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Subject: Updating COVID-19 standing protocols

Preparations are underway for the upcoming respiratory season. Here's an update on what to expect.

FDA is expected to finalize licensure of the 2026-27 COVID-19 vaccines by the end of August. Following licensure, manufacturers can finalize package inserts and begin distribution. COVID-19 vaccines are expected to be available through the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) and Uninsured and Underinsured Adult Vaccines (UUAV) programs.

The Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP) is expected to publish [Evidence Reviews](#) on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19, flu, and RSV vaccines in early September. Professional medical organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP), and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), are expected to use these reviews to inform their 2026-27 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.

MDH will use these recommendations to update vaccine administration protocols for Minnesota pharmacists and local public health. The MN Board of Pharmacy has indicated that the 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine protocol was valuable to pharmacists and that an updated protocol would be welcomed. We recommend signing up for [Got Your Shots? News](#) to receive information about the new protocols and other clinical information for the upcoming respiratory season. Protocols for 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine are available at [Immunization Delivery in Pharmacy Settings - MN Dept. of Health](#).