



BECOME A COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDER!

Now is the time to join the California COVID-19 Vaccine Program!



With the recent recommendation to expand COVID-19 vaccination to children under 5, COVID-19 vaccines are now recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older. Only 33% of Los Angeles County children ages 5- 11 are fully vaccinated as of June 22, 2022 and booster doses are now recommended for this age group.

Sign up today at [myCAvax](https://myCAvax.com) or by calling the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Call Center: **(833) 502-1245**. For more information, please email COVAXonboard@ph.lacounty.gov, or call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LAC DPH) COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Call Center: **(833) 505-0761**

Why COVID-19 vaccination is important for children

Children can get short- and long-term health complications from COVID- 19

- Children are as likely to be infected with COVID-19 as adults and can [transmit infection to their families](#).
- They are also at risk for severe illness, [hospitalization](#) and death as well as long-COVID-19 conditions. More than 310 cases of Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) have been reported in Los Angeles County as of June 2022.
- During the Omicron surge, children aged 0-4 years saw the [highest increases in hospitalization rates](#) and most of the hospitalizations in this age group were in children with no pre-existing conditions.
- For more information, see the [LAC DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Vaccine Recommendations-Boosters and Staying Up to Date with Doses](#).

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for children

- COVID-19 vaccination decreases the [risk of infection](#), [hospitalizations](#), [MIS-C](#), and [long COVID](#).
- [Side effects](#) are mild, with pain at the injection site, headache, and fatigue reported most often.
- Myocarditis, a rare but severe side-effect occurs in [1-2 children per million doses](#) administered to 5- to 11-year-olds.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics [urges pediatricians](#) to strongly recommend and to provide vaccinations to all eligible children to protect them from infection and illness and to prevent them from transmitting infection to vulnerable individuals in their community.

Why Becoming a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Matters

Parents want to talk to their trusted healthcare provider about the COVID-19 vaccine

- Only [3 in 10 parents](#) plan to get their children vaccinated as soon as eligible. You are a trusted source of information and [parents rely on you for vaccine advice](#). By making the COVID-19 vaccine part of your routine childhood vaccination program and offering it at your clinic, you will minimize missed opportunities and help increase COVID-19 vaccination rates among children.
- **As a physician, your recommendation to vaccinate at every visit is important. Before you are fully enrolled in the vaccine program, have a referral plan in place to ensure your patients can get vaccinated.**

Medical homes are best placed to vaccinate young children

- Many sites, such as pharmacies, that have been offering vaccines are not authorized to vaccinate children ages 3 and younger.
- We urge medical homes to become vaccine providers in order to optimize access to vaccines for all children in Los Angeles County.





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Participation in the COVID-19 vaccination program has never been easier!

- **COVID-19 vaccine and ancillary supplies are free**
- **Reimbursement is available**
Reimbursement of \$40 for vaccine administration is available for Medi-Cal patients and contracted rates for commercial plans. For current rates, please visit [Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Payment](#).
- **Grants are available.**
Providers enrolled in the *Vaccines for Children* Program may apply for the [KidsVax Grant](#) to support enrollment or, if currently enrolled, to expand COVID-19 vaccine clinic hours.
- **Immunity from liability is available for authorized vaccines**
Until the vaccines receive full FDA approval, provided the vaccine is administered per the Emergency Use Authorization, the [Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act](#) provides immunity from liability.
- **Ultra-low freezers are not required**
Vaccine can be stored in refrigerators for up to 10 weeks.
- **Vaccine can be ordered in small quantities.**
- **Vaccine waste is to be expected**
Vaccine wastage is to be expected and should never be a reason to miss an opportunity to vaccinate. Guidance is available at [Missed Vaccination Opportunities & Wastage](#).
- **Consent can be obtained in several ways**
Consent for minors to be vaccinated can be granted by parent/guardian presence, signed written, or phone/video consent along with acknowledgment of receipt of [Pfizer EUA Fact Sheet](#) (PDF) by parent/guardian. For more information, please visit [Pfizer Vaccine Minor Consent Guidance](#).
- **Extensive support is available for start-up and beyond**
 - We can support each step of your enrollment into myCAVax and help ensure that your office is ready to receive, store, and administer the vaccine.
 - We also provide ongoing vaccine support and assist your office to assess your workflow and advise on best practices to include COVID-19 as part of your regular childhood vaccine program.
 - Office hours are held 3 days a week – with LA County DPH, American Academy of Pediatrics and the California Department of Public Health.

For more information, please visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Healthcare Provider Information Hub](#).

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