Considerations for Curbside or Drive-Thru Immunization Services for Children and Adults

The Arizona Department of Health Services Immunization Program Office has developed general considerations for the administration of vaccines through alternative approaches such as curbside or drive-thru clinics. Clinics/providers should review these general considerations and develop individual and specific guidance to meet individual abilities and needs.

The general principles for VFC/VFA vaccine storage and handling and best practices for vaccine administration should be applied to any alternative vaccination site, with the additional precaution for physical distancing and use of PPE for both patients and staff.

Immunizations are Critical to Vaccine Preventable Disease Outbreak Prevention:

- slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases our risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases
- immunizing children 0-24 months of age should remain a top priority, but continue to vaccinate children of all ages, and adults whenever possible
- reducing COVID-19 fears by offering an alternative to in-clinic services

For more detailed information, clinics should refer to CDC’s General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization, Arizona VFC Program Operations Guide, CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit, and CDC’s Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic.

Please see the next page for a quick-look checklist of considerations.
**Services should be provided by appointment only**

Things to consider for curbside/drive-thru vaccination:

**Site/location capability:**

- Physical layout
- Protection from elements
- Patient privacy
- Post vaccination monitoring area
- Traffic management
- Specific vaccination hours
- Patient age considerations
- Alternate patient positioning
- Inclement weather
- Mock-up or walk-throughs prior to starting process/event

**Information communication considerations:**

- How to let patients know this is happening?
- Safety expectations for patients (social distance, masks, seatbelts)
- How will you share VIS?
- Wear clothes that allow vaccine site access
- Posting information to your website
- Expectation to wait 15 minutes post vaccination

**Ensure sufficient staff and resources, safety considerations:**

- Coordinator/POC
- Sufficient staff
- Staff communication
- Adequate PPE supply
- Patient and family masks
- Waste management
- Patient/staff safety
- Vehicle safety
- Adverse event response plan

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