Approval of ACP supports ACIP recommendation for second COVID-19 vaccine and Amendment to 2021 Adult Immunization Schedule

Approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents on behalf of the Board of Regents on December 21, 2020

To: Executive Committee of the Board of Regents

From: Carolyn Bridges, MD, FACP
Chair, Immunization Committee

Date: December 21, 2020

Subject: Approval of ACIP Recommendations for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

For: Action

Action Requested: The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents is requested to support the ACIP Interim Recommendations for use of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Background:

Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviews and publishes the recommended adult immunization schedule for adults age 19 and older. In November 2020, the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents (ECBOR) approved the 2021 ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults, which will be published in Annals in early 2021. On December 14, 2020, ACP’s ECBOR voted to support ACIP recommendations for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in persons 16 years of age and older in the US population under the FDA’s Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The ECBOR also voted to support ACIP recommendations to amend the 2021 adult schedule to include COVID-19 vaccines.

The ACIP convened an emergency meeting on December 19, 2020 to review and vote on recommendations for use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. ACIP voted 11-0 (with 3 members recusing themselves) to approve the following interim recommendation:

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for persons 18 years of age and older in the US population under the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization.
These recommendations were published in the *Monthly Mortality Weekly Report on December 20, 2020.*

ACP’s Immunization Committee (IC) convened on Monday, December 21, 2020 by video conference to discuss the ACIP recommendations for use of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine. IC members in attendance included Carolyn Bridges, MD, FACP (Chair); Michael Bronze, MD, MACP; Jason Goldman, MD, FACP; James Hotz, MD, MACP; Josune Iglesias, MD, FACP; Kristin Mitchell, MD, FACP; and Vidya Sundareshan, MD, FACP.

IC members voted 7-0 to support ACIP interim recommendations for use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The IC recommends that the ECBOR support ACIP interim recommendations for use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.