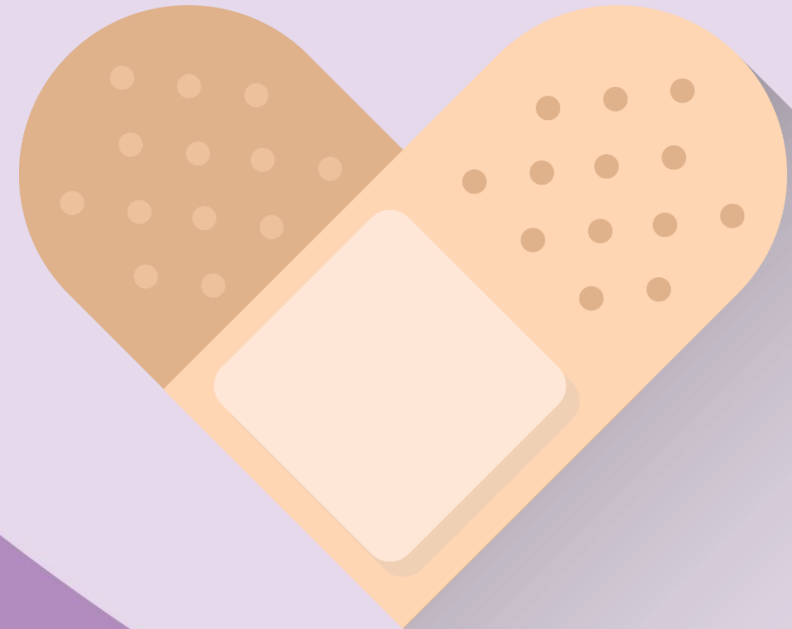




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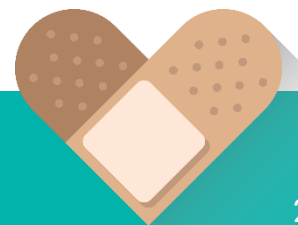


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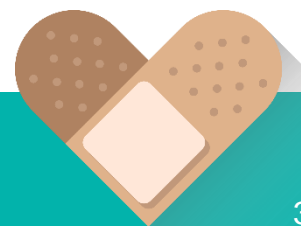


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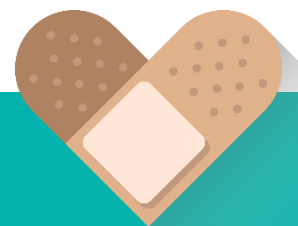
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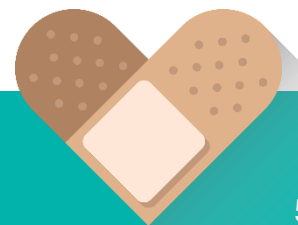
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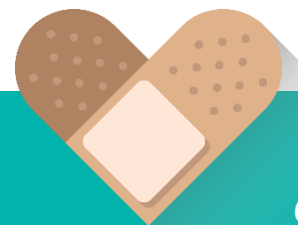


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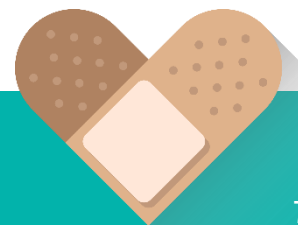


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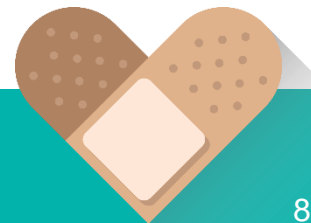
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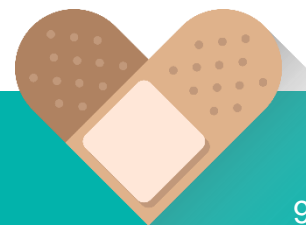
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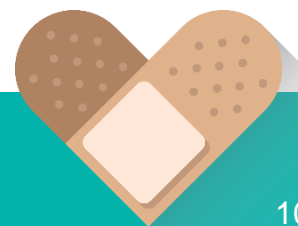
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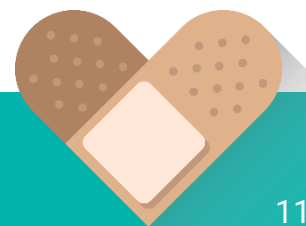
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3. Discuss common concerns and questions and how they can be addressed to build vaccine confidence.



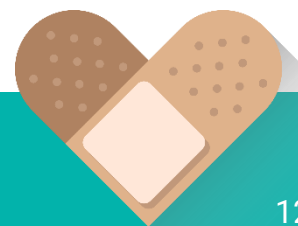
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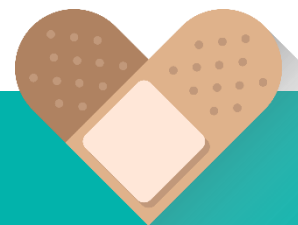
Celebrate!

Success after 18 months of COVID-19 vaccination!

- 255 million COVID-19 vaccinations given by community pharmacists and teams, Dec 2020—Jun 2022
- 43% of U.S. COVID-19 vaccinations given by community pharmacists and teams, Dec 2020—Jun 2022
- > 50% of U.S. COVID-19 vaccinations overall given via pharmacist-led programs, Dec 2020—Jun 2022
- 8.1 million COVID-19 vaccinations given by pharmacists and teams at LTC facilities, Dec 2020—Apr 2021
- 2/3 drop - LTC resident COVID-19 deaths fell by 2/3 compared to all COVID-19 deaths, Dec 2020—Feb 2021
- 1.3 million vaccinations given by student pharmacists via “Operation Immunization,” Dec 2020—Jun 2021
- > 45 million patient specimens tested by pharmacists for COVID-19, Apr 2020—Feb 2022
- > 100,000 COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments provided by pharmacists, Nov 2020—Jun 2022

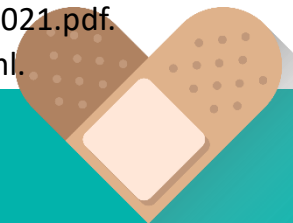
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Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine candidate

Synonyms: NVX-Cov2373
Type: Spike protein subunit with adjuvant
Adjuvant: Matrix-M – 40-nm particles (*Quillaja saponaria* + cholesterol + phospholipid)
Production: Baculovirus/Sf9-cell expression system, like Sanofi's *FluBlok™* influenza vaccine recombinant
Dosage Form: Suspension, 5 mcg protein + 50 mcg Matrix-M per 0.5 mL
Storage: Refrigerate
Regimen: Days 0 + 21, 0.5 mL, intramuscular

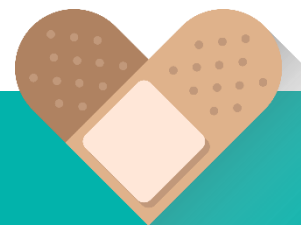
Clinical Trials: Phase 3: n=29,960, US and México, start Dec'20, PREVENT-19

Vaccine Efficacy: 18+ y/o, any infection: 90.4% (CI: 83, 95%), 7+ d after dose 2
18+ y/o, moderate to severe: 100% (87, 100%)

Status: EUA requested Jan 2022, VRBPAC recommends EUA Jun 2022, awaiting FDA decision
WHO EUL Listing, 17 Dec 2021
Emergency Access: Canada, Australia, EU, Switzerland, UK, *et cetera*

Source: Dunkle et al. *N Engl J Med* 2022; 386:531-543. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2116185.
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COVID-19 Vaccine Uses for Children

Why Vaccinate?

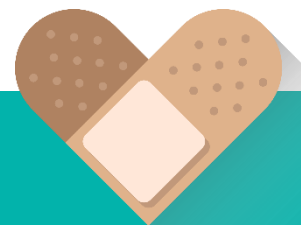
Children suffer and die from COVID-19: 6 months – 4 years alone:

- > 2.5 million infections, > 20,000 hospitalizations, > 200 deaths
- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)
- These are rates higher than from influenza and other diseases that can now be prevented by vaccination.
- Almost half of parents of children < 5 yo say they left a job or changed schedules to care for a COVID-19-infected child.
- Some parents will want to “wait and see.” Remind them that the virus is circulating while they are waiting.

Sources: CDC ACIP presentations, 17-18 June 2022

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/meetings/slides-2022-06-17.html> and ... /slides-2022-06-18.html

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COVID-19 Vaccine Uses for Children

Authorized by FDA and Recommended by CDC/ACIP

Age Group	Manufacturer	Dosing	Dosing Schedule	Booster Doses
12 y – 17 y	Pfizer-BioNTech	2 doses @ 30 mcg	days 0 + 21 (3-8 wks)	Yes, 5 mo later
5 y – 11 y	Pfizer-BioNTech	2 doses @ 10 mcg	days 0 + 21 (3-8 wks)	Yes, 5 mo later
6 mo – 4 y	Pfizer-BioNTech	3 doses @ 3 mcg	days 0 + 21 (3-8 wks) + 8 weeks later	Not yet
			Label Issues: “2y—<5y” and “discard 6 h” Immunocompromised: add extra dose(s)	
Age Group	Manufacturer	Dosing	Dosing Schedule	Booster Doses
12 y – 17 y	Moderna	2 doses @ 100 mcg	days 0 + 28 (4-8 wks)	Not yet
6 y – 11 y	Moderna	2 doses @ 50 mcg	days 0 + 28 (4-8 wks)	Not yet
6 mo – 5 y	Moderna	2 doses @ 25 mcg	days 0 + 28 (4-8 wks)	Not yet
Sources: CDC, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech			Label Issues: age range Immunocompromised: add extra dose(s)	23 Jun 2022





See CDC. Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the U.S.: Interim Clinical Considerations (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html>) and FDA EUA COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets (<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines>) for more detail.

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Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

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Description	Dilute Before Use	Do Not Dilute	Dilute Before Use	Dilute Before Use
Age Group	12 years and older	12 years and older	5 through 11 years ("Age 5y to <12y" on vial label)	6 months through 4 years (See information in maroon above the table.)
Vial Cap Color	Purple 	Gray 	Orange 	Maroon 
Dose	30 mcg	30 mcg	10 mcg	3 mcg
Dose Volume	0.3 mL	0.3 mL	0.2 mL	0.2 mL
Amount of Diluent Needed per Vial*	1.8 mL	NO DILUTION	1.3 mL	2.2 mL
Doses per Vial	6 doses per vial (after dilution)	6 doses per vial	10 doses per vial (after dilution)	10 doses per vial (after dilution)
Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Fact Sheet	Click here	Click here	Click here	Click here

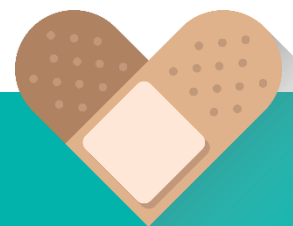
Storage Conditions

Ultra-Low-Temperature (ULT) Freezer [-90°C to -60°C (-130°F to -76°F)]	12 months [†]	12 months [†]	12 months [†]	12 months [†]
Freezer [-25°C to -15°C (-13°F to 5°F)]	2 weeks	DO NOT STORE	DO NOT STORE	DO NOT STORE
Refrigerator [2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F)]	1 month	10 weeks	10 weeks	10 weeks
Room Temperature [8°C to 25°C (46°F to 77°F)]	2 hours prior to dilution (including any thaw time)	12 hours prior to first puncture (including any thaw time)	12 hours prior to dilution (including any thaw time)	12 hours prior to dilution (including any thaw time)
After First Puncture [2°C to 25°C (35°F to 77°F)]	Discard after 6 hours	Discard after 12 hours	Discard after 12 hours	Discard after 12 hours [§]


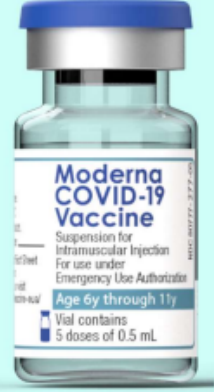






*Diluent: sterile 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP. Bacteriostatic saline or other diluents must NOT be used.

[†]Regardless of storage condition, purple cap vaccine should not be used past the 12-month expiry. For vials with expiry dates of October 2021 through March 2022, the printed date on the label/carton reflects 6-month expiry. For vials with expiry dates of June 2022 through December 2022, the printed date on the label/carton reflects 9-month expiry. The vaccine should not be used past the 12-month (updated) expiry date as noted in the [Fact Sheet](#).

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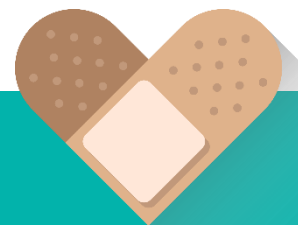


MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE PRESENTATIONS

Age Group	6 months through 5 years (Primary Series)	6 years through 11 years (Primary Series) Currently unavailable (Use the vial with dark blue cap and a label with a purple border)	6 years through 11 years (Primary Series) 18 years and older (Booster Dose)	12 years and older (Primary Series) 18 years and older (Booster Dose)
Vial Cap Color	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Red
Vial Label Border Color	MAGENTA	TEAL	PURPLE	LIGHT BLUE
Vial Image				
Primary Dose Volume	0.25 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL	0.5 mL
Booster Dose Volume	None	None	0.5 mL	0.25 mL
For storage and expiry information, see FDA-authorized Fact Sheet or scan QR code.	 www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua	 www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua	 www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua	 www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine








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Guide to COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules					
					
This resource summarizes key information about COVID-19 vaccination schedules. Reference CDC's Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines for detailed information and recommendations.					
Table 1: FDA-authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine options					
Vaccine Product	Age Requirement	Vial Cap Color	Dilution Requirement	Primary Series	Booster Dose
Pfizer-BioNTech	≥ 12 years		1.8 mL 0.9% NaCl Inj.	0.3 mL (30 mcg)	
Pfizer-BioNTech	≥ 12 years		Do NOT dilute	0.3 mL (30 mcg)	
Pfizer-BioNTech	5–11 years		1.3 mL 0.9% NaCl Inj.	0.2 mL (10 mcg)	N/A
Moderna	≥ 18 years		Do NOT dilute	0.5 mL (100 mcg)	0.25 mL (50 mcg)
Moderna	≥ 18 years		Do NOT dilute	N/A	0.5 mL (50 mcg)
Janssen (J&J)	≥ 18 years		Do NOT dilute	0.5 mL (5x10 ¹² viral particles)	0.5 mL (5x10 ¹² viral particles)




Current Guidance & Recommendations




mRNA Vaccines (Pfizer & Moderna)




Viral Vector Vaccines (Janssen)




Protein-Based Vaccines (Novavax)



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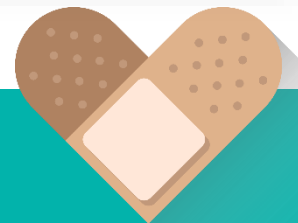
For the latest recommendations and more COVID-19 vaccine resources, visit APhA's Guide to Coronavirus.

Resources for Pharmacists

Pharmacists can build valuable skills and share success stories. This website is designed to help pharmacy teams build their own confidence and communicate the importance of vaccination through resources based on science, shared knowledge, and experiences with their patients.

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CDC Resources

cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us
cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index

COVID-19 Vaccination

Product Info by U.S. Vaccine

Interim Clinical Considerations

Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the U.S.

FAQs for the Interim Clinical Considerations

Managing Anaphylaxis

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Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States

Interim Clinical Considerations

Summary of recent changes (last updated May 20, 2022):

- New guidance for use of a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster dose in children ages 5-11 years
- Updated guidance that the following people **should** receive a second COVID-19 booster dose:
 - People ages 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
 - People ages 50 years and older
- Updated guidance for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and are treated with B-cell-depleting therapies
- Clarification of COVID-19 vaccination guidance for multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) and adults (MIS-A)
- Updated guidance for primary series vaccination after SARS-CoV-2 infection

Reference Materials

- [Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
- [Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule](#)
- [At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule \(NEW 5/24/2022\)](#)
- [Administration Error Revaccination Guidance](#)
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COVID-19 Vaccines, Recommendations, and Schedule

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COVID-19 Vaccine

Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule for Ages 5 Years and Older



COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for persons 5 years of age and older within the scope of the Emergency Use Authorization or Biologics License Application for the vaccine. The table below provides guidance for COVID-19 vaccination schedules based on age and medical condition. Considerations when scheduling vaccine doses include:

- Administer the appropriate vaccine product based on the recipient's age and the vaccine product's age indications.
- COVID-19 vaccines may be administered on the same day as other vaccines.
- Doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval (4-day grace period) are considered valid. Doses administered at any time after the recommended interval are valid.

Detailed information can be found in CDC's Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or

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COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules

Use the schedules below to determine how many total COVID-19 vaccine doses are recommended based on primary series product, age, and immune status. This schedule does not include clinical details necessary for administering COVID-19 vaccines. For clinical details, see the resources at the end of this document.

COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for Most People

Number and intervals of COVID-19 vaccine doses

Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 5 years and older)

DOSE 1 (primary)

In 3-8 weeks

DOSE 2 (primary)

In at least 5 months

DOSE 3 (booster*)

In at least 4 months

DOSE 4 (2nd mRNA booster)*

People ages 50 years and older should get a 2nd booster.

Moderna (ages 18 years)

DOSE 1 (primary)

In 4-8 weeks

DOSE 2 (primary)

In at least 5 months


DOSE 3 (booster*)

In at least 4 months

DOSE 4 (2nd mRNA)

Moderately or Immunocompromised	Persons Who ARE Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised	
	Primary Series*	Booster Dose††
Text to Booster At least 5 months after Dose 2	3 doses. Separate: Dose 1 and 2 by at least 3 weeks. Dose 2 and 3 by at least 4 weeks.	Booster dose 1: At least 3 months after Dose 3 Booster dose 2: N/A
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The screenshot shows the Immunize.org website with a navigation bar at the top. The main content area is titled "Vaccines: COVID-19" and includes a list of resources: "COVID-19 ACIP Vaccine Recommendations", "CDC COVID-19 Vaccination", "CDC COVID Data Tracker", and "Checklist of Current Versions of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and Clinic Support Tools". There is also a section for "Key COVID-19 Vaccine Resources" and a "Partner Resources" section at the bottom.

Checklist of Current Versions of U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Guidance and Clinic Support Tools



Information current as of 11 p.m. ET on 02 JUNE 2022

This checklist, which is updated at least monthly, provides links to key COVID-19 vaccination resources and indicates when they were last updated (as of the date shown above).

- View this checklist online at www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3130.pdf to access the resources directly
- For a comprehensive index of COVID-19 vaccine information, go to www.immunize.org/covid-19

Primary CDC Guidance on Use of COVID-19 Vaccines

Web page	Date last updated
Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States: Interim Clinical Considerations	20 May 2022
COVID-19 ACIP Vaccine Recommendations	31 May 2022

COVID-19 Immunization Schedule (print ready PDF document)

Schedule	Date last updated
Interim COVID-19 Vaccine Immunization Schedule for Ages 5 Years and Older	01 June 2022

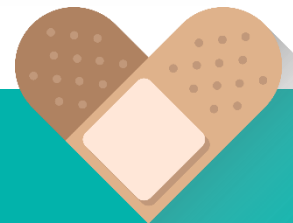
Vaccine Fact Sheets and Package Inserts

COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets for Vaccines with Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

Product	Age Range	Date last updated	
		For Healthcare Providers	For Recipients & Caregivers*
Moderna-BioNTech, orange cap	5 through 11 years	17 May 2022	17 May 2022
Moderna-BioNTech, purple cap	12+ years	01 June 2022	17 May 2022
Moderna-BioNTech, gray cap	12+ years	17 May 2022	17 May 2022
Moderna, red cap, light blue order label (primary series and 0.5 mL booster dose)	18+ years	29 March 2022	29 March 2022
Moderna, dark blue cap, purple order label (0.5 mL booster dose only)	18+ years	29 March 2022	29 March 2022
Johnson & Johnson (J&J)	18+ years	05 May 2022	05 May 2022

* Provide to each recipient or caregiver in place of Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) at time of vaccination

COVID-19 Vaccine Package Inserts for Approved (Licensed) Vaccines



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Majority of pharmacists prepared to administer COVID-19 vaccine to children under 5, APhA survey finds

WASHINGTON, DC—The majority of responding pharmacists (66%) would be prepared to administer COVID-19 vaccines to children under 5 years old if authorized to do so, according to a recent survey of pharmacists conducted by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA).

Nearly half of respondents (44%) said they are currently planning to vaccinate based on community needs and abilities of pharmacy teams following FDA and CDC authorization and guidance. Pharmacists' level of vaccination engagement for this age group will be an individual practice and practitioner decision. As always, pharmacists stand ready to work with other immunization stakeholders.

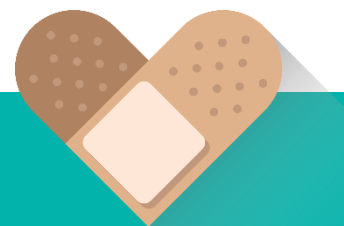
"The data show that pharmacists are again poised to contribute to our nation's health efforts and vaccinate all Americans against COVID-19," said Scott J. Knoer, PharmD, MS, FASHP, APhA executive vice president and CEO. "This has been true since the first COVID-19 vaccines arrived in December 2020, and it continues to be the case today despite the enormous challenges facing pharmacists in every practice venue."

CDC recently reported that 70% of COVID-19 vaccinations have occurred in pharmacies, including 60% of adolescent vaccinations and 46% of vaccinations in children 5 to 11 years old.

The survey of 612 pharmacists was conducted from February 12, 2022, to March 1, 2022, with respondents from all regions of the country and representing a wide range of practice types, including chain pharmacies, independent pharmacies, and supermarket pharmacies. The margin of error in this survey is $\pm 3.9\%$ at the 95% confidence level.

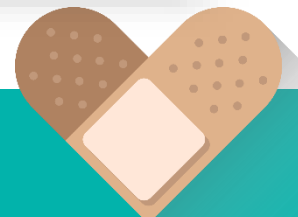
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as of March 2022
[Access the survey](#)

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Authority to Provide COVID-19 Vaccines

- **Pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, student pharmacists, and retired pharmacists;** subject to certain requirements
- Authorized to provide FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed COVID-19 vaccines according to ACIP COVID-19 vaccine recommendations to **patients 3 years or older**
- **Pharmacists must:**
 - Must complete the **immunization training requirement** in their state; if the licensing state does not specify training, an ACPE-approved practical training program of at least 20 hours is required
 - Current certificate in **basic CPR**
 - Must complete a **minimum of 2 hours of ACPE-approved, immunization-related CE** during each state licensing period. APhA's [Pharmacy-Based Immunizations for Pediatric Patients](#) is designed to meet this requirement.
 - Must comply with **recordkeeping** requirements
 - Must inform the patient and the adult caregiver accompanying the patient of the importance of a **well-child visit**
- Reference APhA's resource on [Authority to Immunize During COVID-19](#)



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Well-child Visit Templates

[Well-Child Visit Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

[Template Referral Form Well-Child Visit \(Word\)](#)

[Well-Child Checkup Letter \(Word\)](#)

[TEMPLATE – to be placed on pharmacy letterhead]

Date **xx/xx/200x**




Dear **Name of Patient,**

You have taken an important step in protecting your child from infectious disease through vaccination. Your pharmacist is an important part of your healthcare team and strives to collaborate with your child's primary care provider to ensure your child's individual healthcare needs are met. Your pharmacist provides important services related to your child's health and overall well-being, including immunizations, medication management, and health counseling. A primary care provider oversees your child's overall health and well-being.

As children develop, well-child visits with your child's primary care provider offers a time to review and discuss each of the important aspects of your child's physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development. An ongoing relationship with a primary care provider, ensure that your child's health and medical needs will be identified and addressed. Your pharmacist can assist in coordinating tests, checkups and follow up care.

Ask your pharmacist for assistance in finding a primary care provider in your community if you do not currently have one.

[Pharmacist]

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Referral Form for Well-Child Visit

Patient Name (First/Last): _____

Referring Pharmacist: _____ email: _____

Pharmacy Practice: _____ Phone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

Email: _____ Date of Referral: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The above patient was seen in our pharmacy/practice today and the following vaccines administered. The patient was informed regarding the importance of well-child visits. Additional items needing potential follow-up are indicated below. Feel free to contact us if you have further questions. We would appreciate receiving an update after you have seen the patient so that our records are current and we can support your treatment plan. We have submitted the vaccines we gave today to the state/local immunization information system (IIS).

Reason for Referral: ☐ Well-child checkup ☐ Other follow-up

The following vaccine(s) were administered today:	Patient may need additional immunization(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hep A	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hep B	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	
<input type="checkbox"/> HPV	
<input type="checkbox"/> Influenza	
<input type="checkbox"/> MMR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Meningococcal	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal (PCV)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio (IPV)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotavirus	
<input type="checkbox"/> Td / Tdap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

☐ Comments / Observations:

Importance of Well Child Visits – Keeping Your Kids Healthy

It is important to get a personal primary care provider and to use the same practitioners as much as possible for your child's healthcare needs. The members of your child's healthcare team, that includes primary care providers, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals, are focused on the well-being of your child. A personal primary care provider:

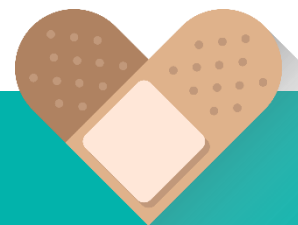
you get care for your child as care when your child is sick your child's medical history as well as your family history track of your child's medical services, such as immunizations (shots) you important information about your child's growth and development your child to a specialist when needed to coordinate your child's health needs



important, even when children are healthy. Well child visits will help to keep Your child's primary care provider will evaluate your child's general health, ment. Your child's primary care provider will also give you information and ded medical services, such as:

exams such as vision, hearing and lab services (vaccinations) screening (children under 3 years or as needed for older children) big growth and development if referrals to specialists, if needed gular well child visits, your child's primary care provider can often detect and blems before they become more serious. nary care provider will review your child's health and family history. Well child our child get to know the primary care provider and they can get to know you ry will also maintain keep your child's medical record and coordinate care with your child's healthcare team, including your pharmacist.

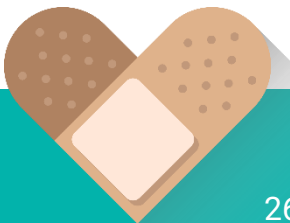
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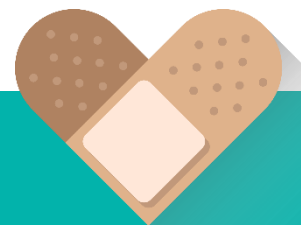
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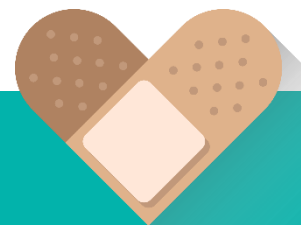
Getting Ready

- THINK about how immunizing toddlers and infants is different than immunizing adults and get prepared
- STRATEGIZE about the pharmacy physical layout for vaccine area for kids and which vaccines to offer
- SCHEDULE immunizations with an appointment calendar—may want to choose special days
- RECRUIT volunteers to help you on immunization days



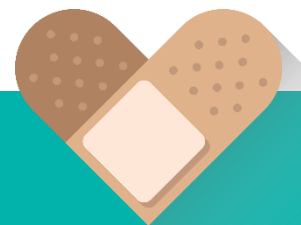
Initial Encounter

- Tell the parent to have a seat and hold the child on their lap
 - If the child is old enough, ask if they want the immunization in the arm or the leg
 - They have no choice about getting it, but a choice about *where*
- Don't tell them the immunization won't hurt—tell them it will be quick
- Ask the parent to hold (really hold) the child's hands
- Once seated and hand holding, be quick about the process



Finishing the Process

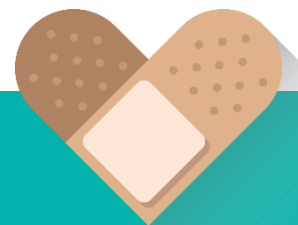
- Prep the area intended for administration
- Have all supplies ready to go—vaccine drawn up, alcohol swab ready, band-aid peeled and ready to place
- As you inject the vaccine, ask a question—it helps break the concentration on the needle
- Allow time for possible physical struggling before and for comforting afterward. Also, questions and concerns from the parent. You may want to set aside a space for this, so you can move on to the next child.
- Let volunteers help with COVID cards and rewards



Keys to Success!

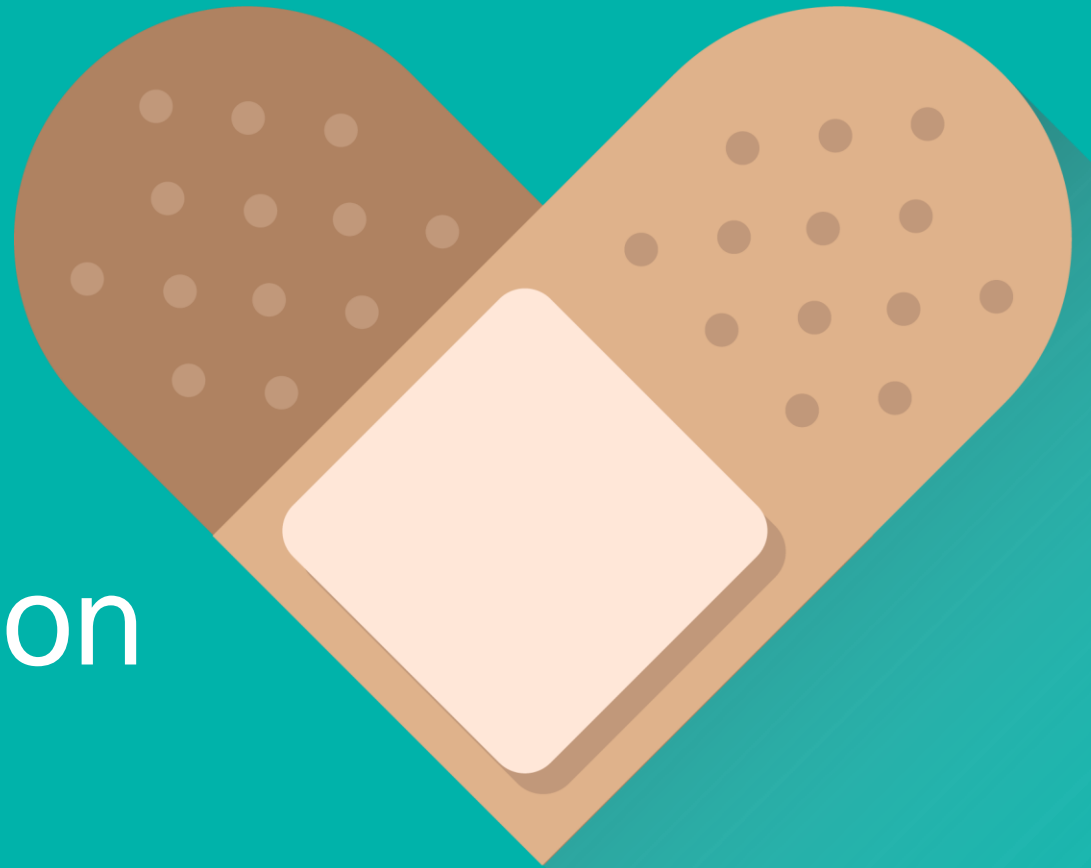


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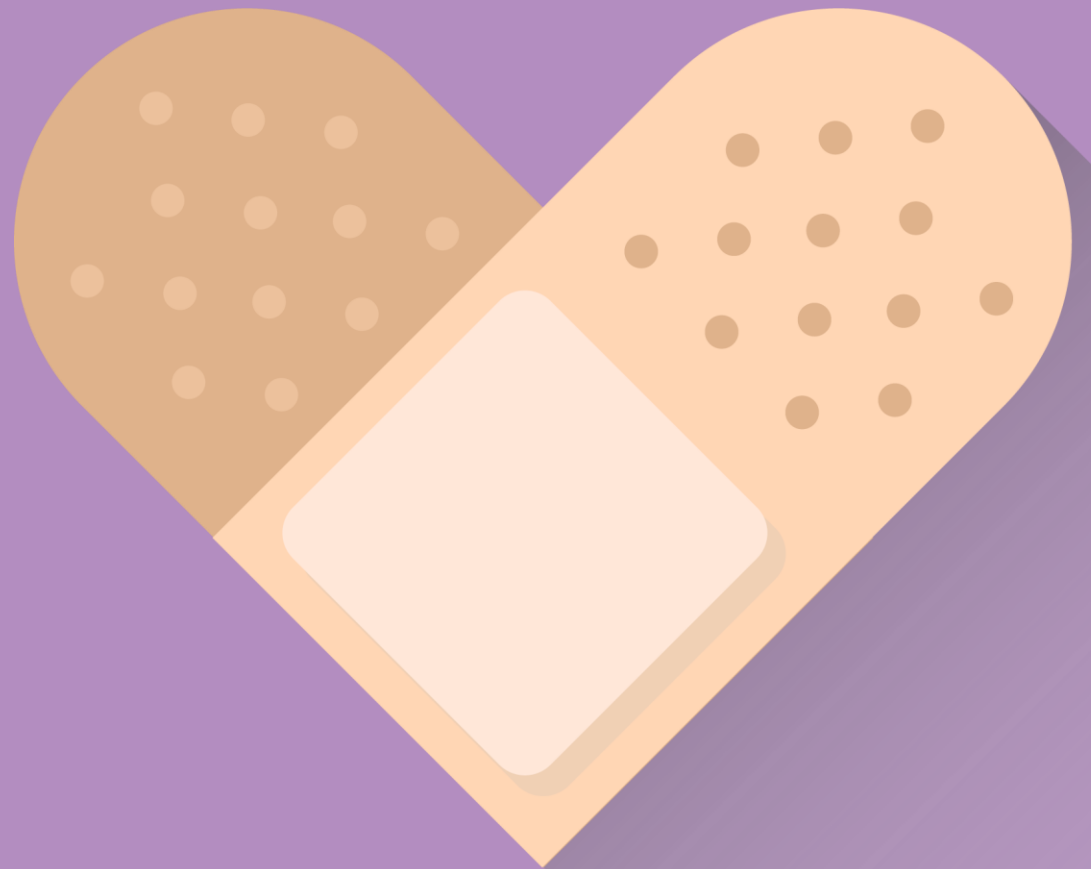
Open Forum Discussion

Your Comments, Questions, Feedback



Review of APhA's Ongoing Activities

What You Need to Know



Take Action! Federal Provider Status Legislation

Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services (ECAPS) Act

- H.R. 7213
- Introduced in 2022
- Establishes pharmacists as eligible providers under Medicare Part B and path for reimbursement:
 - **Test:** COVID, flu, RSV, strep
 - **Treat:** COVID, flu, strep
 - **Immunize:** COVID, flu
 - Certain pharmacist **services for public health emergency or need or close gaps in health equity**
- Limited by state scope of practice

Take Action Now!

Effectively advocate for the pharmacy profession by reaching out to your Congressperson. Please ask them to ensure patients can receive care and treatment from pharmacists for pandemic-related health services. Help APhA advocate today!

Mr.


First & Last Name

Email Phone

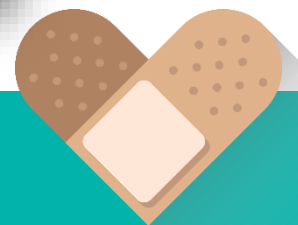
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The New Federal Provider Status Legislation

June 9, 2022

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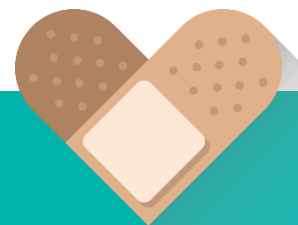
Access the recording to hear from experts how this legislation could help expand access to pharmacists' services and address gaps in health equity.

[Register](#) for our upcoming open forum on **Thursday, July 14th from 12-1pm ET!**



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Building Vaccine Confidence

Building vaccine confidence in others is challenging unless you are confident in the COVID-19 vaccines. Begin by learning key information about vaccine confidence and the COVID-19 vaccines and then prepare to build vaccine confidence in others by accessing s and outreach strategies.

In Yourself and the Team

Vaccine confidence starts with a strong foundational knowledge of how COVID-19 vaccines work from science and research to development, approval, and administration. With the right tools and information, you can develop vaccine confidence as a pharmacist or member of the pharmacy team.

[BUILD CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF >](#)

In Your Patients and the Community

Reach vaccine hesitant patients in your communities armed with the latest information. Have productive conversations, answer common questions and build confidence in the efficacy and safety of COVID-19 vaccines. Find the resources you need to have a positive impact on developing and building vaccine confidence in your patients.

Designed to help you:

- Stay informed
- Be inspired
- Build confidence

Patient Resources

Access a library of information and resources to help you plan for community outreach and access downloadable patient-friendly information you can print and share.

[ACCESS THE LIBRARY >](#)

APhA Vaccine Confident Playbook

The APhA Vaccine Confident Playbook is a user-friendly, action-oriented resource to inform pharmacist–patient conversations regarding COVID-19 vaccines, with the goal of reducing vaccine hesitancy, bolstering vaccine confidence, and increasing vaccine uptake.

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