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INTERIM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINE AND

**OTHER VACCINATIONS** 

Dear Provider/Administrator/Superintendent:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has strongly stated the importance of continuing with routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic, and offered guidance for the timing of administering the COVID-19 vaccine in relation to other vaccinations, including influenza, pneumococcal, and shingles vaccines. The CDC recommendations can be found at the following website under the subsection titled "Coadministration with Other Vaccines:" <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html</a>.

The CDC stated there is currently limited data on the safety and effectiveness of administering the COVID-19 vaccine with other vaccinations, and they recommend the COVID-19 vaccine be given alone with at least 14 days either before or after any other vaccinations. The CDC also noted the time between the vaccinations may be shortened under certain circumstances, such as when the benefits of receiving the vaccines outweigh the potential unknown risks of coadministration. The client/resident and their health care provider should make the final vaccination scheduling decisions.

As additional data becomes available, the recommendations may change. RCS suggests checking the CDC recommendations often. The Washington state Department of Health also has <u>guidance available here</u>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact The RCS Policy Unit at <a href="mailto:rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov">rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely.

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