

# IMMUNIZATION COVID-19 Update

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## Question of the Week

### What is the status of the Fall/Winter COVID-19 vaccine distribution?

Currently, the U.S. Government has procured 175 million doses of bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for distribution and administration of primary and booster doses this Fall/Winter.

The **CDC Fall COVID-19 Vaccination Operational Planning Guide** is now available on the CDC website: [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Operational Guidance](#) with regard to the management and rollout of the vaccines during this period. A PDF version of the guide is also available [here](#).

Vaccine providers are encouraged to refer to the planning guide for information regarding storage, pre-EUA and post-EUA thresholds, consideration for site selections with jurisdictions, provider readiness and more.



## CDC streamlines COVID-19 guidance

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Last week, the CDC published streamlined COVID-19 guidance to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19 and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus.

The new guidance supports continuing to promote being up to date with vaccination. It also offers testing recommendations for individuals who are exposed to COVID-19, isolation best practices, screening recommendations for asymptomatic people and the role of ventilation when factoring in physical distance. [Read more](#).

## FDA recommends repeat testing following negative at-home COVID-19 tests

The FDA issued a [safety communication](#) advising people to perform repeat, or serial, testing following a negative result on any at-home COVID-19 antigen test. If repeat testing is not performed after a negative result, an infection may be missed and people may unknowingly spread the SARS-CoV-2 virus to others, especially if they are not experiencing symptoms. The FDA recommends repeat testing following a negative result whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms.



## New CDC toolkit for child and teen COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccine providers, healthcare professionals and community partners have access to more communication tools to increase awareness about COVID-19 vaccines for children.

The CDC has published a new toolkit, [Resources to Promote the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens](#), which offers a suite of digital and downloadable resources that aid in promoting COVID-19 vaccination children.



## FDA addresses blood establishments on monkeypox and blood donations

The FDA recently released a [safety communication](#) to provide information to blood establishments regarding monkeypox virus and blood donations.

“Worldwide, there have been no reports of transmission of monkeypox virus through blood transfusion and the risk of transfusion-transmission remains theoretical. The levels of virus in the blood of an infected or exposed individual have not been well characterized,” FDA reported.



FDA’s guidance explains that existing safeguards for blood safety are likely to identify individuals who desire to donate blood and who are diagnosed with monkeypox virus, or who are currently at the greatest risk for infection with monkeypox virus. FDA will continue to monitor cases of monkeypox in the U.S. and worldwide as well as the available information about potential risk of transfusion-transmitted monkeypox virus. The agency will provide updates as they become available.

## How to report COVID-19 rumors

In order to improve the ability to address misinformation, CDC partners can now report COVID-19-related rumors directly to CDC. To report a rumor:

1. Go to [www.cdc.gov/report-rumors](http://www.cdc.gov/report-rumors)
2. Start the subject line with ???Rumors???
3. In the question box, give as much information about the rumor as you can, such as a description of the rumor, where you heard it and how many times you have heard it.

In addition, CDC released the most recent edition of the [COVID-19 State of Vaccine Confidence Insights Report](#) series. By examining how Americans think and feel, these reports emphasize major themes influencing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and uptake, categorized by their level and type of threat to vaccine confidence, degree of spread and directionality.

## Good reads

- [Travel’s Uneven Covid Recovery Sees Record Revenues, Lessons and Lingering Obstacles](#)
- [Updated COVID boosters could be available in 3 weeks, White House predicts - ABC News](#)
- [Health departments apply lessons learned from Covid to other public health concerns](#)
- [Get vaccinated for COVID at BREC’s Liberty Lagoon Saturday for free waterpark pass](#)
- [Louisiana hopes to improve vaccination rates](#)
- [Ouachita Parish's COVID cases fall 23.5%; Louisiana cases fall 8.5%](#)

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