



Monthly Immunization Update

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Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily and maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Thank you!

New Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Vaccine

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<i>Amendment to EUA's for COVID-19 Vaccines</i>	1	On August 31, 2022, U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccines for use as a single booster dose at least two months following primary or booster vaccination. The bivalent vaccines, which we will also refer to as “updated boosters,” contain two messenger RNA (mRNA) components of SARS-CoV-2 virus, one of the original strain of SARS-CoV-2 and the other one in common between the BA.4 and BA.5 lineages of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2.	individuals 12 years of age and older.
<i>Bivalent COVID-19 Booster update</i>	1		The monovalent COVID-19 vaccines that are authorized or approved by the FDA and have been administered to millions of people in the United States since December 2020 contain a component from the original strain of SARS-CoV-2.
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National Adult Immunization Awareness Week (NAIAW)

The goal of NAIAW is to develop collaborative activities designed to increase awareness about the importance of adult immunizations at the local, regional, and statewide level. The campaign promotes the adult immunization schedule in the last week of September. Click [here](#) to access the link for more information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Coadministration

CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance states [COVID-19 vaccines can be given during the same visit](#) with other vaccines, including flu vaccine, if the recipient is eligible for the vaccines.

While there is limited data on giving COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines, including flu vaccines, experience with giving other vaccines together has shown the way our bodies develop protection and possible side effects are generally similar when vaccines are given alone or with other vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccine & Flu Vaccine: As we approach flu season, please know that COVID-19 vaccines can be administered without regard for timing of other vaccines within the CDC vaccine schedule. You may vaccinate for both Flu and COVID at the same appointment, along with any other vaccines that the patient is due for.

COVID-19 Vaccine & Jynneos (Monkeypox) Vaccine:

In Ventura County, if orthopoxvirus vaccine is administered first, patient should wait 4 weeks before

receiving a Moderna, Novavax, or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine due to a potential risk for development of myocarditis.

If Moderna, Novavax, or Pfizer-BioNTech has been administered first, there is no minimum interval necessary before receiving an orthopoxvirus vaccination for post-exposure prophylaxis in the setting of a known high-risk contact to a documented monkeypox case.

Additional information can be accessed through this [link](#) to the CDC website.

What's New for 2022-2023 Flu Season

- The [composition of flu vaccines](#) has been updated.
- For the 2022-2023 flu season, there are three flu vaccines that are preferentially recommended for people 65 years and older. These are [Fluzone High-Dose Quadrivalent vaccine](#), [Flublok Quadrivalent recombinant flu vaccine](#) and [Fluad Quadrivalent adjuvanted flu vaccine](#).
- The recommended timing of vaccination is similar to last season. For most people who need only one dose for the season, September and October are generally good times to get vaccinated. Vaccination in July and August is not recommended for most adults but can be considered for some groups.
- The age indication for the cell culture-based inactivated flu vaccine, Flucelvax Quadrivalent (ccIV4), changed from 2 years and older to 6 months and older.
- Pre-filled Afluria Quadrivalent flu shots for children are not expected to be available this season. However, children can receive this vaccine from a multidose vial at the recommended dose.

Here is a [link](#) to more information.

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