

# Happy Independence Day from CDPH!

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## **Reporting Temperature Excursions for NON-impacted Vaccines**

Previously the Storage and Handling Online Triage System (SHOTS) required providers to report temperature excursions with VFC vaccines even if the vaccines were not affected. Providers had the option to select "no vaccines in the unit, during the time of excursion" when submitting the report. The myCAvax system currently does not have a similar option to report vaccines that were not in the unit at the time of the excursion. However, it will be an enhancement with the upcoming release on Thursday, July 18, 2024.

As a temporary measure, if an excursion occurs where the vaccines were not in unit at the time, providers may make a note of this in the "notes" section of the manual temperature logs. Keep this documentation for your records,

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## **Moderna COVID-19 Administration Timing**

As of June 6, 2024, all Pfizer COVID-19, 2023 - 2024 formulations are no longer available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, and Bridge Access

[Program \(BAP\)](#). Currently, the available product is the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

CDPH anticipates that with the availability of the 2024 – 2025 updated COVID-19 formulations this fall, all approved COVID-19 products will once again become available for ordering through the California Vaccines for Children Program (VFC).

Providers may continue to administer the 2023 – 2024 formulation of on-hand COVID-19 products until inventory is depleted, or until vaccine reaches expiration or deauthorization of the 2023 – 2024 presentations.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccine interchangeability, refer to the [CDC Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Please refer to the [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#) for information about Moderna vaccine.

The CDC recommends that persons > 65 years of age should receive an additional dose of 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after previous updates (2023-2024) COVID-19 vaccines dose. [The guidance for immunocompromised people and regarding interchangeability and administration](#) timing has also changed slightly.

- Persons 6 months – 64 years of age MAY receive additional updated doses 2 months following previous updates doses.
- Persons 65+ years of age SHOULD receive 1 additional updated dose 2 months after previous updated dose (this guidance is new).

\*Further additional doses may be administered, informed by the clinical judgement of a healthcare provider and personal preference and circumstances, at least 2 months after the last updated (2023 – 2024 Formulation) COVID-19 vaccine dose. The CDPH Timing Guide ([English/Spanish](#)) has been updated to reflect these changes.

For assistance, please contact the Provider Call Center at 833-502-1245, or via email at [ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov).

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## Preparing for Upcoming Heatwaves

California is experiencing a historic heat wave. Utility companies may initiate public safety power shutoffs (PSPS) in high fire risk areas that could last a few hours to a few days. The power shutoffs can impact vaccine storage and management.

Please see the tips and resources below to plan accordingly.

1. Review your clinic's [Vaccine Management Plan](#) – ensure it is up-to-date and easily accessible.
2. Replace batteries in digital data loggers (DDLs) to ensure continued operation and monitoring of storage unit temperatures during power outages
3. Register with your utility company's and county's emergency contact lists to receive Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) alerts as soon as possible.
  - [Pacific Gas and Electric Company](#)
  - [Southern California Edison](#)
  - [San Diego Gas & Electric](#)

**For more information, visit the [EZIZ Vaccine Management During Public Safety Power Shutoffs](#) webpage.**

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## July Holiday Ordering Cadence Calendars

Providers should remember to set a temporary closure on their myCAvax accounts during holiday closures at their sites. This will ensure that CDPH can exclude any necessary orders from processing to avoid shipping incidents. Please note: order holds on July 4, 2024, and July 5, 2024, apply to all programs in myCAvax.

**See Holiday Ordering & Distribution Calendars below for details.**

- [CA BAP COVID-19 Vaccine Program - Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)
- [CA SGF Flu Vaccine Program - Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)

Need assistance with adding or updating a temporary closure? Contact the Provider Call Center at 833-502-1245 or via email [ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov).

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## Customer Service Center Closure

The VFC Customer Service Center and the Provider Call Center (PCC) will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024 (Independence Day Holiday).

Normal business hours will resume on Friday, July 5, 2024.

For any VFC program questions, please contact the VFC Program at (877) 243-8832 or [MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov) or visit our website at [eziz.org](http://eziz.org) for important VFC Program communications and information.

For myCAvax Help Desk inquiries, email us at [providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov), or contact us at 833-502-1245, Monday through Friday from 8AM–5PM.

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