



**VFA Program  
Webinar Q&A Session  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**I. Program Updates**

1. **Q:** When does the next ordering period open?  
**A:** VFA plans to open ordering for Quarter 3 sometime late July to early August. An official announcement will be sent to all VFA providers when ordering is available.
  
2. **Q:** With health centers no longer able to order COVID vaccines from the HRSA program after August, will VFA make COVID vaccines available to order?  
**A:** We are working on implementing the Bridge Access Program and will certainly let all our VFA providers if/how they will be able to access doses for uninsured/underinsured adult patients. In addition, COVID-19 will not be available through VFA, but through the new Bridge Access Program. More information will be shared with FQHCs as program details are made available. I would recommend making sure you place a 6-8 week supply with the last HRSA ordering cycle.
  
3. **Q:** Do we have a general idea how strict the ordering caps will be this quarter?  
**A:** Due to our limited 317 Federal Fiscal Year funds, VFA will reduce Quarter 3 ordering by 60% of the VFA clinic's Quarter 2 order. For providers who did not order in Quarter 2, a minimum number of doses will be approved.
  
4. **Q:** Will enrollment to VFA Program open later in the year?  
**A:** No. We are not planning on opening enrollment the rest of this year; however, once we anticipate opening enrollment again; we will promote that to all our VFA contacts. If you have more questions, please contact us at [my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov).
  
5. **Q:** Where can we pull the IIS Data reports?  
**A:** You can access these reports when you log into your MyVFCVaccines account. The report is posted in the home page. The 2022 annual report is now posted. We anticipate releasing the biannual 2023 report that will include Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 data sometime in August.

**II. Best Practices for Adult Immunizations – AltaMed Medical Group**

1. **Q:** Is Care Gap a program?  
**A:** "Care Gap" is not a program. It is section/feature in the clinic's EHR.



2. **Q:** Is there a way we can get more information about standing orders for vaccinations? Are standing orders created by RNs, and physicians?

**A:** This is a combined effort at AltaMed. Our Director of Vaccines writes the standing orders while collaborating with the organization's MD partners.

3. **Q:** Would it be possible to have a copy or template of a standing order for vaccinations to create?

**A:** You can find templates/example from the CDC and Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) websites.

IAC: <https://www.immunize.org/standing-orders/>

CDC: COVID Bivalent vaccine for months to 5 years: [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/downloads/infant\\_standing-orders.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/downloads/infant_standing-orders.pdf)

### III. **ACIP/Clinical Updates**

1. **Q:** Is it OK to give the Flu vaccine when a patient has allergies to eggs?

**A:** Yes. That is the new CDC recommendation. Keep an eye out for the updated MMWR and the details about this recommendation will be in the updated guidance.