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

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

CHALLENGE  
SOLUTION

Media planning, buys, and launch

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

JAN      FEBRUARY      MMWR – ?      DEC

February  
Begin planning  
season plan  
based on CDC rec  
and other input

Anticipating CDC  
messaging and  
guidance to  
practitioners and public

MMWR

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## 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/caregiver and offer to administer indicated vaccines, in compliance with state laws, regulations and/or guidance”
  - Key is Having 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

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## Pharmacists READY WILLING & ABLE

APhA Action:  
Educate, Inform, Facilitate & Collaborate

Pharmacists' Guide to Coronavirus  
Information and Resources on COVID-19 for Pharmacists and the Communities They Serve  
<https://www.pharmacist.com/coronavirus>

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