





# Planning for Fall: Pediatric Immunizations and the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

#### California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch

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### Webinar Objectives:

After this session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Understand the VFC Providers' critical role in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program.
- 2. Describe resources and incentives available to help VFC Providers with COVID-19 vaccination, including the <u>CalVaxGrant</u>.
- 3. Explain current California COVID-19 Vaccination Program requirements.
- 4. Identify the importance of routine pediatric and COVID-19 vaccines.



### We Appreciate Your Feedback!

We will have a short poll at the conclusion of today's presentation.

**Poll:** Following today's webinar, how likely are you to enroll in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program?





# Agenda: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

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11	Wrap-up and Poll	Steven Vantine, Moderator (CDPH)	12:55 – 1:00
	Q & A		



# COVID-19 Pandemic & the Role of VFC Providers

Tom Boo, MD, FAAFP

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#### Why is it important to immunize children?

- COVID-19 vaccination in children will prevent uncommon severe pediatric cases and deaths
  - Prevent multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)
- Prolonged symptoms seen in children as well as adults
- Protects families (vulnerable relatives)
- Safer return to school and social activities
   Allowing more parents to return to work
- Population health benefits





#### Efforts to Reach Pediatric Populations

- Providers of care to children
- School-based clinics
- Community/mass vaccination sites
- Pharmacies

### State of the Pandemic in CA

- Cases rising in CA and U.S.
  - Concerning indicator: percent positivity is rising
- Highly transmissible delta variant now dominant strain
- Vast majority of cases occurring in unvaccinated persons
  - Vaccination has slowed markedly
- Combination of spread of delta with relaxing other precautions
- Hospitalizations rising

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• State planning efforts include scenarios with large numbers of pediatric hospitalizations



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#### How are we doing?

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#### Rate of vaccination has plateaued

- $_{\circ}$  ~ 1/3 of kids 12-15 years old are immunized.
- $_{\circ}$  ~ 1/2 of teens 16-17 years old are immunized.

#### Unacceptable disparities in vaccination coverage

- Black, Latinx, Native American, and mixed-race kids all badly lag behind Asian and White kids.
  - Vaccination coverage of 16–17-year-old Asians is twice that of Black youth
- o 35% coverage in *lowest* vaccine equity metric quartile vs. 71% in the *highest* quartile (16–17-year-olds, see next slide)
- o MediCal beneficiaries lag in every CA jurisdiction.



#### % Fully Vaccinated <u>12–15-year-olds</u> by VEM

% Fully Vaccinated <u>16–17-year-olds</u> by VEM



Vaccine Equity Metric (VEM) Quartiles:

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#### Role of Providers in Improving Pediatric Coverage



- Surveys indicate many parents are more uncertain about vaccination of children than selves.
- Primary care providers are most trusted source of vaccination information.
- Kids should be able to get all immunizations in their medical home.
  - Many children have gotten behind on routine immunizations during the pandemic.
  - $_{\circ}$  One stop



#### Why are VFC providers particularly important?

- Uniquely positioned to promote equitable access
   Diverse patient populations
- Every child and family should have same opportunity for vaccination
- High VFC quality standards



# Polling Question #1

Which COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for use in persons 12 years of age and older?

- 1. Moderna
- 2. Janssen
- 3. Pfizer





### Polling Question #1 Answer

**Pfizer** has been approved for use in persons 12-years and older.





# Clinical Guidance on Use of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents

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# Pfizer BioNTech Vaccine Highly Effective in Adolescents

- Efficacy equal to that seen in adults
- Low rates of serious side effects
- Benefits clearly outweigh risks
  - Save lives, prevent hospitalizations, prevent prolonged debilitating symptoms
- Recommended for all people in U.S. 12 years and older
  - CDC, ACIP, Western States Scientific Safety Advisory Work Group





# **Reports of Myocarditis After Vaccination**

- Incidence low (rare) and severity generally low also
  - $_{\rm O}$  More common in young males
  - Second dose mRNA vaccines
- Healthcare providers should be aware and prepared to discuss with patients
- Product labeling EUA modified
- CDC, ACIP, FDA, AAP, Western States have reviewed data and concluded no changes to recommendations warranted



### **Clinical Considerations for Adolescents**

- Dose and timing for vaccination of 12–15-year-olds are same as for adults:
  - o 0.3ml per dose, given 21 days apart
- No restrictions on co-administration with other recommended vaccines
- Fainting risk with shots and blood draws higher in adolescents
  - $_{\odot}$  Have a place where kids can lie down if not feeling well after
- Parents and guardians can enroll adolescents (ages 12 and older) in <u>v-safe</u> and complete health check-ins on their behalf after COVID-19 vaccination.



## **Co-administration of COVID-19 Vaccines**

ACIP lifted original recommendation to avoid giving other vaccines within 14 days of COVID vaccines.

- When deciding whether to co-administer, providers should consider whether the patient is behind or at risk of becoming behind on recommended vaccines, their risk of disease, and the reactogenicity profile of the vaccines.
- Unknown whether reactogenicity is increased with co-administration, including with other vaccines known to be more reactogenic, such as adjuvanted vaccines or live vaccines.
- If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each injection in a different injection site, i.e., spaced on same limb or on different limbs.

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### **CDPH Minor Consent Guidance**

Persons younger than 18 years must have consent given by a legally authorized representative (parent or guardian). An emancipated minor may consent for him/herself.



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#### **Allowable Consent:**

- Parent/guardian accompanies the minor in person.
- If the parent/guardian cannot accompany the minor, a signed, written consent is acceptable. Phone or video consent is also possible. The consent must verify the parent/guardian has been provided the <u>Pfizer EUA Fact</u> <u>Sheet</u>.

#### Sample Consent/Permission Slip

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May 13, 2021

TO:



To all Californians SUBJECT: Pfizer Vaccine Minor Consent Guidance

#### Background

Administration of COVID-19 vaccines to as many Californians as possible is critical to control the pandemic. Based on evidence of safety and efficacy, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has now reduced the minimum age for its Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine from 16 years of age down to 12 years.

In an ongoing clinical trial, two doses of this vaccine given three weeks apart has been shown to prevent illness, hospitalization, or death from COVID-19. The duration of protection against COVID-19 is currently unknown. More information on the risks and benefits of the Pfizer vaccine can be found on the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits and Risks Fact Sheet.

#### **Options for Consent**

Persons younger than 18 years must have parental or guardian consent given by a legally authorized representative (parent or guardian). An emancipated minor may consent for him/herself. Currently, only the Pfizer vaccine has received Emergency Use Authorization for people under 18.

#### Allowable consent includes:

- Parent/guardian accompanies the minor in person.
- If the parent/guardian cannot accompany the minor, a signed written consent is acceptable. The written has been provided the Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet.
- · Phone or video consent is possible if the parent/guardian confirms that they have be read to the parent/guardian.

To learn more about risks, benefits, and side effects of the Pfizer vaccine, ch U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Fact Sheet for Recipients and Ca

#### **Download the Sample Consent Form:**

Editable Word Doc template

Fillable PDF form





Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Consent Clear form For Individuals Under 18 Years of Age

Section 1: Information about the child to receive Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (please print):

Child's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Date	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Age	
Street Address	City	State Zip	

Phone Number

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Section 2: Information on the risks and benefits of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer Vaccine).

Currently the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has authorized emergency use of the Pfizer Vaccine to prevent COVID-19 in individuals 12 years of age and older. The FDA has not yet approved licensure of vaccine to prevent COVID-19. To learn more about risks, benefits, and side effects of the Pfizer vaccine, read the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers.

#### Section 3: Consent.

I have reviewed the information on risks and benefits of the Pfizer Vaccine in Section 2 above and understand the risks and benefits. I agree that:

- 1. I reviewed this consent form and have read and understand the "Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers" about the potential risks and benefits of the Pfizer Vaccine.
- 2. I have the legal authority to consent to have the child named above vaccinated with the Pfizer Vaccine.
- 3. I understand I am not required to accompany the child named above to the vaccination appointment and, by giving my consent below, the child will receive the Pfizer Vaccine whether or not I am present at the vaccination appointment.
- 4. I understand that as required by state law (Health and Safety Code, § 120440), all immunizations will be reported to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). I understand the information in the child's CAIR2 record will be shared with the local health department and State Department of Public Health, shall be treated as confidential medical information, and shall be used only to share with each other or as allowed by law. I may refuse to allow the information to be further shared and can request the CAIR2 record be locked by visiting the Request to Lock My CAIR Record web form.

GIVE CONSENT for the child named at the top of this form to get vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine and have reviewed and agree to the information included in this form.

Date

Name (Last, First, Middle)

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Address if different from above

Phone Number if different from above

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### **Provider Enrollment**

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## CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program

- ~6,800 providers approved in the program
- Only 40% of VFC providers are in the COVID-19 Vaccine Program
- Additional expert vaccinators are needed for the next age group to be vaccinated this fall



## **VFC Enrollment Status**

- Of **3,449** VFC providers in California:
  - 871 have administered doses and are registered in myCAvax
  - 320 are registered in myCAvax but have <u>not</u> administered doses
  - and 2,258 are <u>not</u> enrolled in myCAvax.
- Over 60% of the VFC providers in the less-advantaged Vaccine Equity Metric quartiles are *not* enrolled in myCAvax.

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#### Counties Where Less Than 50% of VFC Providers are Enrolled

County	Inactive VFCs	Share of VFCs That Are Enrolled in myCAvax	1+ Dose Vaccination Rate
San Joaquin County	43	19%	60%
San Bernardino County	195	21%	56%
Mariposa County	3	25%	60%
Orange County	184	27%	72%
Los Angeles County	715	29%	71%
San Francisco County	36	31%	82%
Santa Clara County	80	32%	86%
Amador County	4	33%	68%
Madera County	18	33%	55%
Riverside County	146	35%	60%
Alameda County	65	36%	81%
Contra Costa County	36	39%	81%
Sacramento County	51	41%	68%
Stanislaus County	29	41%	62%
San Diego County	112	42%	87%
Shasta County	14	42%	50%
Santa Cruz County	16	45%	76%
Merced County	22	45%	57%
Ventura County	35	47%	72%
San Mateo County	16	48%	85%



# Providers Participating in the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

- Enrollment is separate from the VFC Program
  - VFC providers will need to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, complete a federal participating agreement, and provide clinic information.
  - $_{\odot}$  Vaccine orders will be submitted in a different system.
  - A call center is available for Providers in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.



#### **Before You Enroll**

- Step 1: Review Program Requirements including CDC
   Provider Agreement
- ✓ Step 2: Immunization Information System (IIS)
- ✓ Step 3: Storage & Handling Guidelines
- ✓ Step 4: Enrollment Worksheet
- ✓ Step 5: Responsible Officers
- ✓ Step 6: Complete Required Training
- ✓ Step 7: CDC Provider Agreement in myCAvax
- ✓ Step 8: Onboard to My Turn (Optional)



See Enrollment Kit for additional details



# Step 1: Review Program Requirements

- Review CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement (page 3)
- Requirements include:
  - EUA agreement
  - Storage & handling
  - Vaccine documentation and reporting





#### Step 7: Complete CDC Provider Agreement in myCAvax (<u>https://mycavax.cdph.ca.gov/s/</u>)



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#### Thank you for joining California's fight against COVID-19

Before you can start the enrollment process, please complete the Preparing for Enrollment section at the bottom of this page. Staff **must complete required training** before your organization can start enrollment.

#### Prepare for enrollment





#### **Preparing for Enrollment**



# Step 8: Onboard to My Turn Platform (optional\*)

My Turn Platform (My Turn Public and My Turn Clinic) gives Providers the opportunity to have an all-in-one application for clinic management, dose accountability & reporting, public eligibility, public scheduling, and walk-in registration for vaccine clinics.

#### Why join <u>My Turn</u>?

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- $\checkmark$  It's user friendly and has a network of trainers and technical assistance behind it to help you.
- Providers can set up and advertise (to their patients and/or family members) COVID-19 vaccine-specific clinics and send reminders/messages via text or email.
- ✓ All doses administered via My Turn system end up in CAIR this enables providers to ensure doses get into the IIS if the EHR is not currently communicating with the registry AND allows for vaccination documentation of family members/patients who are not enrolled as patients.



#### Key Enrollment Tips for VFC Enrolled Sites

Although vaccine enrollment & ordering systems differ from VFC's systems, both systems converge account information into CDC's vaccine ordering system (VTrckS).

Any changes to the info below will impact VFC shipments as well:

- Vaccine delivery address
- Vaccine Coordinators
- Coordinator contact information
- Shipping hours

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Order fulfillment



## CalVaxGrant

Lupe Alonzo-Diaz, Physicians for a Healthy California


### CalVaxGrant Practice Support Grants

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- Eligibility
  - Completed & approved section A & B of myCAvax application
  - Physician medical practice with 200 physicians or less within the organization **or** an independent pharmacy organization
  - Will expend (or plan to expend) \$10,000 per site for up to 5 sites between November 1, 2020 and November 1, 2021
  - Have not received pandemic grant funds to support COVID vaccine administration (State Innovation Fund)
- \$40 million available for up to 3,000 to 4,000 organizations



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### Requirements

- Have expended or will expend the grant funds on allowable expenses (see Attachment A in the Grant Guidelines for definitions):
  - Staffing
  - Training
  - Technology
  - Infrastructure
  - Supplies & equipment
  - Administrative overhead
- Order COVID-19 vaccines through myCAvax
- Follow all conditions within the Awardee Agreement



### Webinars to Assist



Have questions about the application or want more information on the CalVaxGrant process?

Register for any of PHC's upcoming one-hour webinars:

- Friday, July 30, 2021, 1PM 2PM Register here
- Monday, August 9, 2021, 9AM 10AM Register here



### **Connect with PHC**





CalVaxGrant.org

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Reimbursement

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### **General Information**



- Both public and private payors required to cover the vaccine administration without any patient cost sharing.
- Physicians will be reimbursed for vaccine administration.
  - Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) / Medicare Advantage \$40/dose.
    - Effective June 8, 2021, Medicare allows additional \$35 payment/dose for administration in the home for certain Medicare patients.
  - $\circ$  Medi-Cal (FFS and Managed Care) \$40/dose.
  - Commercial Health Plans/Insurers Contracted rates or out-of-network (reasonable rate ~ \$40 /dose).
- Uninsured Patients \$40/dose through Provider Relief Fund (HRSA), as funding allows





### **Vaccine Administration Resources**

- CMA's COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit for Medical Practices <u>and</u> Reimbursement Quick Guide <u>www.cmadocs.org/covid-19/vaccine</u>
- CMS COVID-19 Insurers Toolkit

www.cms.gov/files/document/COVID-19-toolkit-issuers-MA-plans.pdf

• DHCS COVID-19 Medi-Cal Response webpage

https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/COVID19\_response.aspx

 Personalized claims support for CMA members and their staff (888) 401-5911



# COVID-19 Vaccine Supply & Ordering

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Supply

### Pfizer (approved for 12+)

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- Minimum standard order is 450 doses
- 1170-dose product not available

### Moderna

- Minimum standard order is 140 doses
- 100-dose product not available

### Janssen

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• Minimum standard order is 100 doses

View Reference Guide

• Not currently available for standard orders



The table below provides basic information on the proper storage, preparation, and administration of the currently authorized COVID-19 vaccine products in the United States. For additional information and detailed clinical guidance go to the manufacturer's and CDC's webpages listed.

		Pfizer	Moderna	Janssen
AL	EUA	www.fda.gov/emergency- preparedness-and-response/ coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/ pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine	www.fda.gov/emergency_ preparedness-and-response/ coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/ moderna-covid-19-vaccine	www.fda.gov/emergency- preparedness-and-response/ coronavirus-disease-2019- covid-19/janssen-covid-19-vaccine
NER	CDC Vaccine Information	www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/ info-by-product/pfizer/index.html	www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info- by-product/moderna/index.html	www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ covid-19/info-by-product/ janssen/index.html
GE	Manufacturer Contact information	Website: www.cvdvaccine.com Medical information: 800-438-1985 Customer service: 800-879-3477	Website: www.modernatx.com Medical Information: 866-663-3762	Website: <u>www.vaxcheck.jnj.</u> Medical information: 1-800-565-4008
	How supplied	Multidose vial: 6 doses	Multidose vial: Maximum of 11 doses Multidose vial: Maximum of 15 doses	Multidose vial: 5 doses
	Diluent	0.9% sodium chloride (preservative- free, normal saline) provided in the ancillary kit. Do NOT use other diluent.	None	None
HANDLING	Storage Temperatures: Before Puncture	Between: -80°C and -60°C (-112°F and -76°F) until the expiration date -25°C and -15°C (-13°F and 5°F) for up to 2 weeks 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 1 month (31 days).	<b>Between:</b> -50°C and -15°C (-58°F and 5°F) until the expiration date 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 30 days 8°C and 25°C (46° and 77°F) for a total of 24 hours	<b>Between:</b> 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) until the expiration date.
TORAGE & I	Storage Temperatures: After puncture	<b>Between:</b> 2°C to 25°C (36°F to 77°F) for up to 6 hours. Discard any unused vaccine after 6 hours.	<b>Between:</b> 2°C and 25°C (36°F and 77°F) for up to 12 hours. Discard any unused vaccine after 12 hours.	<b>Between:</b> 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 6 hours. 9°C and 25°C (47°F and 77°F) for up to 2 hours. Discard any unused vaccine after these time frames.
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	Transport Temperatures': After Puncture	Between: 2°C to 25°C (36°F to 77°F) for up to 6 hours.	Between: 2°C and 25°C (36°F and 77°F) for up to 12 hours.	Between: 2°C and 8°C (36°F and 46°F) for up to 6 hours
	Type of Vaccine	mRNA	mRNA	Viral vector
	Age Indications	12 years of age and older	18 years of age and older	18 years of age and older
	Schedule <sup>†</sup>	2-doses, separated by 21 days. Both doses must be Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine	2 doses, separated by 28 days. Both doses should be Moderna vaccine	1 dose only
	Dosage	0.3 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
	Needle gauge/length	<b>12 through 18 years of age:</b> 22–25 gauge, 1" <b>19 years of age and older:</b> 22–25 gauge, 1 – 1½"	22–25 gauge, 1 – 1½"	22-25 gauge, 1 - 1½" 45

# COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering in myCAvax

- Once enrollment is approved and location is active in myCAvax, you can submit a COVID-19 vaccine request.
- LHDs review and approve all COVID-19 vaccine requests within their jurisdiction.
- Locations can receive vaccines in 4 ways:
  - 1. Standard Orders (CDC)
  - 2. Small Orders Fulfilled by Local Distribution (LHD)
  - 3. Small Orders Fulfilled by a Third-Party Redistributor (TPR)
  - 4. Vaccine Marketplace



# Standard Orders (CDC)

- Standards orders are processed through CDC's system and are fulfilled by Pfizer or McKesson (Moderna, Janssen)
- Minimum order size based on products

 $_{\odot}$  450 doses for Pfizer; 140 doses for Moderna

 Submit order requests on <u>Mondays by 5 pm</u>; shipments delivered the following Mon-Tues

 Note: Providers can submit an order request at any point after that, but may not be delivered by Monday or Tuesday the following week

 Vaccine requests are reviewed and approved by the LHD on Wednesdays by 5pm for further processing by the CDPH team



# Small Orders Fulfilled by Local Distribution (LHD)

- Great option for clinics that are not able to store and utilize the minimum standard order quantities
- LHDs will review and approve small order requests and will fulfill orders based on their existing COVID-19 vaccine inventory.
- Depending on LHD availability and participation, COVID-19 vaccines can either be delivered or picked-up.



# Small Orders Fulfilled by Third-Party Redistributor (TPR)

- Great option for clinics that are not able to store and utilize the minimum standard order quantities
- Will be available for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requests
- LHDs will still review vaccine orders, and send for further approval if it can be fulfilled by the TPR
- COVID-19 vaccines will be delivered by the TPR just like a standard vaccine shipment



# **COVID-19 Vaccine Marketplace**

- myCAvax page for locations to either:
  - Report excess or short-dated COVID vaccine
  - Request excess or short-dated COVID vaccines
- Vaccine Marketplace matching by the LHD and COVID Call Center
- Excellent way to utilize existing vaccine supply throughout California and minimize vaccine waste!
- We have hired a statewide courier service to help LHDs with locally redistributed COVID-19 vaccine doses.



# COVID-19 Vaccine Storage & Handling

Kate McHugh, California Department of Public Health



# Polling Question #2

In order to maintain compliance, Providers will need to have an Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT) freezer when storing vaccines?

1. Yes

2. No





# Polling Question #2 Answer

**No.** If a Provider has a refrigerator, COVID-19 vaccine can be stored.

Storage for:

- Moderna: Up to <u>30 days</u>
- Pfizer: Up to <u>31 days</u>





### **Pfizer Overview**

- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine comes in vials with 6 doses per vial.
  - Depending on vaccinator technique and needles/syringe used, vaccinators may only be able to pull 5 doses from the vial.
- Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is diluted with 1.8mL of normal saline.
- The federal government provides ancillary supplies (needles and syringes for administration and mixing, alcohol prep pads, vaccination record cards, small amount of PPE, and diluent vials).
- <u>Receiving & Storing Pfizer Vaccine job aid</u>



# Pfizer Storage Overview

Storage Condition	Length of Storage
Ultra-Cold (-80°C to -60°C)	Until published expiration date (approximately 6 months)
Standard Frozen (-25°C to -15°C)	14 days
Refrigerated (2°C to 8°C)	31 days

- If you have a standard freezer and a refrigerator, you can store Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for up to 45 days using the combination of those two storage units.
- If you only have a refrigerator, you can store Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for up to 31 days in your refrigerator.
- If you are receiving a Small Order and not receiving directly from Pfizer, it is likely you will be receiving Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at refrigerated temperatures and will need to use the vaccine within 31 days.



## Moderna Overview

• Moderna COVID-19 vaccine comes with 14 doses per vial.

 Depending on vaccinator technique and supplies used, vaccinators may be able to pull anywhere from 13-15 doses per vial

- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine does not need to be diluted.
- The federal government provides ancillary supplies:

Needles and syringes for administration, alcohol prep pads, vaccination record cards, small amount of PPE

Receiving & Storing Moderna Vaccine job aid



# Moderna Storage Overview

Storage Condition	Length of Storage
Standard Frozen (-50°C to -15°C)	Until published expiration date (approximately 6 months)
Refrigerated (2°C to 8°C)	30 days

- If you only have a refrigerator, you can still store Moderna for up to 30 days.
- If you are receiving a Small Order and not receiving directly from Moderna, it is likely you will be receiving Moderna at refrigerated temperatures and will need to use the vaccine within 30 days



## Vaccine Waste

- Vaccine supply in the United States is now abundant!
- Never miss a vaccination opportunity! Vaccinate every eligible person who presents at a vaccination site— even if it means puncturing a vial at the end of the day.
- We still want to reduce waste when possible and plan clinics accordingly, but vaccinating every patient is more important than saving every dose.
- CDPH guidance: Missed Vaccination Opportunities & Wastage



# COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Requirements

Amy Pine, California Department of Public Health



### COVID-19 Vaccine Reporting Requirements

- Administered Doses into Immunization Information System (IIS) w/in 24-hours (CAIR2, SDIR, RIDE)
- 2. COVID-19 vaccine inventory daily into Vaccine Finder (Vaccines.gov)

### As Needed

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Temperature excursions

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- Doses wasted, spoiled, and expired
- Adverse events and/or errors to <u>VAERS</u>

CA's required fields for COVID-19 administered doses include:

- Site Administration address
- Recipient name and ID
- Recipient date of birth
- Recipient sex
- Recipient race and ethnicity
- Recipient address, cell phone & email
- Administration date
- Produce
- Dose #
- Lot #
- Manufacturer
- Vaccine provider's name
- Provider's address
- Vaccine administration site (on the body)
- Vaccine expiration date
- Vaccine route of administration

# Importance of Reporting



Through COVID-19 vaccine reporting, more is known about who and who is not getting vaccinated than has ever been known about any other vaccine.

### Reporting:

- Helps identify pockets of unimmunized and vulnerable populations for program planning.
- Helps identify which Providers may struggle and need additional technical assistance.
- Gives consumers the opportunity to receive their digital covid vaccine record and to have COVID-19 vaccine be a part of their overall immunization history.

# Summary

Claudia Aguiluz, VFC Program Coordinator-California Department of Public Health



# You Have the Tools and Resources to Become a COVID Vaccine Provider Now!

In response to concerns that VFC providers may have about enrolling in the COVID Vaccine Program, here are some points of clarification to address any perceived issues.

#### Perception

#### Enrollment

• System is different from VFC

#### Vaccine Storage

- Does not have the equipment to store COVID vaccines
- I cannot store 1170 doses of vaccine

#### **TPA Agreement**

Not wanting another agreement to be signed

#### Vaccine Waste

- Concerns about wasting vaccine
- Difficulty finding patients that want the vaccine

### **The Facts**

#### Enrollment

- Information you submit in myCAvax enrollment is similar to what you already submitted for VFC enrollment/ recertification
- Plenty of myCAvax trainings & job aids available

#### Vaccine Storage

- Vaccine storage requirements have evolved
- Small orders can be requested

#### **TPA Agreement**

• TPA Agreement is no longer required

#### Vaccine Waste

- OK to puncture a vaccine vial if it means <u>not</u> missing an opportunity to vaccinate
- Enroll now and be ready when the age indication expands to younger patients!

# In Summary...

- Our fight against this COVID-19 pandemic continues, and as Providers, you have done so much already!
- COVID-19 cases are rising in CA and the U.S., where the highly transmissible Delta variant is the dominant strain.
- Vast majority of cases are occurring in unvaccinated persons, and a significant portion of patients 12-17 years of age are still unvaccinated.
- As VFC providers, you are uniquely positioned to reach unvaccinated populations, including those in less advantaged areas.
- Enrollment support, incentives, resources, and operational changes may help you implement COVID-19 vaccination in your practice.
- We know it is not easy, but it is <u>crucial</u> in order to protect patients served.



## **Provider Resources**

Jane Grey, California Department of Public Health



# Where can I go for enrollment support?

**California Medical Association (CMA) Enrollment Support** 



To receive assistance with the enrollment process, contact:

- CMA at <u>VaccineNetwork@cmadocs.org</u>
- CMA Member Services: 800.786.4262





### Where can I go for additional help?

Vaccinate

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Type of Support	Description	Updated 7.16.21
COVID-19 Provider Call Center	s in California and ent, and vaccine	
California Medical Association	<ul> <li>For Provider enrollment support, please contact the California Medical Association.</li> <li>Email: <u>vaccinenetwork@cmadocs.org</u></li> <li>Phone: (800) 786-4262</li> </ul>	
ー myCAvax Help Desk	<ul> <li>Dedicated staff provide up-to-date information and technical support on the myCAvax system.</li> <li>Email: <u>myCAvax.HD@Accenture.com</u></li> <li>Phone: (833)-502-1245, option 2, Monday through Friday 8AM–8PM, Saturday and Sunday 8AM-1PM</li> </ul>	1
<b>My Turn Clinic Help Desk</b>	For training opportunities: <a href="https://eziz.org/covid/education/">https://eziz.org/covid/education/</a> For <b>onboarding support</b> (those in the process of onboarding): <a href="mailto:myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov">myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov</a> For <b>technical support</b> : <a href="mailto:MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com">MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com</a> or (415) 621-9494: Monday through Friday 7 and Sunday 8AM–1PM. For job aids and demo and training opportunities: <a href="https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/">https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/</a>	AM–7PM, Saturday
CalVaxGrant Program Support	<ul> <li>For questions and support around <u>CalVaxGrant</u>, contact the program's administrator, Physicians for a H</li> <li>Email: <u>calvaxgrant@phcdocs.org</u></li> <li>Phone: (916) 551-2565</li> </ul>	lealthy California.

### Stay informed! Provider Resources on eziz.org/covid

### Frequent Content Updates:

- Alerts
- Program Enrollment
- My Turn Onboarding
- Reporting Requirements
- Patient Resources
- Archived Communications
- Education & Support Materials
- More to explore!



#### California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

#### Program Updates

#### Program Enrollment

My Turn Onboarding Vaccine Management Vaccine Administration Reporting Requirements

Archived Communications

**Patient Resources** 

#### **Provider Support**

#### **COVID Call Center**

Email: For Program Info Phone: (833) 502-1245 Hours: Mon-Fri, 8AM-6PM

#### myCAvax Help Desk

Email: For Technical Support Phone: (833) 502-1245, option 2

#### Vaccines

Manufacturer Contacts

#### My Turn

Email: For Onboarding, Technical Support Help Desk: (415) 621-9494 Mon-Fri: 7AM-7PM Sat-Sun: 8AM-1PM

Clinic Translation Line: (833) 980-3933 Mon-Fri: 8AM-8PM Sun-Sat: 8AM-5PM

#### **Program Updates**

Providers currently enrolled or in the process of enrolling in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program can access program-related resources and communications on this website. If you need assistance with accessing documents on this website, email covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245. Call center hours are Mon-Fri 8 am-6 pm.

#### **Program Education and Support**

- Provider Office Hours and myCAvax Training Sessions
- Weekly Calendar of Provider Webinars and Trainings
- Frequently Asked Questions Updated 7/22
- Guide to Other COVID-19 Vaccine Related Websites

#### Alerts:

#### Moderna 100

• Product No Longer Available for Order in myCAvax.

#### **No Missed Opportunities!**

 Vaccinate every eligible person who comes to your vaccination site—even if it means puncturing a vial at the end of the day. See Missed Vaccination Opportunities and Wastage job aid for details.

#### **CalVaxGrant for COVID-19 Vaccine Providers**

- Grants Up to \$55,000 Available for Support of Small Practices
- Register for an upcoming webinar to find out more:

Friday, July 30, 2021, at 1:00 PM Monday, August 9, 2021, at 9:00 AM

#### Now Enrolling Providers of Pediatric Services

- How to Enroll in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Recorded Webinar (slides) | Enrollment Steps | Begin Enrollment at myCAvax
- What to Expect After Enrolling: Recorded Webinar (slides)

#### Be Prepared for Power Shutoffs!

If your site does not have a generator, we recommend having a partner facility (out of the immediate area) to move vaccine to if power is lost.



### COVID-19 Vaccination Program Webinars and Training for Providers: **Week of July 26, 2021**

Note: Calendar subject to change

	Monday 7/26	Tuesday 7/27	Wednesday 7/28	Thursday 7/29	Friday 7/30
myCAvax	myCAvax Vaccine Order Request – with Q&A 10 am – 10:30 am PW: myCAvax2021!	What's New in myCAvax 12:30 – 1:00 pm PW: myCAvax2021!	Provider 101 Enrollment 10 am – 11 am PW: myCAvax2021! Afternoon TEAch: Planning for Fall: Pediatric Immunization and the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program 12 pm – 1:30 pm		
My Turn	Introduction to My Turn Onboarding On demand (archived link)				
Combined Office Hours	My Turn and myCAvax Office Hours 1 pm – 2 pm		My Turn and myCAvax Office Hours 12 pm – 1 pm PW: Immunize2020!		Provider Office Hours 9 am – 10 am PW: Immunize2021!
CalVax Grants					<u>CalVaxGrant</u> <u>Application Webinar</u> 10 am – 11 am
Help	Website: www.eziz.org/covid, FAQsMy Turn email: myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.govGeneral email: covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.govmyCAvax Help Desk Email: myCAvax.HD@accenture.comCDPH Provider Call Center: 1-833-502-1245, 8am-6pmPhone: (833) 502-1245, option 2				



Last updated: 7/22/21

### COVID-19 Vaccine Provider FAQs

- Answers to Provider questions
- Updated weekly: Last updated 07.22.2021
- Currently in its 29th iteration!

#### 1.7 Q: Can pediatric Providers also vaccinate family members of pediatric patients?

A: Yes. Although not required, pediatric Providers are encouraged to vaccinate family members of pediatric patients. Pediatric Providers must report all vaccine administration data to the immunization registry (IIS) through My Turn or the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). For more information about enrolling with a local registry, please visit <u>Steps</u> to Enrollment for Providers of Pediatric Services.

### 4.2 Q: Is a courier service available to transport vaccine between COVID-19 vaccine Providers using the myCAvax Vaccine Marketplace?

A: Yes. A courier service is available to transport vaccine between COVID-19 vaccine Providers using the myCAvax Vaccine Marketplace. To request a Vaccine Marketplace courier, Providers can contact the COVID-19 Provider Call Center via email at <u>covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov</u>, or by phone at 833.502.1245. For details on the Vaccine Marketplace, please visit Vaccine Marketplace Job Aid.

#### California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider FAQs

For Prospective, Newly Enrolled, and Current California COVID-19 Vaccine Providers. Providers may also visit <u>California COVID-19 Vaccination Program</u> for information and updates.

#### Directions: Click on a category to be directed to related FAQs.

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### **Provider FAQs on EZIZ**



# Wrap-up and Poll

Steve Vantine, California Department of Public Health



## Your Feedback is Important to Us

**Poll:** Following today's webinar, how likely are you to enroll in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program?

- A. Very likely
- B. Likely
- C. Not likely
- D. I do not plan to enroll at this time.





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## VFC Afternoon TEAch Q&A

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### **Q&A** Panel





### Thank you for your commitment to protect the health and well-being of all Californians



### And for joining today's webinar!

