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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**

### **Background**

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On April 19, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [issued guidance](#) simplifying COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and updating bivalent booster recommendations for older or immunocompromised adults. Additionally, COVID-19 vaccine is now included in the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended immunization schedules for [children and adolescents](#), and [adults](#).

Optimizing COVID-19 vaccination depends on ensuring ready access for all residents. Since 2020, COVID-19 vaccine availability has greatly expanded. With the end of pandemic public health emergencies, vaccination services have shifted from government to traditional vaccination settings. All health care providers and pharmacies can and should now access the federal supply of COVID-19 vaccine through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Marin Public Health will no longer provide regular local distribution and pickups of COVID-19 vaccine to providers after Friday, May 12, 2023.

### **Actions Requested of Providers**

- Review updated [CDC guidance](#).
  - Monovalent (original) mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are [no longer authorized](#) for use.
- Offer a second bivalent vaccine to those who are now eligible. Identify patients who have not received their COVID-19 vaccine or booster and perform outreach to arrange vaccination.
  - Screen patients for eligibility and [medical contraindications and precautions to COVID-19 vaccination](#).
  - Never miss a vaccination opportunity because of fear of vaccine wastage. Vaccine wastage is expected and may be unavoidable.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccine product availability and clinical recommendations by visiting the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) website and attending their weekly webinar, [COVID-19 Consolidated Vaccine and Therapeutics Provider Webinar](#).
- Review updated [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#).
  - Dispose of all inventory upon deauthorization and report wastage in myCAvax under the "Other" category, as the type of waste.
- Integrate COVID-19 vaccine procurement and administration into regular clinic operations.
  - Enroll in myCAvax to procure [COVID-19 vaccine products](#). If not already enrolled, use the [Provider Startup Worksheet](#).

- Order COVID-19 vaccine for direct shipment to your organization.
  - Order vaccine at least 10 days ahead to cover your vaccine needs.
  - Order small quantities and order frequently to avoid wastage. Novavax is now available in a new 5-Dose vial presentation.
- Maintain a supply of vaccine to meet patient demand; consider seasonal surges in COVID-19 illness, new vaccine products, and updated [vaccination timing](#).
- Store, handle, track, and report COVID-19 vaccine as required by the CDPH and as outlined in the [California COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Operations Manual \(POM\)](#).

### **References**

[COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Resource Guide](#)

[CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Updates for Providers](#)

[CDPH Provider Operations Manual](#)