

COVID-19 vaccine booster doses

Please read our communication on the interim recommendations for Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster doses at COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Updates (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/vaxbulletin.html).

Sign up for weekly COVID-19 vaccine updates from MDH!

We encourage you to sign up for the weekly MDH COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Bulletin. This email bulletin is the primary way that MDH communicates with providers about important updates and reminders. Sign up by entering your email address at the top of COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Updates (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/vaxbulletin.html).

Enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider

If you serve children and adolescents in your clinic and you haven't already, please consider registering to be a COVID-19 vaccine provider. We are anticipating the age authorization for Pfizer vaccine to expand down to age 5 in near future and expect to have smaller minimum order sizes for this population. Parents often feel the most comfortable getting their children vaccinated at their child's clinic. Learn how to enroll at COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Registration (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/vaxreg.html).

Fall flu guide is here!

The *2021-22 Minnesota Fall Flu Guide* is posted on Influenza Vaccine Information for Health Professionals (www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/hcp/vaccine/). Find updated influenza vaccine protocol templates under "Influenza Vaccine Administration." For those who are conducting off-site vaccination clinics, check out our updated Checklist for Vaccination at Satellite, Temporary, or Off-site Locations (PDF), also linked on this page. Don't forget to use the most current Influenza Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) as they were updated in 2021. Learn more below.

Current VISs, September 2021

Federal law requires anyone who vaccinates to give all patients, or their parents or legal guardians, the appropriate Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) before giving vaccines. Check to make sure you have the most Current VISs (www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html) for your practice. Fourteen VISs have been finalized as of Aug. 6, 2021:

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| • DTaP | • MMR |
| • Hib | • MMRV |
| • HPV | • PCV13 |
| • Influenza, inactivated | • Polio |
| • Influenza, live attenuated | • Td |
| • Meningococcal ACWY | • Tdap |
| • Meningococcal B | • Varicella |

Find translated versions at IAC Vaccine Information Statements (www.immunize.org/vis/).

New! Docket mobile app

Minnesotans can now easily access their immunization record

through their smartphones or other mobile devices by using a mobile app called Docket.

Quick facts about Docket

- Docket enables Minnesota residents with a Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) record to securely view and share their immunization records for health, school, travel, and other purposes.
- MIIC combines all immunizations a person has received into a single record, even if they were given by different health care providers in Minnesota.
- It's a great way for a user to see their immunization history from MIIC, check what vaccines they or their family may be due for, and see what vaccines they may need in the future.
- Users can get a PDF of their immunization record and share as needed through text, email, or print.
- Docket helps answer consumer demand for more accessible immunization records.
- For people who do not have a smartphone or do not want to use the app, they can still request their MIIC immunization record from the Minnesota Department of Health or their health care provider.

Let your patients know the free Docket app is available. Share our Find My Immunization Record (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html) webpage, which has information about accessing MIIC records both via the existing request process and Docket.

MnVFC annual re-enrollment due Nov. 30, 2021

Sites enrolled in the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program must renew their enrollment every year by completing required reports and trainings by Nov. 30. MnVFC Policies and Procedures manuals for 2022 will be posted to our website on Sept. 30. Visit the MnVFC Required Reports and Trainings page (www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/required.html) for more detailed information next week.

MIIC texting project

We have been working with a number of COVID-19 vaccine providers to use the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) functionality to send text messages to their patients in need of COVID-19 vaccine doses to complete their series. The program can be geared towards immunocompromised patients in need of a third dose, those who have missed a second COVID-19 vaccine dose, or other criteria as recommended by your organization. Texts can be sent leading up to the recommended timeframe for a client, and/or after a client has missed their vaccine dose.

The MDH MIIC team is currently working with 15 organizations ranging from local public health and health systems to federally qualified health centers to support COVID-19 series completion outreach.

This texting program is free and does not require a lot of work on the part of the participating provider. If you are interested in partnering or would like some more information about this service, please contact the MIIC Help Desk (health.miichelp@state.mn.us).