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PIN 21-21-ASC

TO: ALL ADULT DAY PROGRAM LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **ADULT DAY PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND VACCINATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 21-21-ASC addresses the Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) support for Adult Day Programs (ADPs) to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides information on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Please post/keep this PIN in the facility where clients/participants can easily access it and distribute the PIN Summary for Clients/Participants (located at the end of this PIN) to clients/participants, and, if applicable, their representatives.

ADPs provide a critical resource throughout California for adults and seniors and continue to be a necessary component of the successful wraparound services afforded to these vulnerable populations. CCLD recognizes the difficulty in operating an ADP during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and has strived to provide technical assistance throughout these unprecedented times. CCLD released [PIN 20-33-ASC](#) to provide guidance specifically for ADPs on how to continue operations while following COVID-19 protection measures. In line with the mission of the Department, CCLD has developed this PIN to encourage ADP providers to remain diligent with their operations while incorporating the necessary mitigation strategies to help prevent COVID-19 exposure and provide information related to COVID-19 vaccines. As a friendly reminder, CCLD has not issued any guidance prohibiting ADPs from

remaining open during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 prevention practices that CCLD has issued were always designed to ensure the operational capabilities in local communities throughout California.

CCLD COVID-19 Guidance

Providers of ADPs should continue to monitor the [CCLD homepage](#) for updated information regarding COVID-19 and review the following applicable PINs:

Prevention of COVID-19:

- [PIN 20-29-CCLD](#) Provider Infection Prevention Helpline
- [PIN 21-11-ASC](#) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Options for Accessing COVID-19 Testing
- [PIN 20-48-ASC](#) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Mitigation Plan Report and Training
- [PIN 20-35-ASC](#) Influenza Or “Flu”, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and Pneumonia in Adult Day Programs
- [PIN 20-13-ASC](#) Notification to Families When a Person Tests Positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Waivers:

- [PIN 21-03-CCLD](#) Statewide Waivers for Licensing Requirements Related to Tuberculosis (TB) Testing and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine
- [PIN 20-37-ASC](#) Statewide Waivers for Licensing Requirements for Adult and Senior Care Facilities Due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

N95 Respirators:

- [PIN 21-06-ASC](#) Update to Guidance for Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators

COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination is one of the most important tools to help us recover from this pandemic and thrive again. It is important that licensees, staff, clients/participants, and families know:

- The Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine trials have demonstrated that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for trial participants.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no out-of-pocket cost.
- All individuals, including those who have been vaccinated, should continue to wear a mask, practice frequent hand hygiene, maintain at least six (6) feet distance from others and avoid attending gatherings of groups of people until the end of the pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided [interim clinical recommendations](#) for COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized under the United

Stated Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and recommends:

- Persons be offered the vaccine regardless of history of prior COVID-19 infection.
- Deferring vaccination of persons with COVID-19 infection until the person has recovered (if the person had symptoms) **and** the [criteria](#) have been met for them to discontinue isolation. This recommendation to defer vaccination applies to:
 - Persons who develop COVID-19 infection *before* receiving any vaccine doses, and
 - Those who develop COVID-19 infection *after* the first dose but *before* receipt of the second dose (for the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines).
- While vaccine supply remains limited, people with recent documented acute COVID-19 infection may choose to temporarily delay vaccination, if desired, since evidence suggests the risk of reinfection is low in the months after initial infection. The risk of reinfection and, therefore, the need for vaccination, might increase with time following the initial infection.

Personal Rights and COVID-19 Vaccines

Licensees should keep in mind the importance of ensuring personal rights of clients/participants throughout the COVID-19 vaccination period. The personal rights of clients/participants include the right to receive or reject medical care or health-related services. Medical care and access to healthcare include receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. No client/participant who refuses to be vaccinated against COVID-19 may be denied participation in any activity or service available to any other client/participant solely based on the decision to not receive the vaccine.

Also, no client/participant who refuses to be vaccinated against COVID-19 may be removed from the ADP based on their decision to not receive the vaccine. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is not required by law and is voluntary. Refusal to be vaccinated is a client's/participant's right, and therefore is not an authorized reason for removing a client/participant from an ADP.

Facility Staff Acceptance and Refusal of COVID-19 Vaccines

At this time, there is no mandate for COVID-19 vaccination for licensees, volunteers, and facility staff. When COVID-19 vaccinations are made available, they should be offered by employers to employees as recommended by [CDPH guidance](#). Employers should track employees' and volunteer immunization status by having employees and volunteers complete an acceptance/declination form at the time vaccination is offered and maintaining a copy in the employee's and volunteer's file.

Tuberculosis Tests and COVID-19 Vaccines

As vaccinations continue, licensees may have questions about the interaction between new COVID-19 vaccines and tests used for tuberculosis (TB) infection. The [CDC](#) has indicated there is no immunological reason to believe a TB test will impact the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines. However, since not enough is yet known of the potential impact of vaccines on immune responses, the CDC recommends individuals:

- Complete the TB test before COVID-19 vaccination; or
- If already vaccinated, defer the TB test until four (4) weeks after completion of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Prioritization of testing for TB infection needs to be weighed with the importance of receiving COVID-19 vaccination based on potential COVID-19 exposures and TB risk factors. All potential recipients of COVID-19 vaccination should weigh the risks and benefits of delaying a TB test with their primary care provider.

For additional information related to TB testing and COVID-19 vaccines please refer to [PIN 21-03-CCLD](#).

Post Vaccine Considerations for Clients/Participants and Facility Staff

Post-vaccination signs and symptoms usually:

- Are mild to moderate in severity;
- Occur within the first three (3) days of vaccination (i.e., the day of vaccination and the following two (2) days, with most occurring the day after vaccination);
- Resolve within 1-2 days of onset; and
- Are less frequent and less severe in adults older than 55 years.

Per [CDC guidelines](#), if a client/participant has had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and is:

- Fully vaccinated:
 - Clients/participants do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless they have symptoms.
- Not fully vaccinated:
 - Client /participant should inform caregiver(s) and staff of the ADP and should not attend services at the ADP until after their quarantine period has ended.
 - Client/participant should stay home and self-monitor for symptoms.
 - Client/participant should follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Important! The COVID-19 vaccine cannot give the recipient COVID-19. A positive COVID-19 viral test result following vaccination should not be attributed to the COVID-19 vaccine, as vaccination does not influence the results of these tests.

Additional Resources

The following links include additional resources about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- California Department of Social Services
 - [About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - [ASC Informational Call “COVID-19 Vaccines: Steps for Success” PowerPoint](#)

- California Department of Public Health
 - [All COVID-19 Guidance](#)
 - [CDPH Allocation Guidelines for COVID-19 Vaccine During Phase 1A: Recommendations](#)
 - [Vaccine Prioritization](#)

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - [CDC Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
 - [CDC Talking to Recipients about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
 - [CDC Information for When You’ve Been Fully Vaccinated](#)

- [COVID19.CA.GOV](#)
 - [Vaccines](#) (includes information about the distribution of vaccines)

If you have any questions regarding this PIN, please contact your local [Adult and Senior Care Regional Office](#).

PIN Summary for Clients/Participants

A companion guide for Provider Information Notice (PIN) 21-21-ASC Adult Day Program (ADP) Operations and Vaccinations During COVID-19 Pandemic

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) has prepared this PIN Summary for Clients/Participants as a companion to PIN 21-21-ASC which reminded the licensee of your facility that CCLD has not issued any guidance requesting or requiring that ADPs close or shut down operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and provided references to previous PINs issued that relate to the safe operation of ADPs during the COVID-19 pandemic. PIN 21-21-ASC also provided updated information regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccination

It is important that you know:

- The Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine trials have demonstrated that the COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for trial participants.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is available at no out-of-pocket cost.
- Everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, should continue to wear a mask, practice frequent hand hygiene, maintain at least six (6) feet distance from others and avoid attending gatherings of groups of people until the end of the pandemic.
- You can receive the COVID-19 vaccine even if you have a history of COVID-19 infection.
- You should wait to get vaccinated if you currently have COVID-19 until you have recovered, and your isolation period is over.
- While vaccine supply remains limited, you can wait to get vaccinated if you had COVID-19 within the last few months. However, risk of reinfection may increase with time due to loss of natural immunity.

Personal Rights and Vaccinations

PIN 21-21-ASC reminds licensees of your facility that:

- You have the right to receive or reject medical care or health-related services, which includes receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.
- If you choose not to be vaccinated, the licensee of your facility cannot deny your participation in any activity or service available to any other client/participant, and you cannot be removed from the ADP solely based on your decision to not receive the vaccine.
- Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is not required by law and is voluntary.

Facility Staff Acceptance and Refusal of COVID-19 Vaccines

PIN 21-21-ASC provides guidance to your facility that:

- The Department is not requiring COVID-19 vaccination for the licensee of your facility and facility staff.
- The licensee of your facility should keep track of facility staff who have and have not been vaccinated.

Tuberculosis Tests and COVID-19 Vaccines

PIN 21-21-ASC recommends the licensee of your facility:

- Request you complete a tuberculosis (TB) test before your vaccination or wait until four (4) weeks after completion of the COVID-19 vaccine, if you need a TB test.
- Weigh the risks and benefits of delaying TB testing with the importance of receiving COVID-19 vaccination with your primary care provider.

Post Vaccine Considerations for Clients/Participants and Facility Staff

PIN 21-21-ASC provides guidance to the licensee of your facility that post-vaccination signs and symptoms usually:

- Are mild to moderate in severity;
- Occur within the first three (3) days of vaccination (i.e., the day of vaccination and the following two (2) days, with most occurring the day after vaccination);
- Resolve within 1-2 days of onset; and
- Are less frequent and less severe in adults older than 55 years.

PIN 21-21-ASC provides guidance per [CDC guidelines](#) to the licensee of your facility, on what to do if you have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and you are:

- Fully vaccinated:
 - You do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
- Not fully vaccinated:
 - You should inform caregiver(s) and staff of the ADP and should not attend services at the ADP until after your quarantine period has ended.
 - You should stay home and self-monitor for symptoms.
 - You should follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Important! The COVID-19 vaccine cannot give you COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19 after vaccination, the COVID-19 vaccine should not be considered the reason for the positive test.

Your care providers, the licensee of your facility, and the [Ombudsman](#) (call 1-800-510-2020) are available to answer your questions.