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U.S. CDC Issues Guidance For Adult Immunization During COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly and is affecting communities across the United States in different ways. Despite changing circumstances, clinicians must continue to provide their patients with access to clinical services in environments that are safe for all. Some [strategies](#) used to slow the spread of disease in communities include postponing or cancelling non-urgent elective procedures and using telemedicine instead of face-to-face encounters for routine medical encounters. Delivery of some clinical preventive services, such as immunizations, requires face-to-face encounters. In areas with community transmission of COVID-19, these visits should be postponed, except when:

- An in-person visit must be scheduled for some other purpose and the clinical preventive service can be delivered during that visit with no additional risk; or
- An individual patient and their clinician believe that there is a compelling need to receive the service based on an assessment that the potential benefit outweighs the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.

The U.S. CDC guidance for adult preventive services, titled "Delivery of Adult Clinical Preventive Services, Including Immunizations," can be found on the U.S. CDC's [Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#) web page.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to call the Maine Immunization Program at 207-287-3746.

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