

# Immunization Program



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## Considerations for Curbside or Drive-Thru Immunization Services for Children and Adults

The Arizona Department of Health Services Immunization Program Office has developed general considerations for the administration of vaccines through alternative approaches such as curbside or drive-thru clinics. Clinics/providers should review these general considerations and develop individual and specific guidance to meet individual abilities and needs.

**The general principles for VFC/VFA vaccine storage and handling and best practices for vaccine administration should be applied to any alternative vaccination site, with the additional precaution for physical distancing and use of PPE for both patients and staff.**

### **Immunizations are Critical to Vaccine Preventable Disease Outbreak Prevention:**

- slowing or stopping access to immunizations increases our risk of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases
- immunizing children 0-24 months of age should remain a top priority, but continue to vaccinate children of all ages, and adults whenever possible
- reducing COVID-19 fears by offering an alternative to in-clinic services

**For more detailed information, clinics should refer to [CDC's General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization](#), [Arizona VFC Program Operations Guide](#), [CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#), and [CDC's Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic](#).**

**\*\*\*Services should be provided by appointment only\*\*\***

**Things to consider for curbside/drive-thru vaccination (use with the [CDC Considerations for Planning Curbside/Drive-Through Vaccination Clinics guidance](#)):**



**Site/location capability:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Physical layout	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection from elements	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient privacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Post vaccination monitoring area	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic management	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific vaccination hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient age considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate patient positioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Inclement weather
<input type="checkbox"/> Mock-up or walk-throughs prior to starting process/event		



**Information communication considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/> How to let patients know this is happening?	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety expectations for patients (social distance, masks, seatbelts)	<input type="checkbox"/> How will you share VIS?
<input type="checkbox"/> Wear clothes that allow vaccine site access	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting information to your website	<input type="checkbox"/> Expectation to wait 15 minutes post vaccination



**Ensure sufficient staff and resources, safety considerations:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator/POC	<input type="checkbox"/> Sufficient staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff communication
<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate PPE supply	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient and family masks	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste management
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient/staff safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Adverse event response plan

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