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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

COVID-19 Vaccination and Boosters

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Background

Surges in COVID-19 cases due to spread of the Omicron variant in Europe and the Eastern United States predict an imminent and rapid rise in COVID-19 infections in Marin County.

Early data suggests strongly that a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine confers significant protection from hospitalization and death in persons infected with the Omicron variant.

This advisory urges all Marin County healthcare providers to a) gain capacity to provide COVID-19 vaccinations and b) optimize the delivery of booster doses to eligible patients. As SARS-CoV-2 becomes a permanent part of our natural environment, COVID-19 prevention through vaccination must become a routine element of healthcare practice.

In order to increase transparency and enhanced access to vaccinations for our residents, on Monday, December 27th, a list of medical practices within the county that have been approved to provide COVID-19 vaccinations will be published on the Marin County website. Ongoing, the website will publicize the number of vaccines administered by each vaccine provider in Marin County on a weekly basis.

While Marin has the highest vaccination rates in the state, 97 thousand Marin County residents – more than one third of the county population—have not yet receive a booster dose and are eligible.

Barriers to clinic-based vaccinations have reduced significantly, supporting the shift of COVID-19 vaccination from public health to health care.

- The Pfizer vaccine is now easier to store: Up to 10 weeks in a Refrigerator. Ultra-low freezers are no longer required.
- Vaccines are no-cost to patients or providers, and each dose allows for reimbursement to vaccine providers (including a \$40 administration fee).
- Healthcare providers can receive \$10,000 for up to five COVID-19 vaccination sites. To receive this incentive, providers must [initiate the application](#) by Friday, December 17.

Actions Requested of Healthcare Providers

1. In order to offer vaccinations, Marin healthcare providers must be enrolled in the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#).

2. If you are not enrolled, complete the application in [myCAvax](#). The COVID-19 Call Center for Providers can answer questions about program requirements, enrollment, and vaccine distribution (covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or (833) 502-1245).
3. Initiate the application by Friday December 17 to qualify for additional financial incentives under the myCAvax grant.
4. Alert your patients who are eligible for boosters to obtain a booster shot. If it is necessary to prioritize within your patient population, recognize that those age 55 and older are at higher risk for hospitalization in breakthrough infections.