

Weekly Wrap Up

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Thank You California Providers!

The first COVID-19 vaccine was administered in California on December 14, 2020. As of October 25, 2024, COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in California reached **100 Million!**

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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP): October 2024 Updates on COVID-19, Pneumococcal, and Other Vaccines

ACIP and CDC now **recommend a second dose of 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 vaccine** 6 months* after their first dose to people:

- Ages 65 years and older
- Ages 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised
 - Additional doses* (i.e., 3 or more) of 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 vaccine may be given to immunocompromised people 6 months and older under [shared clinical decision making](#).

*Minimum interval 2 months

ACIP and CDC also recommend **lowering the age for routine pneumococcal vaccination from 65 to 50 years old.**

Information was also provided on **RSV, Influenza, Meningococcal B, Human Papillomavirus, Cytomegalovirus, Chikungunya, and Mpox vaccines.** For detailed information and resources, refer to the CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers webinar, Friday, November 1, slides 34 – 59 ([slides](#) | [recording](#))

Also refer to the following:

- [ACIP Meeting Information](#) | [Agenda](#) | [ACIP Recent Meeting Recommendations](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#)
- [CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide](#)

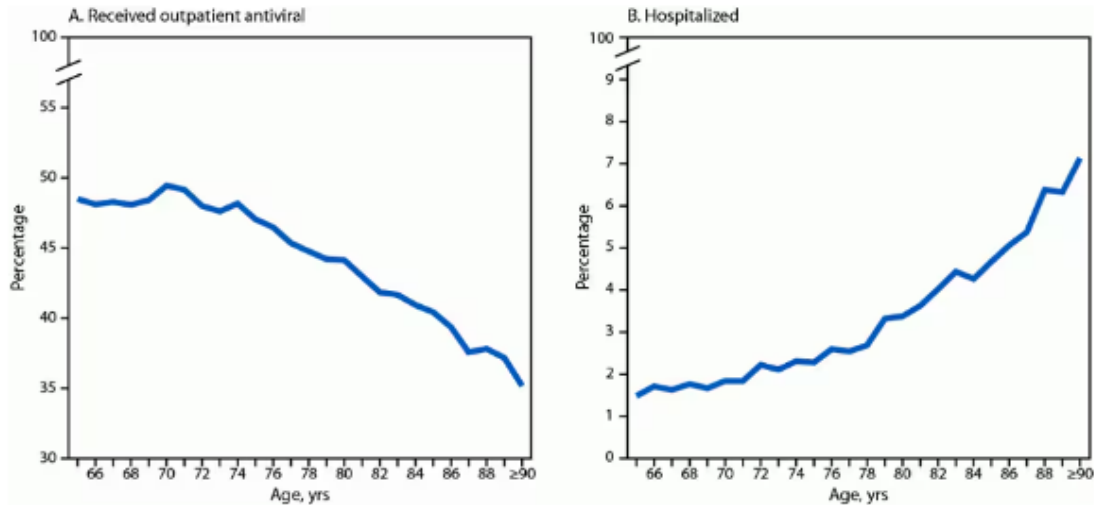
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Older Adults Less Likely to Receive Outpatient COVID-19 Antiviral Medications

CDC recently published a cross-sectional study using electronic health record data from over 28 million adults ≥ 20 years at 28 health centers across the U.S. The findings of this [MMWR](#) show that the prevalence of outpatient COVID-19 antiviral therapy was lower in the older age groups who were most at risk for hospitalization and death. Improving use of antiviral therapies in these older age groups can improve morbidity and mortality from COVID-19.

For more information please see [COVID-19 Treatment Clinical Care for Outpatients | COVID-19 | CDC](#) for more information. Check drug interactions quickly and easily with: [Liverpool COVID-19 Interactions](#).

FIGURE. Percentage of adults aged ≥ 65 years with COVID-19 who received an outpatient antiviral medication* (A) and who were hospitalized† (B), by age — National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network, United States, April 2022–September 2023



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Breaking News for JYNNEOS Vaccine

There was an extension of the expiration date for JYNNEOS vaccine provided from Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) for the following lot numbers:

- FDP00017
- FDP00018
- FDP00019
- FDP00020

The original expiration date was October 31, 2024, and the current expiration date is now August 31, 2026. This does NOT apply to vaccine that has been stored at refrigerated temperatures (2°C - 8°C or 36°F - 46°F). It also does not apply to commercial vaccine.

For more information, please refer to the following resources:

[October 2024 Dear Healthcare Provider Letter - Extension of expiration dates for JYNNEOS \(Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Non-replicating\)](#)
[October 18, 2024 Approval Letter - JYNNEOS.](#)

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Novavax Vaccines: Important Reminders

Novavax vaccine doses currently being shipped have an expiry of November 30, 2024. **However, there are earlier shipped doses that expired on Thursday, October 31, 2024.** Doses will expire on that date. Providers should continue to use this vaccine right up until expiry date.

Expired doses should be reported as expired waste in myCAVax and returned to McKesson, per usual. Novavax will be requesting a shelf-life extension for doses that have an expiry on November 30, 2024, and beyond during the respiratory virus season. CDPH will notify providers if/when shelf-life extensions are granted.

To minimize vaccine wastage, we encourage placing smaller, more frequent orders and limiting quantities to the amount of vaccine that can be utilized within a two-week period. An [Expiration Look-Up Tool](#) is available for providers to check for most up-to-date information about expiry administration.

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Medi-Cal Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement

COVID vaccines will remain a pharmacy benefit for all Medi-Cal members. Effective through Tuesday, **December 31, 2024** (under the *PREP Act), non-VFC pharmacies will be reimbursed for COVID claims for members 3 years+. Members under 3 years should be redirected to VFC providers (including pharmacies) for vaccination. Effective Wednesday, **January 1, 2025**, non-VFC pharmacies will be reimbursed for COVID claims for members 19 years+. Effective **August 30, 2024**, VFC pharmacies will be reimbursed for COVID claims for members 0 through 18 years.

The enhanced \$40 reimbursement associated with the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee transitioned to the standard vaccine administration fee effective October 1, 2024 (the end of the **ARP Act) for all providers.

* PREP Act: Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act

** ARP Act: American Rescue Plan Act

For any questions, please mail:

MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com

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Upcoming Vaccine Shipment Holds for November

Providers must update hours in myCAvax for any holiday or temporary closures to prevent shipment incidents during closures. Watch for emails regarding order confirmations, advance shipment notices of vaccine, and temperature monitoring alerts.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October 28	29	30	31	November 01
04	05	06	07	08
11 Veteran's Day Holiday Hold - Vaccine Delivery Blackout	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
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Communications Tools for Keeping Patients Healthy this Respiratory Virus Season

With the holidays around the corner CDPH would like to spotlight three communications toolkits providers can use to help encourage Californians to reduce the spread of respiratory viruses this fall and winter.

- [Respiratory Virus Prevention Toolkit](#)
- [Flu & COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit](#)
- [RSV Prevention Toolkit](#)

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Updated CDPH Resources

The following CDPH resources have been updated:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Chart](#)

- Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) flyer: [Protect Against Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 poster](#) and 15 translations updated! [Spanish](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Hmong](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Armenian](#) | [Dari](#) | [Farsi](#) | [Hindi](#) | [Japanese](#) | [Korean](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Punjabi](#) | [Russian](#) | [Vietnamese](#)
- EZIZ [LTCF Resources](#) page
- [2024-25 Fall-Winter Immunization Guide](#) | [Spanish](#) – NEW!
- [COVID-19 Provider FAQs](#)

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Upcoming Webinars

Virtual Grand Rounds - From Avian Flu to COVID-19 - How the "One Health" Approach Improves Human, Animal and Environmental Health

- [Register](#) for Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

CDPH Immunization Branch Updates for Providers Webinar (occurs every other Friday)

- [Register](#) for the next session: Friday November 15, 2024, 9:00 am – 10:30 am (PT)

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Support Opportunities

Provider Call Center

For program information: Email providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

myCAvax Help Desk

For technical issues (e.g., password resets): Email myCAvax.HD@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245, (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

System-related training materials are available via the Knowledge Center in myCAvax.

My Turn Help Desk

Onboarding: email myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov

Technical support for My Turn Clinic: email MyTurn.Clinic.HD@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

[Job aids, Demos, and Training Opportunities](#)

VFC Customer Service Center

For program information: Email MyVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov or call (877) 243-8832 (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, PT; Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, PT).

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