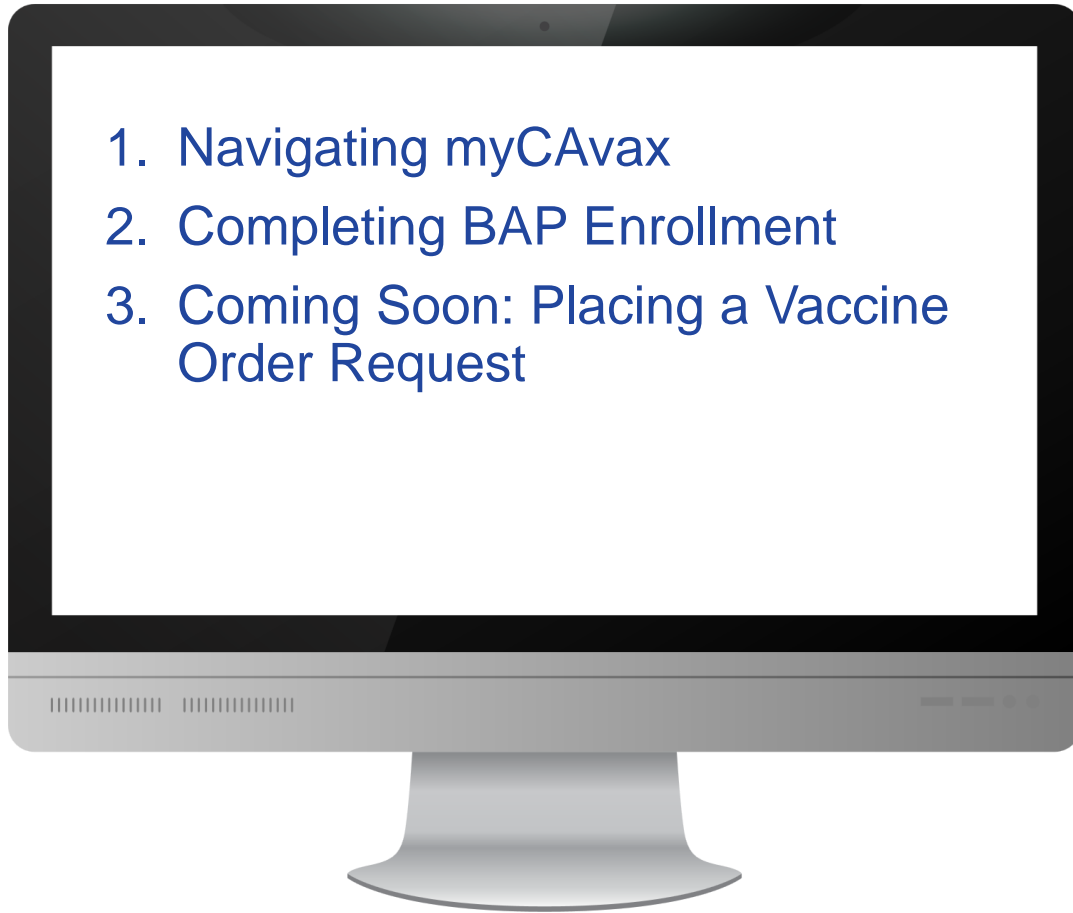
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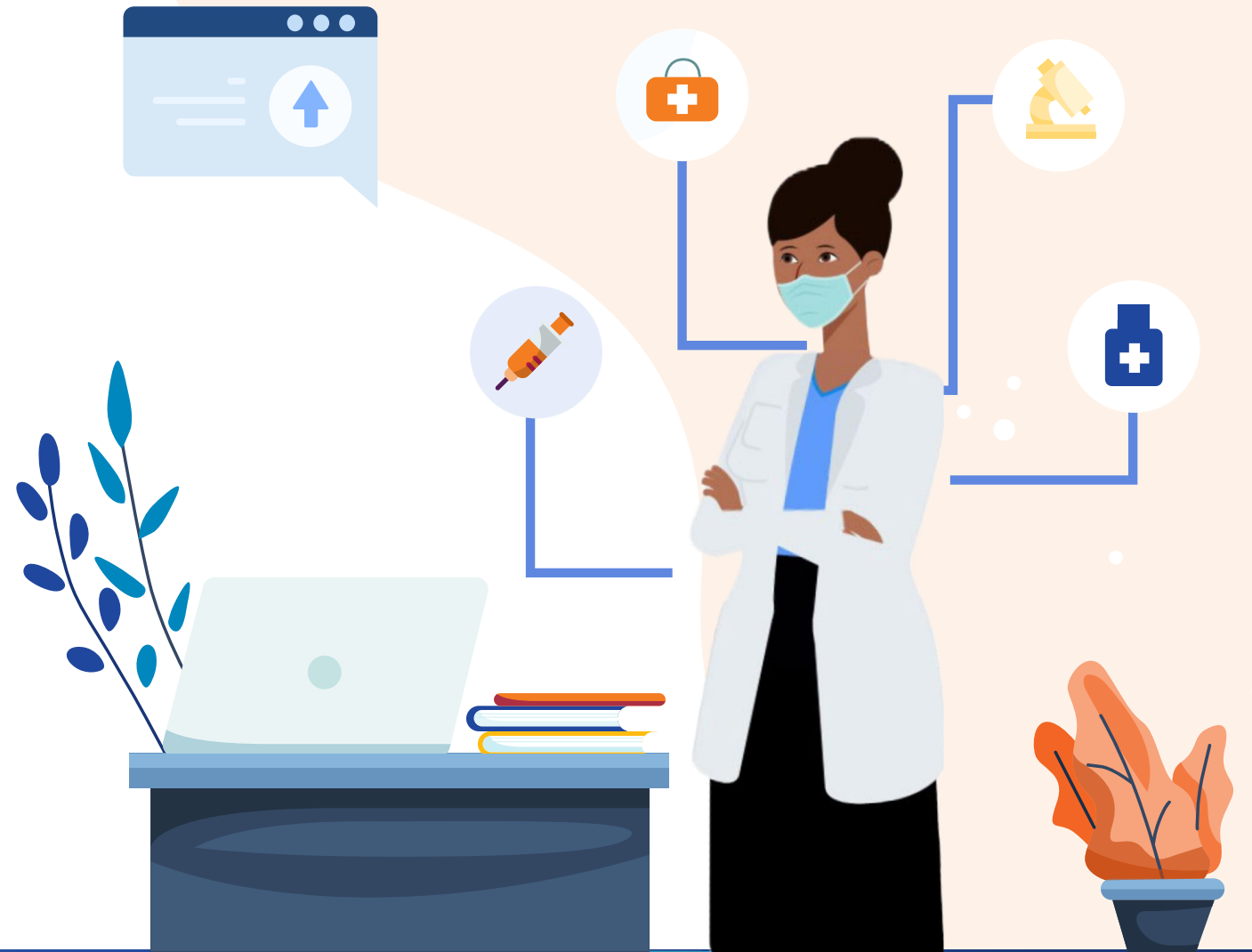
CDPH: Setting BAP Providers Up for Success!

There are Bridge Access Program Support Materials and Resources Available!

Resources

CA Bridge Access Program Provider Operations Manual

This manual provides step-by-step instructions and links to available resources.

Audience:
- Existing COVID-19 vaccine providers new to BAP
- New BAP organizations & locations

Startup Worksheet
(for new organizations & locations)

EZIZ BAP Landing Page!

1 **From EZIZ Home Page:**

2 BAP Vaccine Updates

3 Program Resources
- BAP at a Glance
- FAQs
- BAP Talking Points
- Infographic: Where can I get vaccines?

4 Program Information Menu
- **BAP Resources**
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Resources**
- **Implementation Timeline**

5 Provider Call Center

🚨 EZIZ: Bridge Access Program (BAP)

Topics:
- Program Overview
- BAP Enrollment resources (updated)
- **Eligibility & Screening Guidance**

- BAP Eligibility Based on Insurance Status
- 317 (VFA & BAP) Eligibility Screening and Documentation Requirements
- 317 (VFA & BAP) Eligibility Screening Record
- VFA & BAP Patient Vaccine Poster | Spanish
- Vaccine Program Eligibility Guidelines (for Community Health Centers)
- CAIR Requirement for Documenting 317-Funded Vaccines
- Provider Participation Agreement
- BAP Provider Operations Manual

🌉 CA Bridge Access Program: At a Glance

Requirements at a Glance

This document will be continuously updated as information and new resources become available.

COVID-19 vaccine product and CDC's Vaccine Product Training will be posted after FDA authorization/CDC recommendation.

Who's Eligible: Providers serving uninsured/underinsured adults through public health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)/Rural Health Centers, tribal clinics, Indian Health Services sites, and additional providers deemed eligible by LHDs

What You Need to Know: The California Bridge Access Program provides no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured/underinsured adults (19 years and older) served by enrolled and approved providers. Vaccine supply is limited. Insured patients—including patients covered by Medicare and Medi-Cal—are NOT eligible. Providers must conduct eligibility screening and proper documentation with each administration to ensure vaccines go to eligible adults. Limited supplies of the updated monovalent (XBB subvariant) COVID-19 vaccine will be provided through two components of the state program:

Program Components:

- Public Health Component: Coordinated by State Immunization Programs, in collaboration with existing public health infrastructure. CDPH will allocate to each LHD doses of COVID-19 vaccines based on federally provided vaccine purchase funding limits. Doses allocated will support vaccination of uninsured and under-insured populations at local health departments, FQHCs/RHCs, Tribal and IHS clinics, and other safety net providers selected by LHDs for enrollment in the CA Bridge Access Program.
- Pharmacy component: Independently coordinated by CDC with 3 contracted pharmacy chains/organizations: CVS, Walgreens, and E-True North (for independent and other pharmacies), who will receive supplies replenished by the COVID-19 Vaccine manufacturers directly; the specific sites receiving vaccine are not yet determined, and enrollment information is still forthcoming. All information in this document addresses the public health component.

Topic	Requirements & Guidance	Resource Links
⭐	**What's new for existing COVID-19 providers?** California's BAP Provider Participation Agreement replaces the federal COVID-19 Provider Agreement. While most requirements remain the same, look for orange stars identifying new requirements and job aids to assist you.	
Primary Documents	• BAP Provider Participation Agreement • BAP Provider Operations Manual (and Startup Worksheet for new providers) • COVID-19 Vaccine Commercialization FAQs	

BAP Requirements at a Glance

Overview document links requirements and guidance to new resources!

Topics include:

- Provider Participation Agreement
- Required Vaccine Product Training
- Storage and Handling
- Reporting
- Vaccine Product Information
- Fact Sheets
- Much more to explore!

🌉 New EZIZ BAP Resources Page!
Eligibility Screening & Documentation

Eligibility Cheat Sheet

Step-by-step Instructions
(includes options for reporting to CAIR)

Screening Record
(for small practices with no EHR)

BAP Resources

Thank you for attending today's session!