

FQHC/Community Clinic Vaccine Office Hours – February 9, 2021

Following is the Q&A from the Tuesday, February 9th Office Hours call. Members are encouraged to send their questions for the Friday, February 12th call by COB Thursday to Alyssa Mohamadzadeh, amohamadzadeh@ccalac.org.

Supply

- Q: What is the overall availability of vaccines over the next few weeks?
 - A: Supply is stagnate at this time, although they are expecting increases. This week we are expecting 10 -20% increase. Recommending only scheduling 2nd dose appointment, not first dose since
- Q: With Blue Shield network going online in 3 weeks, what happens to 2nd dose needs that we may have when the shift occurs? would we continue to get at least what we need for 2nd dose for those we are currently doing 1 dose?
 - A: Allocations will remain consistent and 2nd doses should be prioritized for your patients before administering 1st doses. Blue Shield transition will be phased in.
- Q: Question about timing of second doses.
 - A: Clinically the recommendation is that scheduling a patient later for their 2nd dose is better than earlier – early results from trials shows greater efficacy the longer the period between first and second dose.

Systems & Inventory Management

- Q: We have a new site in the city of Montebello which isn't currently a VFC-approved site. However, we are getting increasing demand for vaccinations. Can we reposition vaccines to this site as long as we follow the guidelines of using them the same day?
 - A: Following are the guidelines for moving vaccines. Please note the difference between repositioning and redistributing vaccines.

Repositioning: This is the process for moving vaccines internally within the organization. The vaccines must be administered within the same day. To reposition and move doses out of inventory quickly, it is suggested that clinics schedule vaccination Clinics via PrepMod and take vaccines to other locations to vaccinate for the day.

Redistributing: Requires CDPH's approval. Instructions and template Redistribution Plan are attached. Once the plan is approved, vaccines may be transferred to other sites within the plan. One clinic completed the process which took about 2 weeks. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the bottom of the page for the Redistribution Resources.

- Q: Question about PrepMod inventory. When we receive 100 doses, and reposition some of them to other clinic sites, do we create a separate inventory of 10 or 20 or 60 per clinic venue were vaccinating at? Do we need to create a separate inventory for clinic venues?
 - A: You do not need to keep a separate inventory.
- Q: Question to other FQHCs on the call – how are you handling these vaccine appointments in your EHR?
 - A1: We are using a shadow scheduling for patients that cannot navigate PrepMod - either in excel and potentially the EHR.

- A2: We vaccinate only patients and assigned members right now and we schedule in our EHR and our staff enter in PrepMod as patients checks in.
 - A3: we are scheduling on our EHR as a nurse only visit so the data is not getting included in our UDS report for unique patients unless they have another office visit.
- Q: When will MyTurn be able to handle private clinics?
 - A: The private clinic option for MyTurn should go live this Friday.

Phases & Eligibility

- Q: Any updates on eligibility expansion? State has said that they're expanding to educators and food industry? Any updates on county level?
 - A: LA County is not planning to expand the list beyond phase 1a for the next few weeks. We have only vaccinated 22% of 65+ at this point, leaving 1.35 million seniors unvaccinated.

State Centralization & Biden Initiative

- Q: How does the federal [FQHC vaccine announcement](#) impact us?
 - A: Biden administration will start directing doses to select FQHCs as soon as 2/15. allocations are going first to 25 clinics nationwide that have already been identified. They'll increase it to 250 clinics in 5-6 weeks, and roll out more thereafter. It is an opt in program to get direct distribution of vaccine supply from the feds.