



**CLINICAL NOTES:**

- Healthcare providers should identify children who have missed well-child visits and/or recommended vaccinations and contact them to schedule in person appointments, starting with newborns and infants up to 24 months, then extending to young children and adolescents. Refer to the CDC catch-up immunization schedule ([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html)) for appropriate intervals between doses. All vaccines that are due can be safely administered in one visit. "Spacing out" vaccines that are due delays optimal protection and increases the number of health care visits.
- Children in childcare or TK/K-12 grades should be scheduled to receive immunizations required for school, even if school is attended via distance learning, in order to avoid school exclusion and prevent cases of vaccine preventable diseases in the community (per state immunization law).
- Although not a school-required vaccine, age-appropriate influenza vaccine should be administered to all community members 6 months and older as soon as vaccine is available. Influenza vaccine should be administered along with other vaccines that are due.

**INFECTION CONTROL:**

Per CDC, primary care practices in communities affected by COVID-19 should continue to use strategies to separate well visits from sick visits. Examples include:

- Scheduling sick visits and well-child visits during different times of the day;
- Reducing crowding in waiting rooms by asking patients to remain outside (e.g., stay in their vehicles, if applicable) until they are called into the facility for their appointment; or
- Setting up triage booths to screen patients safely; or
- Collaborating with healthcare providers in the community to identify separate locations for providing well visits for children.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:**

The Contra Costa Public Health, Communicable Disease Programs can be reached 8:00 AM–5:00 PM Monday–Friday at: 925-313-6740 (phone) or 925-313-6465 (fax).

More information may be found at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html)

