

# COVID-19 Vaccines

## Addressing Hesitancy

### What sparks vaccine hesitancy?



History of medical racism which sparked mistrust and distrust of government institutions



Low health literacy and concerns about potential costs



Unknowns about side effects in a special health status population

**Dental teams are well-positioned to talk with diverse populations of patients about total health prevention.**

### Where can I learn more?



CDC's Division of Oral Health COVID-19 statement for prevention



California Department of Public Health COVID-19 resources for children with disabilities



Vaccine Overview from the California Dental Association



American Dental Association COVID-19 guidance

### Why should dentists discuss vaccine hesitancy?



To keep their communities and staff healthy and build trust



To promote total disease prevention for all patients

**As a dentist, you have opportunities to address vaccine hesitancy for diverse populations, including vaccine safety for patients who are pregnant and for individuals who have faced medical discrimination or have special needs.**

### What are the dentist's goals?



LEARN



SHARE



PREVENT

**Dentists should LEARN about the latest vaccination information, SHARE with their patients, and discuss PREVENTion opportunities for patients' total health**



ASK



ANSWER



ASSIST

**Dentists can learn more about a patients' vaccine hesitancy by ASKING how comfortable they are about vaccination, ANSWERING their questions about COVID-19 vaccination, and ASSISTING with receiving the vaccine!**



**Learn more about COVID-19 and considerations for special populations.**

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