Health Advisory

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Approval: Information for Clinicians

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Situational Update: Moderna Vaccine

- The Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) of the FDA voted to recommend approval of the Moderna mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (12/17/2020).

- The FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for Moderna Vaccine (12/18/2020), complete with the required Fact Sheets for Healthcare Providers and for Patients, translated into numerous languages.

- The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Vaccination Practices (ACIP) confirmed the safety and efficacy of the vaccine and issued an interim recommendation for use of Moderna vaccine in persons aged ≥18 years for the prevention of COVID-19 (12/20/2020).

- The first doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are expected to reach San Francisco this week and next, and will be distributed to facilities in accordance with Phase 1A allocation guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health. Additional doses are expected to arrive during the weeks to follow.

Situational Update: Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine

- Limited quantities of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are reaching San Francisco and are being distributed to facilities in accordance with Phase 1A allocation guidelines published by the California Department of Public Health. Additional doses are expected to arrive during the weeks to follow.

- FDA page on EUA for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine contains required Fact Sheets translated into many languages.

Additional Information from CDC and CDPH

CDC is rapidly updating its websites for healthcare professionals with key information for clinicians.

- CDC consolidated clinical guidance for use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
- CDC product-specific information on COVID-19 vaccines

- Toolkit: COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit

- Vaccine prioritization guidance
  - ACIP Phases 1a-1b-1c Prioritization of Phase Vaccine Supply
  - CDPH California-specific Prioritization Guidance

- Infection Prevention and Control Considerations Post-Vaccination
  - For Healthcare Personnel
  - For Residents of Long-term Care

- CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) webinars

**Additional Information from SFDPH**

Info about COVID-19 vaccination, developed by SFDPH for SF clinicians, is posted at [www.sfcdcp.org/covidvax](http://www.sfcdcp.org/covidvax).

Currently this includes:

- Sample protocols for administration of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines
- An FAQ for clinicians, clarifying aspects of COVID-19 vaccine and administration

And will soon include:

- Info for outpatient providers about signing up to become a COVID-19 vaccination provider and how to obtain vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination information for the general public is available at [https://SF.gov/covidvax](https://SF.gov/covidvax).