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Bay Area Health Officers Joint Statement: Children and Adults Can Now Get Other Vaccinations at Same Time as COVID-19 Vaccines

Bay Area health officers support the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's recently revised <u>immunization guidance</u> to allow people to get other vaccines at the same time they get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Bay Area health officers encourage providers to offer routinely recommended child and adult vaccines at the same time as COVID-19 vaccines.

Out of an abundance of caution and not due to any known safety or concerns, the CDC had previously recommended that COVID-19 vaccines be administered alone, with a minimum interval of 14 days before or after administration of any other vaccines.

Now that we have substantial data and real-world experience with the COVID-19 vaccines, we feel confident that it is safe for everyone to get immunized simultaneously against COVID-19 and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

"We know a lot of people have delayed getting care and regular immunizations during the pandemic. This new guidance will make it easier for people to catch up on any immunizations they're due for when they get a COVID-19 vaccine at their provider's office," said Dr. Gail Newel, Health Officer for Santa Cruz County.

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The Local Health Jurisdictions joining this statement are the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and the City of Berkeley.