To: CAHAN San Diego Participants  
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From: Public Health Services  

Health Advisory Update #52: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine Update: Second Boosters

Key Messages

- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have approved the COVID-19 mRNA boosters for all persons age ≥50 years, and those ≥12 years that have moderate to severe immune compromise conditions.  
- CDC issued an additional recommendation that any adult (≥18 who years) who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine also receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.  
- The additional booster may be given at least 4 months after the first COVID-19 booster.

Situation

On March 29, 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a 2nd booster of mRNA vaccines.  
- For all adults ≥ 50 years of age, a 2nd booster of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine may be administered beginning at least 4 months after receipt of a 1st booster dose (Pfizer, Moderna, or Janssen/Johnson & Johnson).  
- For moderately to severely immunocompromised persons,  
  - A 2nd Pfizer booster may be administered to those ≥ 12 years of age beginning at least 4 months after the 1st booster.  
  - A 2nd Moderna booster may be administered to those ≥ 18 years of age beginning at least 4 months after the first booster  

The same day, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a statement in support of the FDA’s authorized 2nd booster for the specified groups. Separately and in addition, CDC added another recommendation based on newly published data.  
- Any adult (≥18 who years) who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months earlier is eligible to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup issued a statement supporting the additional boosters recommended by CDC on March 30, 2022.

MyTurn.ca.gov is currently being updated to reflect the expanded eligibility. The parents and guardians of eligible persons ages 12–17 years, are encouraged to check with their teen’s health care provider to schedule their booster appointment.
Actions Requested

1. If not already enrolled, providers can listen to the recorded webinar on how to enroll in the California COVID-19 vaccination program and participate in COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Remain up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccine clinical considerations, including contraindications and precautions.
3. Report vaccine-related adverse events and deaths, as well as vaccine administration errors to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), and to the County Immunization Program at IZINFO.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov or Fax: (619) 692-5677.

Resources

- Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet, Pfizer Vaccine 12 years of age and older, purple cap (must dilute) (fda.gov)
- Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet, Pfizer Vaccine for 12 years of age and older, gray cap (no dilution) (fda.gov)
- Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet, Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine HCP FS Purple Label 03292022 (fda.gov)
- Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet, Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine HCP FS Light Blue Label 03292022 (fda.gov)
- Vaccine Resources and Guidance (SanDiegoCounty.gov)

Thank you for your participation.

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