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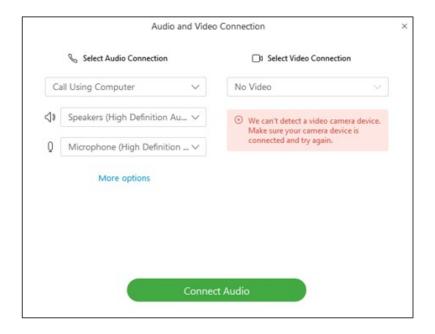


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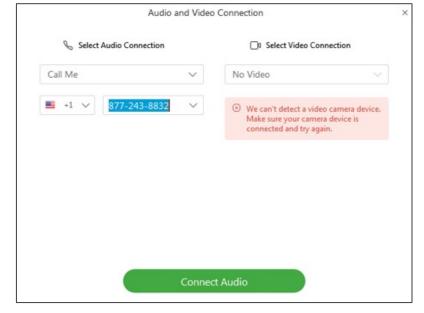


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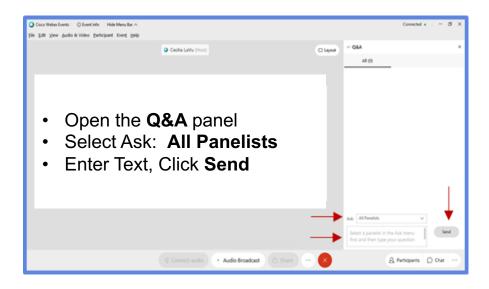


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Agenda

- 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

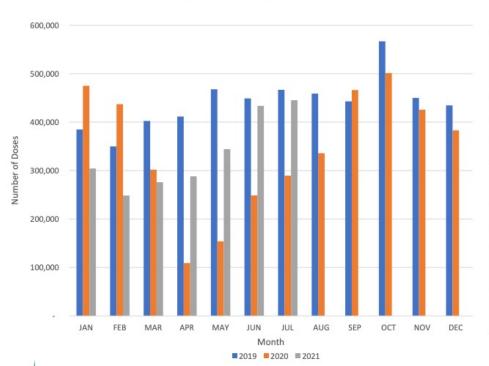
Program Goals and Objectives

- 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 <u>standards for adult immunization practice</u> 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



| Month | Dose Ratio& (2020/2019) | Dose Ratio& (2021/2019) |
|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAN | 1.23 | 0.79 |
| FEB | 1.25 | 0.71 |
| MAR | 0.75 | 0.69 |
| APR | 0.26 | 0.70 |
| MAY | 0.33 | 0.74 |
| JUN | 0.55 | 0.97 |
| JUL | 0.62 | 0.95 |
| AUG | 0.73 | |
| SEP | 1.05 | |
| ост | 0.88 | |
| NOV | 0.95 | |
| DEC | 0.88 | |

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



[&]amp; 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.



VFA Providers

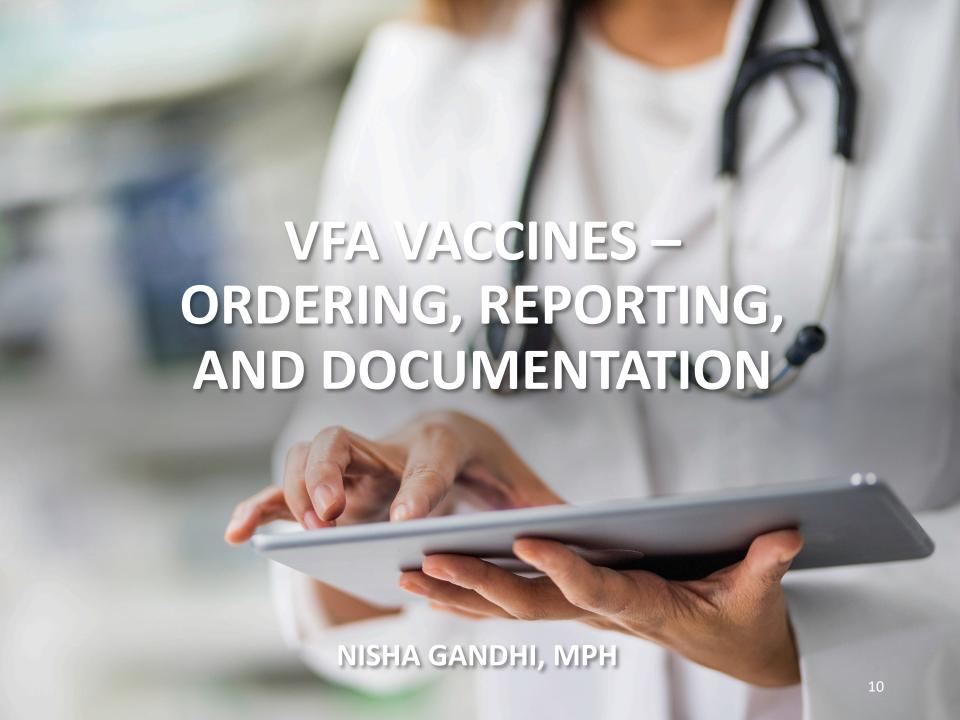
Community Health Centers (CHCs) that can demonstrate:

- ➤ 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

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 <u>post a sign</u> (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 <u>VFA</u>
 <u>vaccine</u> from August 30th, 2021, through
 September 24, 2021.
- Subsequent orders should be submitted on a <u>quarterly</u> 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 <u>Local Data</u> <u>Exchange Representative</u>
 - CAIR manual entry user <u>Local CAIR</u> <u>Representative</u>
 - <u>SDIR</u> user: Phone: 619-692-5656 Email: <u>sdir.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>
 - <u>Healthy Futures</u> users: Phone: 209-468-2292 Email: <u>support@myhealthyfutures.org</u>





Vaccine Documentation

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

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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
- ✓ <u>Program Participation Requirements at a Glance</u> (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 <u>317 Eligibility Screening form</u> into the patient's EHR record





STORAGE AND HANDLING REQUIREMENTS

CHRISTINA SAPAD, MPA

Key Elements in Storage and Handling





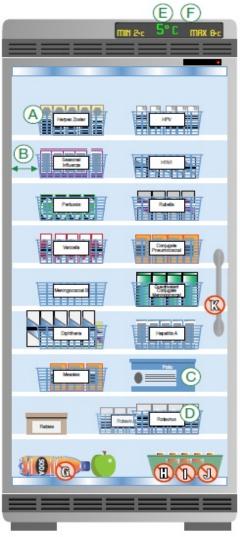
Appropriate vaccine storage units

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

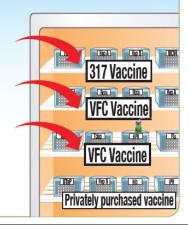
Label vaccines received according to their funding source and store them in the pre-designated shelf/area of the vaccine storage unit.



doses

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.





County-purchased



ADULT IMMUNIZATION RESOURCES

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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



| | Vaccines for Children (VFC) Funded Vaccine | California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) 317-Funded Vaccine |
|-------------|---|---|
| Age | Children birth through 18 years of age meeting any of these eligi- bility criteria: | Adults 19 years of age and older meeting one of the following eligibility criteria: |
| Eligibility | Medi-Cal/CHDP eligible Uninsured (no health insurance) Underinsured (health insurance does not cover vaccines or only covers select vaccines (only eligible at FQHCs and RHCs). American Indian & Alaskan Native | Uninsured (no health insurance) Underinsured (Eligible only if listed vaccines are not covered by insurance) Note: Fully insurance) Note: Fully insured adults are not eligible to receive VFA vacciner (adults enrolled in Medi-Call Medi-Call managed care plans are considered fully insured). |
| Vaccine | | V Hepatitis A V Hepatitis B V HPV Meningococal Conjugate (MCV4) MMR V Pneumococal Conjugate (PCV13) V Poeumococal Polysacharide (PPSV23) Td ONLY when Tdap is not indicated V Varicella Zoster |

Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines

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



| Patient Health Insurance Status | VFA (317 – Funded Vaccine) Eligibility |
|--|---|
| Uninsured/No Insurance (includes those who receive primary care through county safety net programs; these are NOT considered health insurance) | Eligible for ALL VFA vaccines |
| Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service/ Medi-Cal Managed Care bit.do/healthplandirectory | NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines ¹ |
| Medicare Part B (medical benefit)² AND Part D (prescription drug benefit) | NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines |
| Medicare Part B Alone ² | Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: - Zoster - Tdap - Td if patient does NOT have a wound - Hep B if patient NOT high or intermediate risk |
| Medicare Part D Alone ³ | Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: - PPSV23 - PCV13 - Hep B |
| Insurance NOT through Medi-Cal or Medicare | Only eligible for VFA vaccines that are NOT covered by patient's private insurance plan ⁴ |

¹Full scope Medi-Cal covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines.

³Medicare Part B covers medical services including: influenza, pneumococcal (PPSV23 and PCV13), and other vaccines (such as Td, Hep B, Hep A, and Rabies vaccines) directly related to the treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition. As such, Medicare Part B will cover Td as preventative care for tetanus when patient has a wound. Similarly, Hep B vaccine is only available to low-risk patients through VFA because Medicare Part B will cover Hep B vaccine when a patient is considered high or intermediate risk for contracting Hepatitis B:

- · End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) patients;
- Hemophiliacs who receive Factor VIII or IX concentrates
- · Clients of institutions for the mentally disabled:
- · Persons who live in the same household as a Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) carrier, · Men who have sex with men;
- · Illicit injectable drug users;
- · Persons diagnosed with diabetes mellitus:
- · Staff in institutions for the mentally disabled; and
- Workers in health care professions who have frequent contact with blood or blood-derived body fluids during routine work.

³Except for vaccines covered under Part B, Medicare Part D covers all commercially available vaccines as long as the vaccine is reasonable and necessary to prevent illness. Contact your patient's plan to find out about coverage

Fully 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

VFA Poster

VFA Patient Vaccine Poster

Spanish

<u>Arabic</u>

Armenian

Cambodian

Chinese (Simplified)

Farsi

Hindi

Hmong

Japanese

Korean

<u>Lao</u>

Portuguese

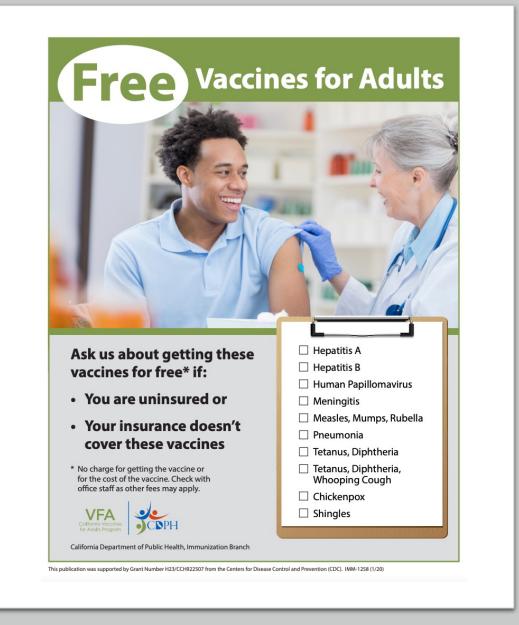
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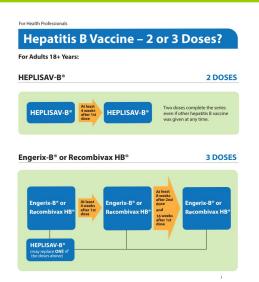
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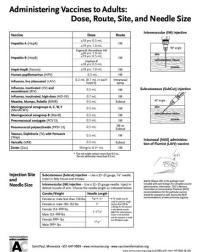
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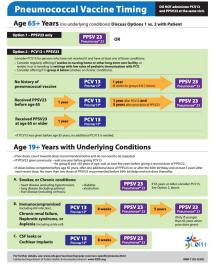
Job Aids



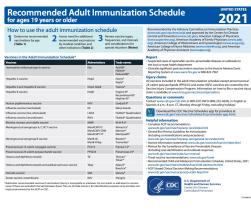
Hep B Vaccine Timing Guide



<u>Dose, Route, Site</u> and Needle Size (IAC)



Pneumococcal
Vaccine Timing
Guide (Adults)



2021 Adult
Immunization
Schedule (CDC)

COVID-19 coadministration with other vaccines job aid

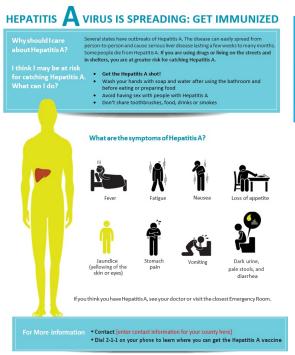


COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccine and other vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days. The benefits of coadministration and timely catch up on vaccinations outweigh any theoretical risk. New data shows that immunogenicity and adverse event profiles are generally similar when vaccines are administered simultaneously as when they are administered alone.



Patient Education Resources

Click on "Adults" tab







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

Jim's Story

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

—Jim, shingles survivor. See full "A Shingles Story" at ShotByShot.org

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

Do you smoke?



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Get your pneumonia shots.

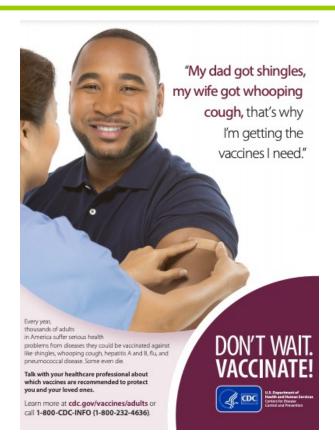
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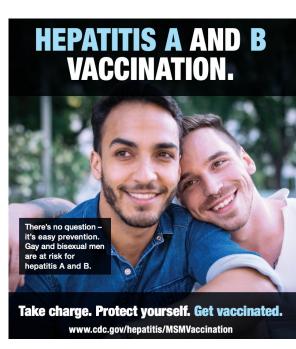
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Patient Education Resources



11" x 17" poster (CDC)



Hep A/Hep B vaccination posters (CDC)



11" x 17" poster in Spanish (CDC)

Print Materials

Order from your Local Health Dept.

*Reference IMM # below when making request for copies.

Sticker rolls IMM-1121



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



You may be at high risk for pneumoniaa serious lung infection

- Pneumonia can be life-threatening!

 900.000 Americans get pneumonia every year.
- Nearly half a million are hospitalized.
- About 1 in 20 dies.

If you are 19 or older with any of these conditions, ask your doctor about getting pneumonia shots (pneumococcal INFW-moe-KOK-all vaccines).

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- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✔ Certain cancers or
- having chemotherapy

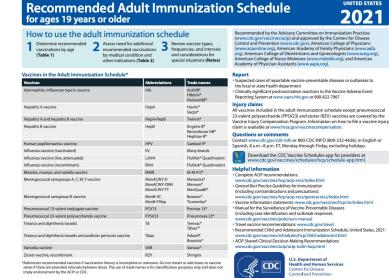
 Heart, kidney, and
- ✓ Cerebrospinal fluid leaks
 ✓ A cochlear implant
- ✓ A cochlear implant
 ✓ HIV/AIDS
- A bone marrow or organ transplant

Get your pneumonia shots.

Learn more at cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDC-INFC

English | Spanish

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2021 Adult Immunization Schedule (IMM-746)



Patient IZ Reminder
Postcards
(HIPAA Compliant)
IMM-794



Additional Resources

- VFA Resources page
- <u>Don't Wait Vaccinate Campaign Toolkit</u>: 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
- <u>IAC Express</u>: 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.



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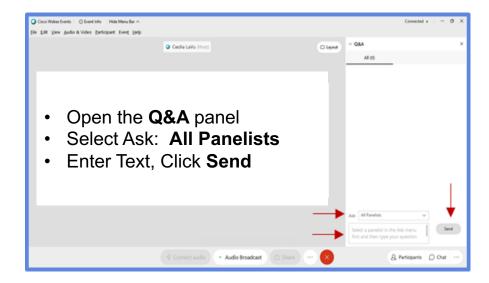
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