Assess for needed vaccines during telehealth visits

- Determine with the patient which immunizations to receive now versus later, given the risk of exposure to COVID-19
- If immunizations are postponed, then recall the patient back to the clinic promptly once normal operations resume

Administer vaccines to patients already at the clinic

- Use the opportunity to administer any immunizations due (especially influenza and pneumococcal immunizations for those at higher risk for complications)
- Maternal immunizations continue to be essential. If you are seeing pregnant women, be sure to administer influenza and Tdap immunizations.

Continue infection control precautions

As patients come into the clinic, continue or consider:

- Scheduling separate times or shifts for wellness visits versus sick visits
- Designating separate exam rooms for wellness visits versus sick visits. If your parent organization has multiple VFA sites, specify certain VFA site(s) for well visits and immunizations*
- Screening patients for COVID-19 symptoms, taking temperatures, and asking patients to wear a mask before entering the clinic
- Cleaning exam rooms after every visit and implementing other prevention and control measures
- Scheduling appointments so that only one patient is at the clinic at a given time
- Creating multiple waiting rooms for more social distancing
- Only seeing patients by appointment; no walk-ins
- Asking patients to wait in their cars until the exam room is ready
- Allowing only the patient in the exam room
- Offering ‘drive-thru’ immunizations

*Please notify my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov prior to making this transfer.