



COVID-19

Connecticut DPH Guidance for 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:**
 - Verify insurance status and CT Vaccine Program (CVP) eligibility status.
 - Ask the caller to email, text or fax a copy of their insurance card, if possible.
 - Review the patient's immunization 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.
 - Set appointment time and provide directions for the curbside location.
- **Before the patient arrives:**
 - Pull the appropriate Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) sheets.
 - Prepare a tray of: Band-Aids, alcohol wipes, cotton balls, and other needed materials.
 - 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.
 - Draw up the vaccines; take the vaccines and supply tray to the vehicle; Administer the vaccines.
 - Require patients who are driving themselves to remain in the parking lot for 15 minutes and re-check prior to discharge.
 - Document vaccinations according to standard procedures.

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