

LAC DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Vaccination for Children and Homebound Persons



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This message is intended for healthcare providers in Los Angeles County.

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COVID-19 Vaccination of Individuals Age 12 and Over

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted unanimously on May 12 to recommend the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for persons 12-15 years of age. The CDC <u>recommends</u> that this vaccine be used among 12 to 15 year olds, and providers may begin vaccinating them right away. On May 10, the FDA issued an amendment to the <u>emergency use authorization</u> (EUA) for the use of the Pfizer vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 in this population.

Included in the updated CDC recommendations is that co-administration of COVID-19 vaccine with other vaccines is *no longer discouraged*. CDC states that COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing. This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines on the same day, as well as co-administration within 14 days. This is an important step to ensure adolescents 12 years and up presenting for a COVID-19 vaccine are able to catch-up on other immunizations they may have missed during the pandemic.

The CDC is in the process of updating their COVID-19 vaccine <u>clinical considerations</u> and other materials for providers and patients and will be releasing an MMWR this Friday on the ACIP recommendations.

The CDC is also hosting a live webinar for healthcare providers: What Clinicians Need to Know About Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccination of Adolescents this Friday, May 14, 11am-12 pm PST: webinar details.

New materials for providers and patients will be posted on the LAC DPH Provider COVID-19 Vaccination Hub.

For COVID vaccination information for the public, visit <u>VaccinateLACounty.com</u> (English) <u>VacunateLosAngeles.com</u> (Spanish)

In-home Vaccination for Homebound LA County Residents

In-home vaccination is now more widely available to LA County residents who meet the following criteria:

- The individual needs the help of another person or medical equipment such a
 wheelchair to leave their home OR their doctor believes that their health or illness could
 get worse if they leave their home; AND
- 2. It is difficult for the individual to leave their home for the purposes of getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Members of the public can submit a request <u>online</u> in <u>English</u> or <u>other languages</u>, or they can call the DPH Vaccine Call Center at 833-540-0473 (8:00am - 8:30pm, 7 days a week). CBOs, agencies, and healthcare providers can complete this <u>form</u> when referring for multiple clients or patients. Please note that availability may be delayed due to high demand. For questions, please contact <u>CovidVaxHomeBound@ph.lacounty.gov</u>.

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