



## Important Message

### COVID-19 Vaccine Co-Administration Interim Guidance

Dear COVID-19 Providers,

On May 14, 2021 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released interim guidance on the co-administration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccinations.

Previously, it was recommended for COVID-19 vaccinations to be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration of any other vaccines. This guidance was out of an abundance of caution and not related to a knowledge of any safety concerns. We now have additional substantial data regarding the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized by the Food and Drug Administration for use under Emergency Use Authorization.

**COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may now be administered without regard to timing.** This includes simultaneous administration of COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines on the same day, as well as coadministration within 14 days.

It is unknown whether reactogenicity of COVID-19 vaccines is increased with coadministration, including with other vaccines known to be more reactogenic, such as adjuvanted vaccines or live vaccines. When deciding whether to co-administer another vaccine(s) with COVID-19 vaccines, providers should consider whether the patient is behind or at risk of becoming behind on recommended vaccines, their risk of vaccine-preventable disease (e.g., during an outbreak or occupational exposures) and the reactogenicity profile of the vaccines.

**If multiple vaccines are administered at a single visit, administer each injection in a different injection site.** For adolescents and adults, the same deltoid muscle can be used for more than one intramuscular injection.

Best practices for multiple injections include:

- Label each syringe with the name and the dosage (amount) of the vaccine, lot number, the initials of the preparer and the exact beyond-use time, if applicable.
- Separate injection sites by 1 inch or more, if possible.
- **Administer the COVID-19 vaccines and vaccines that may be more likely to cause a local reaction (e.g., tetanus-toxoid-containing and adjuvanted vaccines) in different limbs, if possible.**

For more information regarding this please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html>.

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