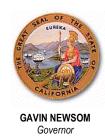


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TO: California Vaccines for Adult (VFA) Providers

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SUBJECT: 2024 Updates to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Adult

Immunization Recommendations; COVID-19 vaccine guidance update; Td Vaccine

Update

Dear VFA Provider:

1. ACIP 2024 Adult Immunization Schedule- Key updates include:

- Addition of updated COVID-19 vaccine to the routine adult schedule.
- Addition of RSV vaccine during pregnancy and for adults 60 years and older
- Addition of Penbraya (Meningococcal groups A, B, C, W, Y vaccine; not available from VFA) as an option for people due for MenACWY and MenB vaccine on the same day.

2. COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance Updates

 CDC now recommends that all adults ages 65 years and older receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose to help protect against severe disease from COVID-19. For more information, refer to the <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide</u> and <u>CDC</u> Guidance.

COVID-19 vaccine is available through the <u>Bridge Access Program</u> (but is not available through the VFA program).

3. RSV Vaccine Updates

- For adults 60 and older who have not already received an RSV vaccine and decide with their healthcare provider to get one, <u>CDC encourages healthcare providers</u> to maximize the benefit of RSV vaccination by giving them their RSV vaccine in late summer or early fall, just prior to the RSV season.
- Limited amounts of RSV vaccine for older adults may be available for ordering through the VFA Program during the Fall/Winter season.

4. Td Vaccine Update

- Due to the supply constraints and limited availability, VFA is no longer offering Td vaccine.
- CDC recommends the use of Tdap vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible.



- Tdap vaccine is an acceptable alternative to Td, including for wound management.
- The limited supply of Td vaccine needs to be preserved for those with a <u>specific</u> <u>contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccines</u>, the only persons for whom Tdap vaccine is not an acceptable alternative.

5. Resources

ACIP or CDC Recommendations

- 2024 Adult Immunization Schedule
- RSV Immunizations (CDC)

Job Aids and Clinical Letters

- Influenza vaccine resources from CDC and CDPH
- COVID-19 vaccine resources from CDC and CDPH
- COVID Timing Guide
- CDPH Vaccine Factsheets
- Tetanus Prophylaxis Job Aid

VFA Program Materials

- 2024 Program Participation Requirements At a Glance
- CDPH VFA Program Provider Agreement | Provider Agreement Addendum
- Updated Program Eligibility Documents
 - Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines
 - o 317 Eligibility Screening and Documentation Requirements
 - VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance
 - o 317 Eligibility Screening Record for Adults
 - Key Practice Staff Change Request Form
- CAIR Requirement for Documenting 317 Vaccines
- CDPH VFA Resources Page