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TO: California Bridge Access Program (CA BAP) Providers

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SUBJECT: CA BAP 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering

BACKGROUND: The California Bridge Access Program (CA BAP) has been extended for existing BAP providers to offer no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults aged 19 years and older.

Program Participation

Participation, eligibility, and all other CA BAP requirements are unchanged. BAP Provider Participation agreements have been extended, and no action from current providers is required. As available funds will purchase fewer doses than last year, CDPH is limiting participation primarily to existing (not new) providers. For additional resources, see the CA BAP Provider Participation agreement and CA BAP Requirements.

COVID-19 Vaccine Supply

The total CA BAP supply for the 2024–2025 season will be about 69,000 doses. Doses have been allocated to each Local Health Department to support ordering for active CA-BAP provider, including Public Health Clinics and Community Health Centers. The Initial doses allocated to each jurisdiction (67% of total) are based on doses initially available. Additional allocations will be added as supplies become available.

All authorized 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines are available through CA BAP, including:

- Spikevax (Moderna) Single Dose Prefilled Syringe- 10 Per Box NDC: 80777-0110-93 NDC: 80631-0107-10
- Novavax Single dose prefilled Syringe 10 Per Box
- Comirnaty (Pfizer) Single Dose Syringes- 10 Per Box NDC: 00069-2432-10

Detailed information, including packaging, shipping, storage, and administration, is available in the updated COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide.

IMPORTANT: 2023 – 2024 COVID-19 Vaccines are no longer authorized and should not be administered. Expired doses need to be returned to McKesson and reported in myCAvax. Visit Reporting and Return of Nonviable Vaccines webpage for additional information.



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Vaccine Ordering

CA BAP vaccines for uninsured and under insured adults 19 years of age and older are now available for ordering in myCAvax. Active BAP providers have access to the BAP tile in myCAvax landing page.

As in the previous season, participating providers may submit weekly orders following the <u>CA BAP</u> <u>Weekly Ordering Cadence Calendar</u>. The minimum order for each product is 10 doses (1 box). Once orders are submitted, local health departments will continue to review and approve adult COVID-19 vaccine orders.

Vaccines must be administered at the approved enrolled locations. Redistribution of doses is not allowed.

COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments

Moderna and Novavax vaccines will be shipped within 5 days of order receipt at McKesson, based on provider open hours. Similarly, Pfizer vaccines will ship directly from the manufacturer (Direct Ship). Any shipment incident must be immediately reported in myCAvax upon discovery.

Vaccine Administration Reporting

Providers must record vaccine administration in the recipient's permanent medical record within 24 hours. Healthcare providers are also <u>required</u> to report CA BAP doses administered to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or Healthy Futures/RIDE) no later than 72 hours; providers must ensure that the proper vaccine eligibility category "317" is documented in CAIR. For more information, please visit <u>here</u>.

MyTurn Vaccine Locator

CA BAP locations are no longer required to be listed at <u>Vaccines.gov</u>. However, BAP providers are encouraged to Opt-in to the public-facing <u>My Turn Vaccine Locator</u>.

Digital Vaccine Record (DVR)

Providers are encouraged to inform patients that they can receive copies of their vaccination records using the <u>California Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) portal</u>. Information is available in multiple languages.

COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance:

COVID-19 continues to account each week for thousands of hospitalizations and hundreds of deaths in the United States, especially in older adults. COVID-19 vaccines protect against severe illness and death.

The 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 vaccine formulation is based on the Omicron JN.1 lineage of SARS-CoV-2 to target more closely currently circulating variants. <u>All persons aged >6 months are</u> <u>recommended to receive 1 dose of an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine</u> to strengthen their protection. Persons who are <u>moderately or severely immunocompromised</u> may receive additional dose(s).

<u>Coadministration of COVID-19 vaccine with other routine vaccines</u> such as influenza vaccine is recommended. <u>People with recent SARS-CoV-2 infection</u> may consider delaying a COVID-19 dose by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was asymptomatic). Detailed recommendations from the CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) are available at <u>Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines</u> and <u>COVID-19 Vaccine ACIP Recommendations</u>.

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Storage and Handling

Storage of the updated COVID-19 vaccines **has changed** from the prior formulations. The beyond use date of each product depends on how it is stored. Staff must store and handle COVID-19 vaccines according to <u>CDC's Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit</u> to maintain the vaccine cold chain that protects vaccines.

Moderna

- Freezer Can be stored in the freezer between -50°C to -15°C (-58°F to 5°F) until the expiration date printed on the carton.
- Refrigerator Can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 60 days or up to the expiration date printed on the carton, whichever comes first.
- May be stored at room temperature, between 8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F) for up to 12 hours.

Novavax

- Refrigerator Can be used until expiry, which is typically 9 months from the date of manufacture.
- Discard after single use.

Pfizer

- Store COMIRNATY glass prefilled syringes refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) until the expiration date printed on syringe.
- DO NOT FREEZE. Total time at room temperature must not exceed 12 hours.

Dosages: Moderna 50 micrograms Novavax 5 micrograms Pfizer 30 micrograms

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) and Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Factsheets

The most current version of the Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) or EUA factsheet must be provided to a patient before each dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and the following information must be included in the patient's permanent medical record:

(1) Edition date of the current Vaccine Information Statement that was provided.

(2) Date that the VIS was provided.

For updated VIS and EUA factsheet information, please see: <u>https://eziz.org/resources/covid-vaccine/</u>.

Billing for COVID-19 Vaccines

Patients immunized with CA BAP-supplied vaccines may not be billed for the cost of the vaccine or be charged an administration fee. All systems should be checked to ensure patients are not charged and vaccine cost will not be billed. (P.A. #3) CA BAP providers should ensure systems and protocols are updated so patients are not charged, and vaccine cost is not billed.

Updated Resources

- EZIZ's <u>CA BAP Overview</u> and <u>Resources</u> webpages
- CA BAP Requirements at a Glance
- CA BAP Provider Operations Manual
- COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide
- COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide (SPANISH)
- <u>CA BAP Weekly Ordering Cadence Calendar</u>
- COVID-19 Provider FAQs