

**COVID VACCINE UPDATES** - <https://www.gnpweb.com/covidvaccine>

**\*PATIENT WEBPAGE VACCINE EDUCATION:** <https://www.gnpweb.com/covidvaccine>; [COVID-19 Delta Variant | MemorialCare](#); [Vaccines for COVID-19 | CDC](#)

CDC Guidance (non-healthcare settings): [Interim Guidance for Fully Vaccinated People \(CDC site\)](#); [Vaccines for COVID-19 | CDC](#)

**Vaccine Reluctance resources:** (<https://thisourshot.info/resources/>); [Vaccine Conversation Guide – May 2021.pdf](#); [Vaccines for COVID-19 | CDC](#); Webinar With MHS Clinical Leaders highlights: [MemorialCare website](#)

**Vaccine Clinic Volunteer signup:** [https://memorialcare.service-now.com/covid19\\_vax\\_appt/?id=covid19\\_vax\\_volunteer](https://memorialcare.service-now.com/covid19_vax_appt/?id=covid19_vax_volunteer)

The majority of vaccine is directed to County COVID immunization sites – <http://myTurn.ca.gov>  
**Cellphone users can TEXT 438829 with their ZIPCODE to receive a list of free vaccine locations in their area**  
**Orange County:** <https://othena.com/> ; **Long Beach:** <https://myturn.ca.gov>  
**Los Angeles County:** <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/vaccine/hcwsignup/>

MemorialCare hosted vaccination sites are listed near the bottom of <http://myTurn.ca.gov>

**Unaccompanied minors must provide guardian/parental consent.**

**DIGITAL COVID-19 VACCINE RECORD** – request records via this link: [Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record \(ca.gov\)](#)

Summary chart of vaccine eligibility: [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility \(eziz.org\)](#)

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**VACCINE TIMING:**

- **Exposed to COVID-19** – vaccinate once quarantine has been completed
- **s/p COVID Infection** – vaccinate once sx resolving & clear of isolation
- **s/p passive antibody treatment for COVID** – wait 90d after treatment
- **ok to give with Flu and other vaccines** (administer in different arms)
- **no need to restart series if doses are delayed**

**\*COVID VACCINE CONSIDERATIONS IN CERTAIN POPULATIONS:** CDC information regarding those with hx of myocarditis, age/gender considerations for use of J&J vaccine, those vaccinated outside the US, etc: click [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

“NEW” vaccine type: COVID Spike mRNA protein Introduced for human recipient to produce			Non-replicating viral vector & spike protein
<a href="#">Pfizer (pending approval)</a> Children 5-11	<a href="#">Pfizer/BioNTech</a> Adol & Adults	<a href="#">Moderna</a> mRNA	<a href="#">Janssen(Johnson&amp;Johnson)</a> Human adenovirus vector
Orange cap -10mcg dose (-90 to -60C for 6 months) <b>10 wks @ (2-8C)</b>	Purple cap – 30 mcg (-25 to -15C for 2wks), <b>1 month at (2-8C)</b>	MINUS 4F, <b>7d once thawed (below 46F)</b>	<b>Basic Refrigeration 35-46F (2-8C)</b>
2 doses, 21d apart	2 doses, 21d apart	2 doses, 28d apart	<b>SINGLE DOSE</b>
information not yet available	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> dose, 28d after second if immunocompromised</b>		*Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (women ages 18-49)
	*Possible linkage to myocarditis – adolescent males		
	CDC support for boosters for those at high risk as well as mixing of vaccines		
	Same dose booster for high risk >=6 months after series	Half dose booster for high risk >=6 months after series	Same dose booster >2months after initial

Link: [COVID-19 VACCINE COMPARISON CHART from the Medical Letter \(last update: 7/23/2021\).pdf](#)

[Moderna EUA Fact Sheet – Recipients -12-30-20.pdf](#); [V-Safe Instructions for Patients 12-30-20.pdf](#)

[GNP COVID Vaccination Administration Consent Form 12-30-20.pdf](#); [COVID-19 Vaccination After Care Info – 12-30-20.pdf](#)

[COVID-19 Special Physician Supplemental Update for April 19 2021 – Management of Vaccine-Induced Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia](#)

**For more: GNP PROVIDER PORTAL (Best Practices) :** <https://www.gnpweb.com/providers/best-practices>

**PEDIATRIC PATIENT 5-11 – IMPENDING COVID-19 VACCINATION INFORMATION:**

- **Pfizer seeking approval for COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 (NEW orange cap)**
  - Lower dosage 10 mcg (1/3 of the adult/teen dose)
  - Lower concentration (orange cap)
  - More favorable storage: ultra-cold freezer up to 6 months, refrigerator (2-8C) for 10 weeks
  - Anticipated push for administration in pediatrician officesPfizer comparison information sheet: [PfizerPedsOnePagerForPlanning-10.14.21.pdf \(aap.org\)](#)
- **CDC and AAP start preparing for vaccination of children 5-11** (in anticipation of Pfizer approval)

Practices registered with CAVax will be able to order starting today – although the anticipated initial order minimums are anticipated to be high (300 doses) until after Nov 8<sup>th</sup> (possibly then could drop to 100 doses). While the training materials have not yet been updated to extend beyond adolescents, VFC Providers are already considered to be set up for proper storage and administration and the program references both administration reimbursement as well as possible additional CalVaxGrant Incentive dollars.

USEFUL LINKS: Information and registration with CAVax : : [Home \(ca.gov\)](#)

The link to the CAVax enrollment kit: [PowerPoint Presentation \(eziz.org\)](#)

[IMM-1307 COVID-19 Vaccination Program Worksheet \(eziz.org\)](#)

[Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Training \(ca.gov\)](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine: What Pediatricians Can Do Now \(aap.org\)](#)

[Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for kids would require different doses, dilution, storage | American Academy of Pediatrics \(aappublications.org\)](#)

**COVID VACCINE RESPONSE** - associated with **lymphadenopathy** on screening mammography & possible **FALSE NEGATIVE TB** skin test results. For timing recommendations of these tests and more SPECIFIC CLINICAL CONCERNS REGARDING COVID mRNA VACCINE (other vaccines/studies/testing/conditions) please visit the CDC link: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>

**PATIENT REQUEST – LETTER DOCUMENTING EXEMPTION FROM VACCINES** (Medical Board disciplinary warning)

- Best practice is to inform patient if you are unable to write a medical exemption (Example language):  
“I am unable to provide you with a medical exemption without a valid medical basis. The most recent guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) only consider a history of the following to two reasons to be contraindications to vaccination with COVID-19 vaccines:
  1. Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after an earlier dose or to a part of the COVID-19 vaccine
  2. Immediate allergic reaction of any severity to an earlier dose or known (diagnosed) allergy to a part of the vaccineI strongly recommend that you get the vaccine, as variants are resulting in another surge. The COVID-19 vaccination is recommended as the best defense for everyone 12 years and older for the prevention of COVID-19. People with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness if infected with the COVID-19.  
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Example language for patient letters:

“Re: (patient) COVID-19 vaccination status

(Patient) **has NO medical or clinical contraindication to vaccination.** Failure to receive the vaccination increases (his/her) risk of severe complications, and even death should (he/she) contract COVID-19. Unvaccinated individuals should follow CDC & CDPH guidelines for physical distancing, personal protective equipment, and workplace safety.”

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## **HEALTHCARE WORKER VACCINATION STATUS ORDER**

On 8/5/21 Governor Newsom & CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) Order mandated **COMPLETION OF COVID VACCINATION SERIES FOR ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS IN CA NO LATER THAN September 30, 2021-** including “Clinics & Doctor Offices.” [Order of the State Public Health Officer Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement \(ca.gov\)](#); [Find All Guidance \(ca.gov\)](#); [\(GNP\) COVID Testing Requirement Resource Page 8-2-21 Final.pdf](#)

- Records MUST BE MAINTAINED of healthcare workers’ **proof of full vaccination** *and/or*
- **COVID testing at least weekly** for unvaccinated healthcare workers meeting exemption requirements (**eff 8/23**)
- **N95 masks (respirators) are to be worn in areas where suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases may be present**
- Unvaccinated exempt workers **MUST WEAR A (N95) MASK AT ALL TIMES** while in a healthcare facility
- OFFICES CAN REFER EMPLOYEES TO THE COUNTY TESTING SITES:  
OC: [COVID-19 Testing | Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(ochealthinfo.com\)](#) ; LA: [COVID-19 Testing \(lacounty.gov\)](#)  
LB: <https://longbeach.gov/health/diseases-and-condition/information-on/coronavirus/covid-19-testing/>
- Offices in **ORANGE COUNTY** can request direct antigen testing from the County Duty Officer (714-415-8980)
  - OC: [www.OHealthinfo.com/EMS/AOC](http://www.OHealthinfo.com/EMS/AOC)

### **Find All Guidance (ca.gov)**

[Order of the State Public Health Officer Health Care Worker Vaccine Requirement \(ca.gov\)](#)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/pdfs/choosingSaferActivities.pdf>

for healthcare settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-after-vaccination.html>

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tips to ease anxiety: [Tips to Ease Anxiety During Vaccination \(eziz.org\)](https://www.eziz.org/covid-19-tips-to-ease-anxiety)

Telemedicine tips, trick, Best Practices from your Peers and more – go to [GNP Provider Portal Best Practices](#)