

COVID-19 VACCINES DURING HOSPITAL STAYS & MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Patients with comorbid conditions are at higher risk for COVID-19 or its complications. Providing vaccine prior to discharge or before leaving the appointment may reduce subsequent infection, morbidity, and mortality.

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Educate patient regarding COVID-19 vaccination in the days or hours prior to discharge, or before leaving the appointment. Reserve time for administration.

02

Offer patient vaccine before leaving the appointment, release from the emergency department or urgent care, or discharge from the hospital.

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Give a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before the patient leaves the facility if it is available, the patient consents and it is determined to be clinically appropriate to vaccinate.

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Provide clear documentation of COVID-19 vaccination. Provide patient with a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card and information on second dose, if needed.

Note

- Standing orders can improve vaccination process.
- Be sure the EHR is reporting to MCIR.



Vaccination during medical care gives an advantage to those who otherwise may have difficulty getting vaccinated. Any age appropriate COVID-19 vaccine may be used, but a single-dose vaccine can provide convenience for patients who traveled a long distance or will return to a congregate setting.