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COVID Vaccine Update

Below are the latest updates from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding COVID-19 vaccination guidance for the 2025–26 season.

Eligibility: CDPH continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccination for everyone aged 6 months and older.

Priority Groups: Special emphasis is placed on protecting:

- Infants and toddlers
- Pregnant individuals
- People with underlying medical conditions or compromised immune systems

Vaccine Availability:

- Remaining unexpired doses of the **2024–25 COVID-19 vaccines** may still be administered until the **2025–26** supply becomes widely available.
- Patients may be able to receive both flu and COVID-19 vaccines during the same visit. Please advise them to check with their provider or pharmacy regarding prescription requirements.

Guidance by Population for COVID, RSV, and Flu Vaccines:

- **Children (6–23 months and high-risk youth):** CDPH endorses the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) recommendations for immunization](#).
- **Pregnant and lactating individuals:** CDPH supports guidance from the [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists \(ACOG\) for vaccination during pregnancy and postpartum](#). Please provide a [prescription](#) to your pregnant patients referred to a pharmacy for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Adults (18+):** As of August 29, 2025, CDPH and CDC recommend immunization of adults 18 years and older against COVID-19. Updated national guidance is expected by late September.

Your Next Steps:

- Continue to promote vaccine access and provide science-based information to your patients.
- Stay tuned for further updates on the 2025–26 vaccine rollout.

CDPH is working with partners, including the [West Coast Health Alliance](#), to continue promoting vaccine access. For more information, visit the [CDPH COVID-19 Vaccines page](#).

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