Provider Health Advisory

Jan. 18, 2021

State Recommends Providers Pause Use of Single Lot of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

3,700 doses from lot 41L20A in Contra Costa County

Summary

On Jan. 17, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) asked providers to temporarily discontinue use of lot 41L20A of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine following a cluster of allergic reactions associated with this lot.

A higher-than-usual number of possible allergic reactions were reported with this lot of Moderna vaccine administered at one community vaccination clinic in California. Fewer than 10 individuals required medical attention over the span of 24 hours. The state has not been notified of any other cluster or individual events related to this lot.

More than 330,000 doses from this lot have been distributed to 287 providers across the state. The shipments arrived in California between Jan. 5 and 12. Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) reviewed Calvax records and 3,700 doses from this lot have been issued in the county. CCHS has directly notified affected providers in the county. There have been no reports of allergic reactions in Contra Costa County to the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines.

The manufacturer, CDC and FDA are promptly reviewing the lot and related medical information. Their investigation continues, and we expect to learn more this week. There are not immediate replacement doses during the pause in addition to pending orders scheduled for shipment in the next few days.

Actions Requested of Healthcare Providers

- Providers should use other available vaccine inventory and pause administration of vaccines from Moderna Lot 041L20A until the investigation is complete.
- It is OK to continue using other lots of Moderna vaccine