Addressing the COVID-19 Crisis: An Open Forum Webinar Series for Pharmacists

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Today’s Focus:

Discuss COVID-19 vaccination logistical considerations, implementation strategies, key administration information, and other factors that facilitate successful vaccine administration.
Gretchen Garofoli, PharmD, BCACP, CTTS
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Format for Today’s Webinar

1:00 pm: Introductions
1:05 pm: Interview with Gretchen Garofoli & Cody Sandusky
1:25 pm: Open Forum: A Minute for Your Thoughts
1:50 pm: Wrap Up: Review of APhA’s Ongoing Activities and What’s Coming
Open Forum Ground Rules

• Use the **Questions** field on the GoToWebinar toolbar to submit comments and questions related to the topic discussion.

• Individuals whose submissions are selected will be asked by the moderator to state the comment or question for the audience. The line for the individual will be unmuted to read their comment or question.

• To maximize the number of questions/comments addressed, a **60-second time limit** will be in effect for everyone to state their question or comment.

• We will try to get to as many comments and questions as possible. We have created a new forum for COVID-19 discussions where further discussion post-webinar. Information on participating in this forum will be provided at the end of the open forum.
Discussion with Gretchen Garofoli & Cody Sandusky

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Check and Double Check Vaccine/ Medication Being Administered

• Store appropriately and prepare according to EUA
• Which vaccine are you administering?
• What amount of vaccine are you administering?
• What is the interval between the 2 doses?

VACCINE
Not Same As ANTIBODY

Pfizer - BioNTech

Moderna
“We have been following the discussions and news reports about reducing the number of doses, extending the length of time between doses, changing the dose (half-dose), or mixing and matching vaccines in order to immunize more people against COVID-19. These are all reasonable questions to consider and evaluate in clinical trials. However, at this time, suggesting changes to the FDA-authorized dosing or schedules of these vaccines is premature and not rooted solidly in the available evidence. Without appropriate data supporting such changes in vaccine administration, we run a significant risk of placing public health at risk, undermining the historic vaccination efforts to protect the population from COVID-19.”

CDC smart-phone based monitoring program for COVID-19 vaccine safety

For patients and caregivers

Uses text messaging and web surveys to check-in with vaccine recipients after vaccination

Includes active telephone follow-up by CDC for reports of significant health impact

Captures information on pregnancy status and enables follow-up on pregnant women


Hear from Tanya Myers, PhD, MSc, the v-safe team lead for the CDC, as she provides a brief overview of VAERS & V-safe. (Video - Slides)
Immunizing Pharmacists Special Interest Group (SIG)

The purpose of the APhA-APPM Immunizing Pharmacists SIG provides members with leadership development support, as well as opportunities to engage in the policy, education, and awards and recognition processes important to immunizing pharmacists.

Volunteer Opportunities:
• Advocacy Committee
• Communications Committee
• Immunization Reference Guide Task Force
• Travel Health Guide Task Force
• Webinar Task Force

Coordinator: Gretchen Kreckel Garofoli
Coordinator-elect: Ashley Pugh

https://www.pharmacist.com/immunizing-pharmacists-sig
Polling Question

What is the status of COVID-19 vaccine administration at your practice?

A. We are already administering COVID-19 vaccines
B. We plan to administer COVID-19 vaccines when available
C. We are facing barrier(s) to administering COVID-19 vaccines
D. We are not planning to administer COVID-19 vaccines
E. Undecided
Open Forum Discussion: A Minute for Your Thoughts

Comments, Questions, Feedback
Review of APhA’s Ongoing Activities and What’s Coming
APhA
Advocacy Update
Check your inbox for yesterday’s Legislative and Regulatory Update! – This is a members only benefit
COVID-19 Vaccine Resources:

• At-a-glance: mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines
• Reimbursement for Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine(s) – What We Know
• And more!

Check out the library of practice resources here
New Free 1 hr CE Program:
Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Overview

- A comprehensive overview of the information that pharmacists need about the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine
  - Mechanism of action
  - Review of efficacy & safety data
  - Storage
  - Handling
  - Dose preparation/administration
  - EUA Authorization requirements for vaccine providers
  - Tips to address vaccine hesitancy

- More info & Registration available here
Post on ENGAGE
Pharmacy’s Response to COVID-19

POST your questions
SHARE your lessons learned
SUPPORT your colleagues
ACCESS the latest information

What are you doing to prepare your practice for the COVID-19 vaccines?
What barriers do you anticipate or face currently?
Join Us!

Thursday, January 14, 1-2pm ET

CE Available! COVID-19 Vaccines: Myth vs. Fact

Register Today!

Today’s webinar recording and slides will be available within 24hrs

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