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TO: California Vaccines for Adult (VFA) Providers

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SUBJECT: 2023 Updates to Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Adult Immunization Recommendations and VFA Vaccine Policy; New CDC Hepatitis B Screening Guidance

Dear VFA Provider,

1. **ACIP 2023 Adult Immunization Schedule.**- Key updates include:

- Addition of COVID-19 vaccine primary series and booster to the routine adult schedule.
- Updated pneumococcal vaccine recommendations for people who previously received PCV13.
- Preferential recommendation for high dose, adjuvanted, or recombinant influenza vaccine for people age 65 years and older.
- Addition of new vaccines: Priorix (Measles, Mumps, Rubella; available from VFA) and PreHevbrio (Hepatitis B; not available in VFA).
- [Guidance](#) for additional doses of MMR vaccine during a mumps outbreak.
- [Guidance](#) for the use of inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) in people 18 years of age and older who are at increased risk for exposure to polio viruses.
- Guidance that serologic evidence of prior varicella is not necessary for zoster vaccination.
- Guidance describing the use of JYNNEOS vaccine for mpox prevention in at-risk populations.

2. **Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) or Polysaccharide Vaccine (PPSV) Updates**

- ACIP recommendations, summarized in updated [CDC](#) and [CDPH](#) Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing job aids, help clarify the use of PCV20 after receipt of PCV13 or PPSV23:

Vaccination Status	Option 1	Option 2
Received PCV13 and PPSV23 more than 5 years ago	PCV20	PPSV23
Adults 19 years and older; received PCV13 more than 1 year ago	PCV20	PPSV23

Availability through VFA during the quarterly ordering period closing on April 14, 2023

- PCV20 (Prevnar 20™, Pfizer): 10-packs of single dose syringes available.
- PCV15 (Vaxneuvance™, Merck): not offered.
- PPSV23 (Pneumovax®23): not offered.



### 3. **JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox:**

- Is given as two doses, with at least 28 days between each dose.
- Should be offered to persons at risk for exposure to mpox, especially persons living with HIV and other causes of immunosuppression.
- Should be offered to persons exposed to mpox, preferably within 4 days of exposure but can be offered up to 14 days post-exposure.
- Can be ordered via myCAvax. Please contact [mpoxvaccine@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:mpoxvaccine@cdph.ca.gov) for more information.

### 4. **Td Vaccine (TDVAX) Shortage Update**

- After distribution of Td vaccine was interrupted from December 2022 to March 2023, CDC has instituted temporary ordering controls to manage limited supplies.
- CDC recommends the **use of Tdap vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible**, at least until ordering controls are no longer needed.
  - 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. **New CDC Hepatitis B Screening Guidelines**

- [One-time screening of all adults is now recommended](#), utilizing a “triple panel” of:
  - hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg).
  - antibody to hepatitis B surface antigen (anti-HBs)
  - total antibody to hepatitis B core antigen (total anti-HBc).
- Persons with ongoing risk may be retested periodically.
- [New recommendation](#) for triple panel screening of pregnant people.
- [United States Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#) continues to recommend screening of adults based on risk factors described in previous [CDC recommendations](#). [California law \(AB 789\)](#) requires hepatitis B screening based on USPSTF guidance.
- [CDC recommends hepatitis B vaccination for all adults 19-59 years](#) who screen negative for hepatitis B. The first vaccine dose can be given on the same day as screening tests are ordered. Blood should be drawn before vaccine administration.
- New CDPH job aid now available summarizing recommendations for [HBV Screening and Vaccination in Adults](#).

### 6. **Resources**

#### ACIP or CDC Recommendations

- [2023 Adult Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Polio Vaccination Recommendations for Specific Groups \(2022\)](#)
- [Prevention of Varicella \(2007\)](#)
- [Use of JYNNEOS and ACAM2000 Vaccines during the 2022 U.S. Mpox Outbreak](#)

#### Hepatitis B

- CDPH: [HBV Screening and Vaccination in Adults](#)
- CDC: [Hepatitis B Screening and Testing — United States, 2023](#).
- ACIP: [Universal Hepatitis B Vaccination in Adults Aged 19–59 Years: 2022](#)
- [USPSTF Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults: Screening \(2020\)](#)
- [AB789 CDPH Letter, 03/2022](#) on hepatitis B and C screening requirements

Job Aids and Clinical Letters

- Influenza vaccine resources from [CDC](#) and [CDPH](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine resources from [CDC](#) and [CDPH](#)
- Pneumococcal vaccine timing guides from [CDC](#) and [CDPH](#)
- [VFA Priorix Letter](#)

VFA Program Materials

- AB 1797 ([CDPH FAQ](#)) Immunization registry reporting requirement
- [Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing Guide \(VFA-specific\)](#)
- [Hepatitis B vaccine Timing Guide \(VFA-specific\)](#)
- [2023 Program Participation Requirements At a Glance](#)
- CDPH VFA Program [Provider Agreement](#)
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