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CDC Recommendation for Routine Childhood Vaccines During COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly and continues to affect communities across the United States differently. Some of the strategies used to slow the spread of disease in communities include postponing or cancelling non-urgent elective procedures and using telemedicine instead of face-to-face encounters for routine medical visits.

Ensuring the delivery of newborn and well-child care, including childhood immunization, requires different strategies. Healthcare providers in communities affected by COVID-19 are using [strategies to separate well visits from sick visits](#). Examples include:

- Scheduling well visits in the morning and sick visits in the afternoon.
- Separating patients spatially, such as by placing patients with sick visits in different areas of the clinic or another location from patients with well visits.
- Collaborating with providers in the community to identify separate locations for holding well visits for children.

Because of personal, practice, or community circumstances related to COVID-19, some providers may not be able to provide well child visits, including provision of immunizations, for all patients in their practice. If a practice can provide only limited well child visits, healthcare providers are encouraged to prioritize newborn care and vaccination of infants and young children (through 24 months of age) when possible. [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) is monitoring the situation and will continue to provide guidance.

Using the CIIS Patient Reminder/Recall Report for Routine Childhood Vaccinations

CIIS users can run the CIIS Patient Reminder/Recall report to identify patients who are coming due or overdue for their routine childhood vaccinations. The report feature also gives users the ability to generate patient mailing labels for reminder/recall communications. If you already have access to the CIIS Reminder/Recall report, and would like refresher training, please click [here](#). For those who are new to the reminder/recall feature, simply follow the directions below to complete the CIIS Reminder/Recall online course, which takes about 25 minutes. In addition, the [CIIS Reminder/Recall Information Sheet on Data Quality Best Practices](#) will give you tips on running a more accurate reminder/recall report.

Here is how to register for the online Reminder/Recall training course:

- Login to [CO.TRAIN](#)
- Search for the *CIIS Reminder/Recall Training* Course ID # 1030877,
- Click on the course link and click *Launch*
- Once you have completed the course, please contact the CIIS Help Desk for access to the CIIS Reminder/Recall feature.

If you have questions or need additional information on this topic, please contact the CIIS Help Desk at (303) 692-2437, option 2 or cdphe.ciis@state.co.us.