



### **Requirements for Reporting Race/Ethnicity in DelVAX**

- A. All providers are required to accurately report race and ethnicity data for **all immunizations** including COVID and non-COVID vaccines, and for **patients of all ages**.
  - 1. Providers must explicitly ask the patient what their race and ethnicity is and ask follow-up questions as needed to ensure collection of correct data. Under no circumstance should a provider assume a patient's race or ethnicity or default to a race/ethnicity category without asking.
  
- B. Accepted **race categories** include 'American Indian or Alaska Native', 'Asian', 'Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander', 'Black or African American', 'White or Caucasian', 'Other Race', and 'Unknown'.
  - 1. If a patient reports one or more of the accepted race categories, select the corresponding race category or categories.
  - 2. If a patient declines to disclose their race upon being asked, select 'Unknown'.
  - 3. If a patient describes their race with a non-race category such as 'Hispanic' or 'Latino', then ask the patient to select among the available race categories. If the patient continues to report their race as 'Hispanic' or 'Latino' or any other non-race category upon being asked to clarify, select 'Other'.
  - 4. Only select 'Other' if the patient reports a race category that is not in the list of accepted DelVAX race categories or self-identifies as 'Other' upon reviewing all accepted categories.
  - 5. Providers are required to ask all patients for their race. If for some reason the provider fails to ask the patient for their race, leave the field blank. Do not default to 'Other race' or 'Unknown'.
  
- C. Accepted **ethnicity categories** include 'Hispanic or Latino', 'Not Hispanic or Latino' and 'Unknown'.
  - 1. If a patient reports 'Hispanic or Latino' or 'Not Hispanic or Latino' for their ethnicity, select the corresponding ethnicity category.
  - 2. If a patient declines to disclose their ethnicity upon being asked, select 'Unknown'.
  - 3. Providers are required to ask all patients for their ethnicity. If for some reason the provider fails to ask the patient for their ethnicity, leave the field blank. Do not default to 'Unknown'.