

COVID-19

Guidance for Health Department Curbside Immunization Services

Childhood Immunizations are Critical to Outbreak Prevention:

- Slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases our risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases
- Immunizing the youngest children should remain a top priority

Guidance for Provision of Drive-Through Immunization Services:

- Services should be provided by appointment only
- While the caller is on the phone:
 - o Verify insurance status and VFC eligibility status
 - o Ask the caller to email, text or fax a copy of their insurance card, if possible
 - Review the patient's TennIIS record, discuss recommended vaccines, including risks and benefits and review contraindications
 - Instruct caller that if the driver is receiving a vaccine he or she will be asked to wait 15 minutes before leaving the parking lot
 - o Set appointment time and provide directions for the curbside location

• Before the patient arrives:

- o Pull the appropriate Vaccine Information Statement sheets
- o Prepare a tray of Band-Aids, alcohol wipes, cotton balls and other needed materials
- o Create an encounter in your EHR or paper chart and begin documentation

When the patient arrives:

- Don a cloth or surgical mask
- Go out to the vehicle, review the recommended vaccines and confirm the patient will receive them. Provide the VIS sheets. Explain how vaccines will be administered
- Ask parent to move next to the child, if needed, and remove clothing covering vaccine administration sites
- Return to clinic. Don gloves and mask. If N95 is not available, don surgical mask or other protective face covering
- o Draw up the vaccines; take vaccines and supply tray to the vehicle
- Administer vaccines
- Require patients who are driving themselves to remain in the parking lot for 15 minutes and re-check prior to discharge
- Document according to standard procedures