



To: CAHAN San Diego Participants

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From: Public Health Services

Health Advisory Update #62: COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Deauthorization of Monovalent mRNA Vaccines

Key Messages

- On April 18, 2023, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced changes to the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) for mRNA (Pfizer and Moderna) COVID-19 vaccines:
 - Monovalent Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are no longer authorized for use in the United States.
 - Authorization of the bivalent mRNA vaccines (original and Omicron BA.4/BA.5 strains) to be used for all doses administered to individuals ≥ 6 months of age.
 - Authorization of an additional bivalent dose for individuals ≥ 65 years of age.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) to reflect these changes.

Situation

Following thorough evaluation, on April 18, 2023, the FDA [amended the EUAs for Pfizer and Moderna COVID 19 vaccines](#). On April 19, 2023, the CDC [endorsed the FDA changes](#). For additional information, review CDC's updated [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Additional CDC updates on COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for persons with [moderate or severe immune compromise will be available soon](#).

Actions Requested

1. **Stay up to date** on CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#), including updates, if any, for immunocompromised patients.
2. **Replace** the monovalent primary series doses with the bivalent vaccine for all ages in accordance with CDC recommendations.
3. **Provide additional bivalent boosters** to persons ≥ 65 years of age.
4. **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

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers | FDA](#)
- [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers | FDA](#)

Thank you for your participation.

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