

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY

COVID-19 Vaccine Transition Planning for Healthcare and Service Providers

Deadline of July 31 to Order COVID-19 Vaccines Until Fall

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has <u>released guidance</u> for organizations participating in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program as vaccine distribution transitions from the federal government to traditional distribution pathways. Of note, current COVID-19 vaccines are available for ordering through the federal government through August 3, 2023. Officials expect updated monovalent COVID-19 vaccines for fall 2023 will become available from manufacturers in mid-to-late September.

In order for requests to be processed on time and to avoid a gap in vaccine availability, the California Department of Public Health directs providers to **order a two-month supply of COVID-19 vaccine by Monday**, **July 31**, **2023** by visiting https://mycavax.cdph.ca.gov

The updated vaccines will be the first COVID-19 vaccines to be available directly from the manufacturers as part of the commercial market, rather than through the federal government. Programs will be available to cover the cost of vaccines for those who need financial assistance. The HHS transition guide also includes information on inventory and disposal management; data reporting requirements; programs for uninsured individuals; anticipated vaccine schedule for fall; and planning considerations. See the full HHS commercialization transition guide at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/HHS-Commercialization-Transition-Guide-508.pdf

Looking ahead to September, providers will need to be prepared to order vaccine through the commercial market to receive the new monovalent COVID-19 vaccines.