

# VACCINATE ON TIME

## During COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way the public consumes health care services and their perceptions about how safe it is to access those services.

Vaccination should not be delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Routine vaccination is an essential preventive care measure for kids, adolescents and adults.



### Adults

Older adults and adults with underlying medical conditions are particularly at risk for preventable disease and complications if vaccination is deferred.



### Pregnant Women

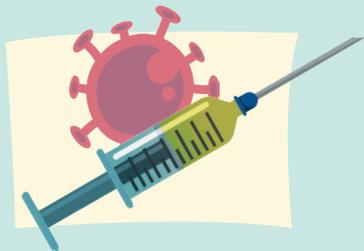
Vaccination of pregnant women with recommended maternal and influenza vaccines is important for maternal and infant health. If vaccination has been delayed because of reduced or deferred in-person prenatal care visits, pregnant women should be scheduled for follow-up and vaccination during the next in-person appointment.



### Children

Help kids who missed well-child visits or only had a telemedicine visit catch up on recommended vaccines.

- Use a reminder system or other vaccination assessment tool to identify and notify children in need of catch-up vaccination.
- Assess immunization status at every visit and provide all vaccinations due or overdue.
- Consider standing orders to simplify the process of vaccination.
- Follow the CDC catch-up schedule to get kids up to date on vaccination as efficiently as possible.



### Influenza & COVID-19

Reducing the burden of respiratory illnesses is important to protect vulnerable populations and the health care system during COVID-19. Use every opportunity during the influenza vaccination season to administer influenza vaccines to everyone who needs it. Promote influenza vaccination early and often.

All health care providers, regardless of whether they administer vaccines, should take steps to encourage and ensure that Texas patients continue to receive all recommended vaccines. All providers should assess, recommend, administer/refer and document vaccination or vaccine counseling.



TMA is launching a campaign to encourage and promote vaccination during COVID-19.