

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

Weekly Wrap Up – April 15, 2022

Statement on Timeline for COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements in Schools

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today issued the following [statement](#) regarding a new implementation timeline for adding the COVID-19 vaccine to the list of vaccinations required to attend school:

The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet fully approved COVID-19 vaccines for individuals of all ages within the 7–12 grade span. The State of California announced last October that full approval by the FDA was a precondition to initiating the rulemaking process to add the COVID-19 vaccine to other vaccinations required for in-person school attendance—such as measles, mumps, and rubella—pursuant to California’s Health and Safety Code. To ensure sufficient time for successful implementation of new vaccine requirements, California will not initiate the regulatory process for a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for the 2022-2023 school year and as such, any vaccine requirements would not take effect until after full FDA approval and no sooner than July 1, 2023.

Vaccines are the most powerful weapon against hospitalization and serious illness due to COVID-19. California’s response to conditions in schools has adapted to the dynamic challenges of the pandemic, based on science. As outlined in Governor Newsom’s [SMARTER Plan](#), the State has maintained vaccine supply, operational readiness, and access to education and resources about COVID-19 and vaccines with focused engagement to ensure younger Californians are taking opportunities to get vaccinated.

“CDPH strongly encourages all eligible Californians, including children, to be vaccinated against COVID-19,” said California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomás J. Aragón. “We continue to ensure that our response to the COVID-19 pandemic is driven by the best science and data available. Under the Governor’s SMARTER plan, California is making informed decisions on how to further protect students and staff, to keep children safely in classrooms.”

Upon full approval by the FDA, CDPH will consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Academy of Family Physicians prior to implementing a school vaccine requirement. CDPH continues to emphasize and conduct outreach regarding the safety and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine; support [youth vaccination campaigns](#) and [school-located vaccination programs](#); and strongly encourage all eligible Californians, including eligible children, to [get vaccinated](#).

Please visit [My Turn](#) or call (833) 422-4255 to make your vaccine or booster appointment today.

Clinical Talking Points for Providers of Pediatric Services

NEW Resource: Please reference [Clinical Talking Points for Providers of Pediatric Services](#) for tips on recommending COVID-19 vaccination to families, including:

- Starting the conversation
- Validating parental concerns
- Providing accurate information on frequently asked questions

Upcoming Webinar: Please join Dr. Eric Ball, pediatrician, for tips on having effective conversations with parents about COVID-19 vaccines.

When: Friday, April 22 at 12pm-1pm

[Register here!](#)

myCAvax Updates

My Turn Clinic and myCAvax Maintenance Window

The myCAvax and My Turn teams are planning maintenance for myCAvax and My Turn Clinic on **Saturday, April 16 from 7-8 PM**. During this time, you will be able to access the systems, but not edit any records. There will be a 5 minute period during this time that both My Turn Clinic and myCAvax will be unavailable. **My Turn Public will still be live during this time.**

Opt-Out of Ancillary Kits for Pfizer Tris-sucrose

You can now opt-out for all adult vaccine ancillary kits, including Pfizer Tris-sucrose (ages 12+) vaccine. This will be available in myCAvax on Monday, April 18 for the new ordering cycle.

Note: The opt-out option is not available for pediatric COVID-19 vaccine as Pfizer pediatric Ancillary Kits contain the diluent necessary to administer the vaccine.

Moderna Ancillary Kit Update

For all orders placed April 11-13, Moderna vaccine shipments will come with 1 ancillary kit (1 ancillary kit to 1 carton of vaccine) instead of two ancillary kits to one carton of vaccine. All other orders will include the usual two ancillary kits.

myCAvax Reminders

Easter Holiday Delivery Calendar

In preparation for the Easter Day holiday on Monday, April 18, please keep the points below in mind.

- Providers should plan accordingly and submit their orders **on or before the regular order deadline of Monday, April 18 at 5PM.**
- Due to Easter Holiday observances vaccines will not ship Sunday, April 17 for Monday deliveries. Both Pfizer and McKesson **shipments will not be delivered on Monday, April 18.** Deliveries will resume Tuesday, April 19.

Please review the [Holiday Ordering Cadence Calendar](#).

Request for Feedback

The myCAvax team is always looking for feedback on how to better improve the myCAvax experience. If you have feedback or suggestions for future improvements, please feel free to leave comments at the survey [here](#).

Pfizer and Janssen (J&J) Vaccines Shelf-Life Extensions

Pfizer Vaccine Expiration Date Extension

Expiration dates for the Pfizer gray cap (ages 12+) vaccine and Pfizer orange cap (ages 5-11) vaccine are now 12 months after manufacture date.

See EUAs for updated expiration dates:

- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Pfizer Gray Cap \(ages 12+\) Vaccine](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Pfizer Orange Cap \(ages 5-11\) Vaccine](#)

Clarification: Earlier this month CDPH sent a [message](#) with upcoming expiration dates for COVID-19 vaccines. There may be discrepancies between the Pfizer EUAs and CDPH calculations. **Please use the dates listed in the Pfizer EUA to reflect accurate expiration dates.** The EUAs are the best place to check Pfizer expiration dates.

Janssen (J&J) Vaccine Expiration Extension

Expiration dates for the Janssen (J&J) vaccine were extended from 9 months to 11 months. This shelf life extension applies to all inventory dates to expire on March 7, 2022 or later. Vaccine providers should visit the [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Expiry webpage](#) to confirm expiration dates.

Reminder: mRNA Vaccines Preferred over Janssen (J&J) Vaccine

The [CDC](#) and [Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup \(WSSSRW\)](#) preferentially recommend mRNA vaccines over the J&J COVID-19 vaccine for primary vaccination and for boosters.

Vaccine providers should start the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series even if there is uncertainty about how the patient will receive their second dose; setting alone should not be a reason to offer the J&J COVID-19 vaccine.

The J&J COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations:

- When there is a contraindication to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
- When a person would otherwise remain unvaccinated for COVID-19 due to limited access to mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
- When a person wants to receive the J&J COVID-19 vaccine despite the safety concerns identified

It is contraindicated to administer the J&J COVID-19 vaccine to people with a history of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) following receipt of the J&J COVID-19 vaccine or any other adenovirus vector-based COVID-19 vaccines (e.g., AstraZeneca)

myCAvax Upcoming Training

Click on the link below to join sessions or access links on [EZIZ.org/COVID/myCAvax](#).
Vaccine Order Request with Q&A

- Monday, April 18 at 10:00AM – 10:30AM – [Click here to register for this session!](#)
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Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Updates & Training Sessions

Please attend one of the following training sessions:

- [Tuesday, April 19 at 12PM](#) | Password: 3rYVYBmNX75
- [Wednesday, April 20 at 9AM](#) | Password: PfwM3ZZmf22
- [Thursday, April 21 at 9AM](#) | Password: pQm7B4rMze3

More sessions listed [here](#).

Useful Resources

- [NEW Boost Your Health with a COVID-19 Booster Dose Flier for Health Care Workers](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age Chart in English | Spanish](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing for Second Dose](#)
 - [COVID 19, Myocarditis, and Vaccines Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Requesting COVID-19 Vaccination Staff](#)
 - [Protect Kids with COVID-19 Vaccine Infographic](#)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#)
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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](#)
- [Archived Sessions](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

My Turn & myCAvax Office Hours for LHDs and Providers

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

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)
- **Holiday:** Closed on Sunday, April 17
- 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).
- **Holiday:** Closed on Sunday, April 17
- [Job aids, demos and training opportunities](#)

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