



To: CAHAN San Diego Participants

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From: Public Health Services

Health Advisory Update #33: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine Update: Pfizer Vaccine Age Indication

Key Messages

- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine can now be administered to 12–15-year-olds using the same dosing and schedule as used in the 16 years and older population.
- A Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) on vaccination of adolescents with Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is scheduled for [May 14, 2021, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm \(PT\)](#).

Situation

On May 10, 2021, [FDA extended the Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children 12 to 15 years of age](#) using the same dosing and schedule as used in the 16 years and older population. FDA has updated fact sheets for [providers](#) and [recipient and caregivers](#) that are now available. Also updated is the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) to include, “What data did the FDA evaluate to support Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in individuals 12 through 15 years of age?”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [reviewed the safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy data on the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on May 12](#) and voted to approve the age expansion under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The Western State’s Scientific Advisory Committee completed its own [review and agreed with the ACIP recommendation](#).

Parental/guardian consent is required for vaccination of minors. Acceptable forms of documentation can be found on the [San Diego County webpage](#). A CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) on use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents is scheduled for [May 14, 2021, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm \(PT\)](#).

A new American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) [Policy Statement supports co-administration of COVID-19 vaccine](#) with routine immunizations to catch children up on any missed vaccine. ACIP now also supports co-administration and CDC [clinical considerations](#) are expected to be updated soon. CDC has developed a [Pediatric Healthcare Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit](#) to assist in the messaging to parents/guardians about the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and assuring them that [COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective](#).

Actions Requested

1. If not already enrolled, pediatric 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. Providers providing Pfizer vaccine should consider coadministration of routine vaccines with COVID-19 vaccine to catch children up on any missed vaccines.
4. Providers not providing COVID vaccine should advise parents that only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for children age 12 and older, that parental consent will be required, and that [documentation](#) is required.
5. Report vaccine-related adverse events and deaths and 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

[Vaccine Resources and Guidance \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](#)

[Let's Get to Immunity Toolkit \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Pediatric Healthcare Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit | CDC](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkits | CDC](#)

Thank you for your participation.

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