COVID-19 Vaccine Second Dose and Allergic Reaction – Updated Clinical Guidance from the CDC

Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Provider:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an updated guidance on allergic reactions associated with COVID-19 vaccines.

- **If you have a severe allergic reaction to a COVID-19 Vaccine:**
  - “If you have had a severe allergic reaction to any ingredient in an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, you should not get either of the currently available mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. If you had a severe allergic reaction after getting the first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, CDC recommends that you should not get the second dose”.

- **If you have a non-severe allergic reaction to a COVID-19 Vaccine:**
  - “If you have had an immediate allergic reaction—even if it was not severe—to any ingredient in an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, CDC recommends that you should not get either of the currently available mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. If you had an immediate allergic reaction after getting the first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, you should not get the second dose. Your doctor may refer you to a specialist in allergies and immunology to provide more care or advice”.

We wanted to make sure you aware of this important update. Please visit the CDC Clinical Considerations webpage for all the latest updates.

Please continue to report all adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS): [https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html](https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html).

Thank you for your partnership. Wishing you continued success on the vaccination efforts!

Sincerely,

Texas Department of State Health Services