

Information current as of 10/29/21 at 11AM *subject to change* NOT official guidance

The CDC training for Pfizer still has only the 12+ dosing education, when is additional training expected? Any moment! And soon we hope.

How long is a vial (of the pediatric 5-11 product) good once it is opened? *In the EUA issued the afternoon of 10/29/21, the product is good for 12 hours* Administration of each vial should be diluted one at a time during vaccine clinic and kept fridge until administration. Wait for patient to arrive to dilute the vial and try to schedule 10 patients within a 12-hour window after dilution to reduce wastage.

Do we have to have patients fill out the prescreening question form from the CDC? This guidance will come the CDC after ACIP recommendations are issued.

Is the state still supplying epi pens to practices? At this time, practices should plan on supplying their own epi. We will continue to discuss, but the expectation is that providers will manage this at the practice level.

Is the series given on the same schedule as adult vaccines? Yes, the series for 5-11 is two doses, 21 days apart, pending emergency use authorization and ACIP recommendation. If there is a range of days as there is with the adult product, the range should not be used for scheduling purposes. Please consider the holidays when you are planning your vaccine clinics and appointments.

What if a patient turns 12 between their first dose and second dose? We are awaiting further updates from FDA and CDC.

Is it recommended that patients wait for 15 minutes after the dose before leaving the clinic after immunization? This guidance has not yet been issued, but the 15-minute and 30-minute waiting periods are expected to be included for 5–11-year-olds.

Vaccines.gov needs to be updated daily, how often do we need to update ICARE? Within 24 hours, depending on the system you use, it may not update right away (within 72 hours). More at 52:20 on the [webinar recording](#).

Is there evidence for giving both COVID-19 and flu vaccine at the same time? Please see Dr. Fricchiones' [answer on the webinar recording](#) at 1:04:04.

Where can LHDs or offices who don't normally vaccinate pediatric patients find pediatric vaccine training for nurses who are not used to providing pediatric vaccine? There are good resources here <https://www.immunize.org/technically-speaking/20181120.asp> and [How to administer intramuscular and subcutaneous vaccine injections \(immunize.org\)](#). CDC also has this handout: [Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular \(IM\) Injection Children 7 through 18 years of age](#)

Will CDC or IDPH be releasing a standing order for ped vaccine in a timely fashion or will practices and LHDs have to create their own? CDC will be releasing standing orders after CDC recommendations are released. Unfortunately, there is often a few days delay in those standing orders being posted by CDC.

Please speak to your thoughts on opening a vial at 2pm for one patient and whether or not you want us doing that vs scheduling them at a later date? This was included in the SIREN that was distributed on 10/27/21. Bottom line, we don't want to miss an opportunity and accept that it will result in some amount of wastage. This type of wastage will NOT impact VFC and providers will not be penalized for following this guidance.