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UPDATED! Interim Clinical Considerations for mRNA Vaccines

Summary of Recent Changes, February 10, 2021

The CDC has updated its [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#). Recent changes to the Clinic Considerations web page include the following:

- Clarification on contraindications and precautions.
 - **Contraindication:** Persons with a known (diagnosed) allergy to polyethylene glycol (PEG), another mRNA vaccine component, or polysorbate.
 - **Precaution:** Persons with a reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy that contains multiple components [PEG, or component found in an mRNA vaccine component, or polysorbate] but in whom it is unknown which component elicited the immediate allergic reaction.

Note: Delayed, local injection-site reactions after the first mRNA vaccine dose are neither a contraindication or precaution to the second dose.

- Fully vaccinated persons who meet criteria will no longer be required to quarantine following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- TB testing can be done before or at the same time as mRNA COVID-19 vaccination, or otherwise delayed for ≥ 4 weeks after the completion of mRNA COVID-19 vaccination.
- New recommendations for preventing, reporting, and managing mRNA COVID-19 vaccine administration errors ([see Appendix A](#)).



Management of Anaphylaxis after COVID-19 Vaccination:

- Trained personnel qualified to recognize and treat symptoms of anaphylaxis should be available at vaccination locations at all times when COVID-19 vaccine is being given.
- Review updated recommendations for medications and supplies to respond to anaphylaxis.

- Early recognition - How to spot early signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis.
- Review considerations for anaphylaxis management of special populations and homebound person requiring home vaccination services.

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