



**CDPH Recommendation that Providers Pause  
Administration of Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine  
Lot 041L20A**

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued the recommendation below today.

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Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine Lot 041L20A**

This week, a higher-than-usual number of adverse events were reported with a specific lot of Moderna vaccine (Moderna Lot 041L20A) administered at one community vaccination clinic. Fewer than ten individuals required medical attention over the span of 24 hours. Follow up investigation of outcomes of these individuals is underway, and more information will be forthcoming.

All appeared to be experiencing a possible severe allergic reaction during the standard observation period – a type of adverse event that the [CDC reports](#) some people have experienced when receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine site switched to another lot of Moderna vaccine after closing for a few hours.

More than 330,000 doses from this lot have been distributed in the state, and we have not been notified of any other cluster or individual events related to this lot.

The manufacturer, CDC and FDA are promptly reviewing the lot and related medical information. No additional clusters have been reported. Their investigation continues, and we expect to learn more this week.

Out of an extreme abundance of caution and also recognizing the extremely limited supply of vaccine, we are recommending that providers use other available vaccine inventory and pause administration of vaccines from Moderna Lot 041L20A until the investigation is complete.

There are not immediate replacement doses during the pause in addition to pending orders scheduled for shipment in the next few days.

We expect to provide an update this week as we learn more.

Providers of COVID-19 vaccine should continue their routine precautions to recognize and manage allergic reactions and potential adverse events.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/managing-anaphylaxis.html>