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Public Health supports coadministration of COVID-19 vaccination along with routine childhood immunizations

SOLANO COUNTY – County health officials issued a joint statement with other Bay Area Health Officers in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recently revised <u>immunization guidance</u> to allow coadministration of the COVID-19 vaccine with other vaccines.

Given the new CDC guidelines, Solano County encourages its residents to schedule any routine, recommended child immunizations at the same time as their COVID-19 vaccination.

Solano County has seen a significant decline in well-child visits and immunizations during the pandemic. To address this, a new campaign, "Bee-wise, Immunize!" was launched in May. Solano County is working with several multi-sector agencies, including First 5 Solano, Partnership HealthPlan, Childstart, and the Solano County school districts to focus on encouraging clients and parents to get up to date on routine visits and vaccinations.

"Childhood immunizations are an important part of public health as they prevent the spread of contagious and dangerous diseases," said Bela Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., Solano County Health Officer. "We want to keep children healthy, protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases, and prepare them for returning back to school in the fall and as other activities resume."

COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone 12 years and older for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the United States. Parents should make immunization appointments with their child's primary care provider or community clinic. For help finding a primary care provider or getting health insurance, call Help Me Grow Solano at (844) 501-5437 or visit Help Me Grow Solano at (844) 501-5437 or visit Help Me Grow Solano.org.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- Homebound individuals interested in requesting an in-home vaccination appointment are encouraged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 for scheduling assistance
- Residents without transportation to and from vaccine sites hosted by Solano County are encouraged to call the COVID-19 vaccine line at (707) 784-8655 and arrange for a **free ride** through Uber
- For upcoming vaccine clinics in Solano County, visit SolanoCounty.com/CovidVaccine
- For vaccine clinics available throughout the State, visit MyTurn.ca.gov or Vaccines.gov
- For local COVID-19 health information, including the number of COVID-19 cases in Solano County as reflected on the COVID-19 dashboard, visit <u>SolanoCounty.com/COVID19</u> and on Facebook at <u>Facebook.com/SolanoCountyPH</u> (@SolanoCountyPH).