

MnVFC Announcement

Date: September 29, 2023

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: **Do Not Miss an Opportunity to Vaccinate Younger Kids with COVID Vaccine**

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

Vaccinate kids age 6 months to 4 years old with COVID vaccine, even if you do not stock the same manufacturer's vaccine

As annual vaccination for COVID continues to roll out this year, in the future, it is less likely that corresponding vaccination can be maintained for kids aged 6 months to 4 years old. While the Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization (FDA EUA) restricts the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation regarding what they can say about interchangeability of pediatric COVID vaccine products, providers should not miss an opportunity to vaccinate those who come to them seeking a COVID vaccination.

Providers should not be turning away patients or refusing to schedule vaccination appointments over this issue. CDC's guidance when products are interchanged can be found at [CDC: Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines \(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#Interchangeability\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#Interchangeability). Some manufacturers' vaccines may be more available than others, but availability of a particular brand of vaccine should not be a barrier to getting vaccinated for anyone.

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