



VFC Providers: We Need Your Help in Vaccinating Against COVID-19!

COVID-19 vaccines for infants and toddlers are here! After [extensive clinical trials](#), the vaccines are proven to be safe and effective in protecting children ages 6 months and up against COVID-19. Infants and toddlers receive a smaller dose of the vaccine, and it is recommended that they are vaccinated against COVID-19 along with their other regular immunizations. Your ability to properly store vaccine, immunize young children, and serve as the medical home for infants and toddlers makes you ideal for the California COVID-19 Vaccine Program. Most pharmacies in California cannot vaccinate patients younger than 3 years old, so it is critical that your younger patients receive their vaccine at their medical home. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has also recently shared a message (see attached) with VFC Providers on the importance of your role and continued service to our nation's children.

Since COVID-19 vaccines cannot be ordered through the VFC Program, all providers interested in ordering and administering COVID vaccines will need to enroll in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Vaccines will then be available to request through the [myCAvax](#) system once your location is enrolled and approved. [Please consider enrolling if you have not already.](#)

Apply now for the KidsVaxGrant before the 7/15/22 deadline!

The [KidsVaxGrant](#) can reimburse practices up to \$25,000. This grant is available exclusively to VFC Providers through Friday, July 15, 2022.

Allowable expenses may include staffing, training, technology, infrastructure, supplies and equipment, and administrative overhead.

- VFC providers enrolling in myCAvax (from 12/17/21 through 7/15/22) could receive **\$10K** to support enrollment and launching a vaccination center!
- Enrolled providers could also receive **\$15K** for expanding operations a minimum of 15 hours to provide additional options for working families!

Funding is limited! Visit the [KidsVaxGrant](#) page for additional details.

Archived Infant/Toddler Webinars

CDPH Planning for Infant/Toddler COVID-19 Vaccinations with Dr. Erica Pan, Deputy Director, Center for Infectious Diseases, and CDPH SMEs

- [Archived Slides](#)
- [Archived Recording](#)

California Immunization Coalition (CIC) COVID Conversations #11 featuring Dr. Yvonne A. Maldonado, MD, FAAP, FPIDS, FIDSA, Stanford University School of Medicine, and Dr. Robert Schechter, MD, MSC, Chief Immunization Branch, CDPH.

- [Archived Slides](#)
- [Archived Recording](#)
- [California Immunization Coalition Webpage](#)

CDC/Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Webinar on Recommendations for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series in Children 6 Months through 5 Years Old

- [Archived Slides](#)
- [Archived Recording](#)

Get Started Today!

Training and support is available to help staff prepare for the new requirements and procedures. Visit the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program website](#) for more information. To get you started on talking through COVID vaccination with your infants and toddlers, please feel free to take advantage of the resources below which can also be found through the COVID-19 Vaccination Program website:

- [Recommending COVID-19 Vaccination: Clinical Talking Points for Providers of Pediatric Services](#)
- [Talking with Parents about COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Webinar Recording | Slides](#)
- [Giving all the Doses 12 Months and Older](#)
- [How to Hold Your Child During Vaccination](#)

- [What is Long COVID?](#)
- [Coadministration of COVID-19 with other Vaccines](#) | [Coadministration Tips](#) | [Preteens](#)
- [Tips to Ease Anxiety During Vaccination](#)

Thank you,



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