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Agenda

• Program Overview
• Vaccines – Ordering, Reporting, and Documentation
• Patient Eligibility
• Storage and Handling
• Adult IZ Resources
• Q&A Session
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NISHA GANDHI, MPH
California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Overview

Program Goals and Objectives

- To provide vaccines at no cost to eligible adults
  - Expand access to 317-funded vaccines to Community Health Centers (CHCs) in California

- To integrate the standards for adult immunization practice into routine adult clinical care
  - **ASSESS** immunization status of all adult patients at every visit
  - Strongly **RECOMMEND** vaccines that adult patients need
  - **ADMINISTER** needed vaccines or **REFER** to a provider who can immunize
  - **DOCUMENT** vaccines received by your adult patients
Catch Up Your Adult Patients!

Non-Flu, Non-COVID Doses Submitted to CAIR2 for Adults 19 Yrs and Older By Month, Jan 2019 – July 2021

California Immunization Registry (CAIR) 2021 doses still indicate a need to catch up on missed doses in 2020.

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* Dose ratio: 2019 doses submitted are used as the pre-pandemic baseline; 2021 and 2020 doses are compared to this baseline for the calculation of dose ratios.
Community Health Centers (CHCs) that can demonstrate:

- Participation in the CA Vaccines for Children Program (VFC);
- Experience providing a safety net for uninsured and underinsured adults;
- Participation in an Immunization Information System (e.g., California Immunization Registry - CAIR) or use of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system

Total of 595 providers enrolled in the VFA Program

Resource: VFA Program Overview
VFA VACCINES – ORDERING, REPORTING, AND DOCUMENTATION

NISHA GANDHI, MPH
VFA Vaccines

Most ACIP-recommended adult vaccines are available through the program:

- ✓ Hep A
- ✓ Hep B
- ✓ HPV
- ✓ MCV4
- ✓ MMR
- ✓ PCV13
- ✓ PPSV23
- ✓ Td ONLY when Tdap is not indicated
- ✓ Tdap
- ✓ Varicella
- ✓ Zoster
Vaccine-Related Charges

To reduce financial barriers for eligible patients and ensure that they will not incur additional costs outside of any routine copay for the clinic visit, program sites shall:

• Not charge eligible patients or third-party payers for the cost of VFA vaccines.
• Not charge a vaccine administration fee to eligible patients for VFA vaccines.
• Prominently post a sign (such as the VFA poster) clearly visible to patients which states that:
  “FREE vaccines are available to adult patients who are uninsured or have insurance that doesn’t cover (certain) vaccines. We do not charge these patients for getting the vaccine or for the cost of the vaccine.”
Vaccine Ordering and Reporting

• Quarterly ordering and reporting of inventory and doses administered
• Ordering and reporting done at the clinical site level (vs. organization-level)
• **New providers will be able to order VFA vaccine from August 30th, 2021, through September 24, 2021.**
• Subsequent orders should be submitted on a **quarterly** basis (the next open ordering period will not be until January 2022).
Vaccine Documentation and Reporting

• Immunization of patients will be documented using either the local immunization information system (IIS): CAIR2/SDIR/Healthy Futures; or Electronic Health Record (EHR).

• Review doses reported in the IIS a minimum of every six months.
Vaccine Documentation

• In 2022, you will be required to submit all VFA doses accurately (labeled "317") to an IIS (CAIR/SDIR/Healthy Futures). Prepare now!
• If you have questions:
  • CAIR data exchange user Local Data Exchange Representative
  • CAIR manual entry user Local CAIR Representative
  • SDIR user: Phone: 619-692-5656 Email: sdir.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov
  • Healthy Futures users: Phone: 209-468-2292 Email: support@myhealthyfutures.org
Federal law (42 U.S.C. §300aa-25) requires that providers include all of the following:

- name of the vaccine
- date given
- route and administration site
- lot number and manufacturer
- name and title of the person who administered the vaccine
- practice’s name and address
- VIS publication date and date VIS was provided
Vaccine Documentation Tips

- Review all required vaccine documentation elements
- Add “hard stops” to your EHR/EMR (if applicable) so that staff have to fill them out before exiting the record.
- Ensure that all staff, including new staff, have their credentialing added correctly to their EHR staffing profile.
PATIENT ELIGIBILITY

NISHA GANDHI, MPH
VFA Patient Eligibility

Patients 19 years of age and older who are

• Uninsured: Does not have (public or private) health insurance coverage.

OR

• Underinsured: Has health insurance but coverage
  ➢ does not include vaccines OR
  ➢ covers only select vaccines.

Resource:

✓ Eligibility Based on Insurance Status
✓ FAQs (Part II. Patient Eligibility)
Patients NOT Eligible for VFA

- Full Scope Medi-Cal FFS or Managed Care
- Share of Cost Medi-Cal
- Pregnancy-Only (otherwise known as Presumptive Eligibility) Medi-Cal
- Medicare Part B AND Part D
- Private insurance coverage for vaccines EVEN IF patient has
  - A high deductible or co-pay
  - A deductible that has not been met
  - Insurance with cost-sharing (and must pay out of pocket)
VFA Eligibility Documentation

At each IZ visit, providers are required to screen for and document, in the EHR or registry, the

- screening date,
- VFA eligibility (Y/N). If yes, list eligibility criteria:
  - date of birth [to verify age 19+] AND
  - uninsured OR underinsured

Resources:

- 317 (VFA) Eligibility Screening Record | Spanish
- Program Participation Requirements at a Glance (Eligibility Screening & Documentation section)
VFA Eligibility Documentation Tips

Determine best method of capturing eligibility screening elements:

- **Strongly Recommended**: Modify (VFC Eligibility section in) your EHR to include fields that capture VFA eligibility
- Systematically note eligibility elements in the EHR comments/notes
- Scan completed 317 Eligibility Screening form into the patient’s EHR record
STORAGE AND HANDLING REQUIREMENTS

CHRISTINA SAPAD, MPA
Key Elements in Storage and Handling

- Skilled and trained staff
- Written Vaccine Management Plans
- Appropriate vaccine storage units
- Accurate temperature monitoring equipment
- Proper temperature monitoring AND documentation
VFA Vaccine Storage Requirements

- Storage of VFA vaccines must meet the same requirements as VFC vaccines, even when stored in separate units and managed by different staff.
  - Store and label VFA, VFC and privately-purchased vaccines separately and grouped by vaccine type
  - Utilize vaccine refrigerators and freezers that meet VFC requirements
  - Utilize DDLs that meet VFC requirements
  - Monitor and document MIN/MAX/CURRENT temperatures twice each day using VFC temperature logs
  - Download and review temperature data files for any unreported out-of-range temperatures at the end of every two-week reporting period
  - Identify and report every temperature excursion to the Storage and Handling Online Triage System (SHOTS) at MyVFCvaccines.org and comply with any instructions provided.
Vaccine Shipments

Label vaccines received according to their funding source and store them in the pre-designated shelf/area of the vaccine storage unit.

Determine which vaccine is 317 vaccine.

Separate and clearly label 317, VFC, and privately purchased stock. Many practices keep vaccines on different shelves to avoid mixing inventory.
ADULT IMMUNIZATION RESOURCES

ANYA GUTMAN, MPH
VFA Materials

VFA Program Resources
bit.do/VFAresources

VACCINE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
For FOHCs, FOHC Look- Alikes and Rural Health Centers (RHC) enrolled in the California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) and Vaccines for Children (VFC) Programs

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VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status

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Insurance NOT through Medi-Cal or Medicare

Only eligible for VFA vaccines that are NOT covered by patient’s private insurance plan³

CA Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status

³Fully insured adults whose insurance covers the cost of the vaccine(s) are NOT eligible for VFA vaccine(s), even if the insurance includes a high deductible or co-pay, the plan’s deductible has not been met, or the insurance has cost sharing.

VFA Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch
Free Vaccines for Adults

Ask us about getting these vaccines for free* if:

- You are uninsured or
- Your insurance doesn’t cover these vaccines

* No charge for getting the vaccine or for the cost of the vaccine. Check with office staff as other fees may apply.

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human Papillomavirus
- Meningitis
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella
- Pneumonia
- Tetanus, Diphtheria
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough
- Chickenpox
- Shingles

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Hepatitis B Vaccine – 2 or 3 Doses?

**For Adults 18+ Years:**

- **HEPLISAV-B**: 2 DOSES
- **Engerix-B** or **Recombivax HB**: 3 DOSES

Two doses complete the series, even if other hepatitis B vaccine was given at any time.

**COVID-19 co-administration with other vaccines job aid**

**Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing**

2021 Adult Immunization Schedule (CDC)

**Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 15 years or older**

- Hep B Vaccine Timing Guide
- Dose, Route, Site and Needle Size (IAC)
- Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing Guide (Adults)
Patient Education Resources

Click on “Adults” tab

HEPATITIS

Virus is spreading: Get immunized

Why should I care about Hepatitis A?

Several states have outbreaks of Hepatitis A. The disease can easily spread from person to person and causes severe illness.餐具 often last for many months. Some people do not have symptoms. If you are eating dairy or living with someone who has Hepatitis A, you are at greater risk for catching Hepatitis A.

I think I may be at risk for catching Hepatitis A. What can I do?

- Get the Hepatitis A shot.
- Wash your hands with soap and water after using the bathroom and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid having sex with people with Hepatitis A.
- Don’t share toothbrushes, food, drinks, or smoke.

What are the symptoms of Hepatitis A?

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Nausea
- Loss of appetite
- Joint pain
- Stomach pain
- Swelling
- Dark urine, pale stools, and diarrhea

If you think you have Hepatitis A, see your doctor or visit the closest emergency room.

For More Information:
- Contact [enter contact information for your county here]
- Dial 2-1-1 to learn where you can get the Hepatitis A vaccine

50+?

Protect Against Shingles!

What is Shingles?

- Shingles is a painful rash that can cause long-term nerve pain.
- 1 out of 3 people in the U.S. will get shingles. Your risk goes up as you age.
- Serious complications include pain that can last for months.

Get 2-doses of the New Shingles Vaccine (Shingrix®)

I got another shingles vaccine before 2018.

Do I need the new vaccine?

Yes! It’s over 90% effective in preventing shingles.

I had shingles already. Do I still need this shot?

Yes! The vaccine can prevent shingles from happening again.

How many shots of the new vaccine do I need?

Two. Come back for the 2nd shot 2-6 months after the first.

Is Shingrix® covered by my health plan?

Shingrix® is covered by most private insurance, Medicare Part D, and Medi-Cal. Call your plan to confirm coverage or fees.

What should I expect after my shot?

Commonly, people have a sore arm or swelling where the shot was given. Occasional side effects include pain, redness, and swelling. Rare side effects can include fever, chills or rash.

Jim’s Story

We’ve been to multiple emergency room visits, multiple eye specialists...and it’s going on four years.

—Jim, shingles survivor.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for the new shingles shot today!

Do you smoke? Have asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system?

You may be at high risk for pneumonia shots.

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch
Patient Education Resources

“My dad got shingles, my wife got whooping cough, that’s why I’m getting the vaccines I need.”

Hep A/Hep B vaccination posters (CDC)

“Hepatitis A and B Vaccination.

There’s no question – it’s easy prevention. Gay and bisexual men are at risk for hepatitis A and B.

Take charge. Protect yourself. Get vaccinated.
www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/MSMVaccination

11” x 17” poster (CDC)

“Me vacuno para mantenerme saludable para mi familia.”

11” x 17” poster in Spanish (CDC)
Print Materials

Order from your Local Health Dept.

*Reference IMM # below when making request for copies.

Patient IZ Reminder Postcards (HIPAA Compliant) IMM-794

Get your pneumonia shots. They might save your life.
Learn more at cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

2021 Adult Immunization Schedule (IMM-746)

Do you smoke?
Have asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system?

You may be at high risk for pneumonia—a serious lung infection
Pneumonia can be life-threatening!
- 100,000 Americans get pneumonia every year
- Nearly half a million are hospitalized
- About 1 in 20 die

If you are 1 or older with any of these conditions, ask your doctor about getting pneumonia shots (pneumococcal [NEW-roe-MOK-uhl] vaccines):
- Cigarette smoker
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Certain cancers or having chemotherapy
- Heart, kidney, and liver diseases
- Sickle cell disease
- Gastrointestinal fluid leaks
- A central implant
- HIV/AIDS
- A bone marrow or organ transplant

Recommendations for the Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older

Vaccines to prevent vaccine-preventable diseases or outbreaks in the local state health department
- Cervical cancer: HPV.*
- Shingles: Zostavax.
- Meningococcal meningitis: MenACWY.
- Pneumococcal pneumonia:
  - Age 65 and over: PPSV23.
  - Age 2-64: PCV13.
- Influenza: Fluzone, Fluvax.

Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule

How to use the adult immunization schedule
1. Determine recommended vaccinations by age (Table 1).
2. Assess need for additional recommended vaccinations for medical conditions and other initiatives (Table 2).
3. Remove vaccine (name, frequency, and strength) and consideration special instructions (Table 3).

**Recommendations for the Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older

Updated 2021

Vaccines in the Adult Immunization Schedule*

- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Influenza
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine
- Influenza
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine

Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule 2021


Report
- Adverse events or serious side effects or vaccine-preventable diseases or outbreaks to the local state health department.
- Usually significant postvaccination reactions to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System at www.vaers.hhs.gov or 1-800-822-7967

Questions or comments?
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- Email vaers@hcp.hrsa.gov.

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Recommendations for the Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older

Table 1: Recommended vaccinations for age 19 years or older

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Additional Resources

- **VFA Resources** page
- **Don't Wait Vaccinate Campaign Toolkit**: social media images/messages, talking points, robocall and provider to patient template messages
- **Adult Vaccination Resources** (CDC): resources for providers and adult patients
- **Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide** (IAC): practical info to help you implement/enhance adult immunization services
- **IAC Express**: Weekly e-news including resources from CDC and IAC
- **Coadministration with other vaccines job aid**: COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing.
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
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