



Provider Alert: Florida State Surgeon General Issues New Guidance for Recently Approved COVID-19 Boosters

Health care providers encouraged to discuss with patients lack of human clinical trial data, research demonstrating unfavorable COVID-19 vaccine results

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Tallahassee, Fla.— On September 13, 2023, the State Surgeon General issued [guidance](#) on the recently approved mRNA COVID-19 boosters. Health care providers are expected to include information found in this guidance in discussions with their patients regarding the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines.

Based on the high rate of global immunity and currently available data, the State Surgeon General recommends against the COVID-19 booster for individuals under 65. Individuals 65 and older should discuss this information with their health care provider, including potential concerns outlined in this guidance.

Providers and patients should be aware of outstanding safety and efficacy concerns:

- Studies across geographic regions have found that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are associated with [negative effectiveness](#) after 4 to 6 months. As efficacy waned, studies showed that COVID-19 vaccinated individuals developed an [increased risk of infection](#). This is not found in other vaccines, including the [flu vaccine](#).
- The mRNA COVID-19 vaccines present a risk of [subclinical](#) and clinical [myocarditis](#), and other [cardiovascular conditions](#) among otherwise healthy individuals.
- There is unknown risk of potential adverse impacts with each additional dose of the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine; currently individuals may have received five to seven doses (and counting) of this vaccine over a 3-year period.
- Elevated levels of [spike protein](#) from the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine [persist](#) among some individuals for an indefinite period of time, which may carry [health risks](#).

“Once again, the federal government is failing Americans by refusing to be honest about the risks and not providing sufficient clinical evidence when it comes to these COVID-19 mRNA shots, especially with how widespread immunity is now,” **said State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo.** “In Florida, we will always use common sense and protect the rights and liberties of Floridians, including the right to accurate information.”

To access the *Guidance for COVID-19 Boosters*, please click [here](#).

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