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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 [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide](#) and [CDC Guidance](#).
COVID-19 vaccine is available through the [Bridge Access Program](#) (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, [CDC encourages healthcare providers](#) 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 [specific contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccines](#), 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](#)
 - [317 Eligibility Screening and Documentation Requirements](#)
 - [VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance](#)
 - [317 Eligibility Screening Record for Adults](#)
 - [Key Practice Staff Change Request Form](#)
- [CAIR Requirement for Documenting 317 Vaccines](#)
- CDPH [VFA Resources Page](#)