



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.sfdcp.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>.