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COVID-19 VACCINATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Summary: On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an [Emergency Use Authorization](#) for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in persons aged 16 years and older for the prevention of COVID-19.

On December 12, 2020, the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) met to discuss a recommendation for the use of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19. ACIP's recommendations are reflected in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report issued December 13, 2020 found [here](#).

MAINE EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS FOR PROVIDERS

As part of the State's response to COVID-19, Maine DHHS is offering a series of educational sessions for Maine clinicians on the COVID-19 vaccine(s) and to support efforts to build the knowledge and trust needed to ensure a successful vaccination effort statewide.

Given busy clinician schedules, Maine DHHS is offering a series of short (30min) "COVID-19 Vaccine Info Sessions" that will be hosted **twice a week starting Tuesday, Dec 15, 2020**. The sessions will occur twice a week for the next several months at the following times:

- **Tuesdays at 7:30AM – 8:00AM**
- **Fridays at 12:00PM – 12:30PM**

The sessions will offer brief didactic overviews on the vaccine development and approval process, followed by time for questions & discussions. Clinicians are welcome to attend one or multiple sessions. The sessions will be held via Zoom using the following log-in and/or call-in information for all sessions:

- Zoom/web: <https://zoom.us/j/6218434986>
Meeting ID: 621 843 4986
Passcode: 338847
- Phone: One tap mobile: +13017158592,,6218434986#,,,,,0#,,338847#

Please spread the word to clinicians widely. Additional educational tools and resources on COVID vaccine will be added in the future.

COVID-19 MANUFACTURER VACCINE TRAINING AND EDUCATION SERIES

This week, Pfizer will be hosting a series of training sessions to review information and answer questions about their COVID-19 vaccine. Please share these training opportunities with clinicians and COVID-19 vaccine providers.

Please click on the link below to join the sessions at the designated times.

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Attendee December 14, 2020 5:00 PM ET	yyJM8HMBV23
Attendee December 15, 2020 10:00 AM ET	yyXXMHkY623
Attendee December 15, 2020 5:00 PM ET	cXQqYzTM352
Attendee December 16, 2020 10:00 AM ET	yDxuqt6Pg52
Attendee December 16, 2020 5:00 PM ET	auKMUdmJ687
Attendee December 17, 2020 10:00 AM ET	TMr7GvMc2P2
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Attendee December 18, 2020 10:00 AM ET	GawpMXB2X95
Attendee December 18, 2020 5:00 PM ET	w3kBrP9ReU3

U.S. CDC CLINICIAN OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY (COCA)

What Every Clinician Should Know about COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

The COCA call will be available for viewing on the [COCA website](#) a few hours after the live event ends.

Overview: Clinicians will learn how they can educate their patients about what to expect after COVID-19 vaccination. In addition, they will learn how they can play an important role in monitoring the safety of COVID-19 vaccines. This includes encouraging patients to enroll in v-safe, a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines, and to use v-safe to report how they're feeling. Clinicians also will learn how to report adverse events (possible side effects) to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

Date and Time: Monday, December 14, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Webinar Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1611264903>

Dial-in: US: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666

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International numbers available: <https://www.zoomgov.com/u/ab3Ojj4XMn>

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Maine COVID-19 vaccination plan <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/documents/covid-19-vaccination-plan-maine-interim-draft.pdf>
- Information for vaccine providers in Maine <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/covid-19-providers/index.shtml>
- U.S. CDC's COVID-19 vaccine website <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>
- MMWR: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950e2.htm?s_cid=mm6950e2_w