



We Can Overcome the COVID19 Pandemic – Enroll to give vaccines with **myCAvax** !

Dear Colleagues,

Along with you, we have seen first-hand, the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental and physical health of children and families who seek our care, and the detrimental disruptions to their education and daily routine. As the Delta variant causes COVID-19 to surge, our youngest children and those who are immunocompromised are even more vulnerable. We must take stronger measures to protect them.

Help is here.

[COVID-19 vaccine](#) is currently recommended for your patients at least 12 years of age, and expansion to younger ages is likely by the end of the year. Please join the COVID-19 vaccination effort by signing up as a [myCAvax](#) practitioner site.

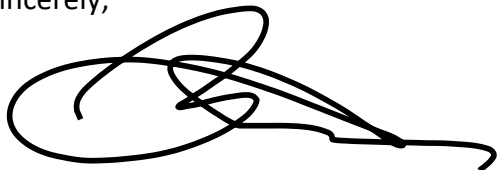
The California Medical Association can help guide you through enrollment:

1. Contact: vaccinenetwork@cmadocs.org or call (800-786-4262) – one can enroll at any time so you will be ready for when the vaccine is approved for younger patients.
2. In addition, a \$40 million [CalVaxGrant program](#) has been created by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and [Physicians for a Healthy California](#).
 - The grant deadline is **September 10, 2021**. A [full FAQ is here](#).
 - These awards reimburse smaller practices up to \$55,000 to become vaccination sites. Allowable expenses include staffing, training, technology, infrastructure, supplies and equipment and administrative overhead.

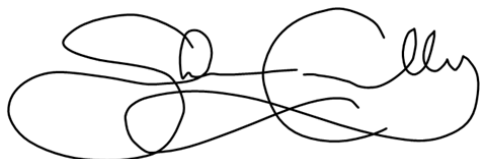
We stand together as a medical community to promote immunization, fight misinformation, and protect all Californians against vaccine preventable diseases. Our appreciation to all of you who continue to serve their medical needs. Public health departments locally, statewide and nationally have also worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe. We support the medical directors and health officers in their work, despite the threats of termination or forced resignation.

Thank you for all you are doing to stop the pandemic and protect Californians.
For more information contact vaccinenetwork@cmadocs.org.
We can overcome this Pandemic!

Sincerely,



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