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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: Enrollment, your first step to qualify for receiving teen COVID vaccine

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Key takeaways from this letter include:

- COVID-19 Vaccine eligibly will be expanded this week.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program is now enrolling adolescent care providers, including California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program participants.
- We invite you to register and join an enrollment webinar **today, 5/11/2021 at 5 pm**
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program participation is separate from VFC Program participation

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FDA has authorized emergency use for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents 12 through 15 years of age. After meetings this Wednesday, May 12, of the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Western States Scientific Review Work Group, vaccine eligibility could be expanded shortly.

Accordingly, the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program, in collaboration with the California Medical Association, is now enrolling additional adolescent care providers, including those participating in California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program such as you, to help immunize California's most vulnerable teens.

Provider Support for Enrollment in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program

We invite your staff to register and participate in an informational webinar today, **May 11, 2021 from 5-6 PM to learn about:**

- Enrollment in the California COVID Vaccination Program

- Federal participation requirements
- Preparing your practice for COVID Vaccination

The webinar will be archived at www.cmadocs.org/webinars and www.eziz.org/covid for those unable to attend.

Additional enrollment support for healthcare providers serving adolescents are available through:

- CMA resource center at vaccinenetwork@cmadocs.org or (800) 786-4262.
- California COVID-19 Program Provider Call Center at covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or (833) 502-1245, Mondays through Friday from 8AM–8PM.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Program differs from the California VFC Program:

- COVID-19 vaccines may be administered to eligible adults as well as adolescents.
- Participation requirements are summarized at https://eziz.org/assets/other/IMM-1295.pdf.
- An optional [Provider Enrollment Worksheet](#) helps guide your staff through enrollment process. Please do not submit worksheet paper forms to CDPH.
- myCAvax is used instead of MyVFCVaccines for all COVID-19 vaccine orders and management transactions, including vaccine transfers, waste reporting, shipping incidents, and temperature excursions.

  - Even so, the VFC vaccine Coordinator, shipping location, and hours of operation in mycavax must be the same as in your MYVFCVaccines account.
- Daily COVID-19 vaccine inventories must be reported to CDC using VaccineFinder
- MyTurn can assist in scheduling, and vaccine administration reporting.

Important Enrolment Considerations

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

- It is very important that your VFC vaccine Coordinator, shipping location, and hours of operation mirrors what is in your MYVFCVaccines account.
- Further program actions may be necessary to prevent shipping and communication issues if your COVID information is different from your current VFC information.

California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Resources

- Additional resources and program information is available on the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program website at [COVID-19 Vaccine – California Vaccines for Children (VFC) (eziz.org)](#).

QUESTIONS?
If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 vaccines or program participation, please call the California COVID-19 Program Provider Call Center at (833) 502-1245 or email covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov.

For non-COVID-19 questions, call VFC's Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC).