Preparing for Routine Vaccinations During COVID-19: Perspectives from Pharmacists

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1. Need clarity, consistency, and understanding in regards to timing for vaccine administration

   - Vaccine ordering (Feb – May)
   - Offering vaccination (Aug – Apr/May)

2. Media planning, buys, and launch

3. Concerns of Pharmacists on Immunizing During COVID-19

   - How will current guidance change in lieu of states lifting “stay at home” restrictions?
     - Interpretation of “postpone” and “patient encounter”
     - Recommendation: Change to something like “have discussion with patient/program and offer to administer indicated vaccines in compliance with state laws, regulations and/or guidance”
     - Key is Fearing Discussion with Patient/Caregiver
   - What PPEs should immunization providers have?
     - Need consistency for all immunization providers from CDC
   - How do/should providers handle vaccinations outside of their practice?
     - Curbside, Drive-thru, Parking lot tents, Testing sites, On-site clinics
     - Compliance with Vaccine Administration Recommendations, SIRVA Prevention, Post-vaccine observation, etc.
   - Consumer concerns
     - Leaving their homes to go to pharmacy or other location, or allowing providers to enter their home
     - Provider and patient protections

4. APHA Action:

   Ready, Willing & Able

   Pharmacist’s Guide to Coronavirus

   https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus

   APhA Action:
   Educate, Inform, Facilitate & Collaborate