Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program

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The Latest Immunization Updates & Announcements.

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Quarterly Vaccine Provider Newsletter

As a valued member of our Vaccine Provider Network, we appreciate your continued commitment to protecting public health through immunization. Together, we can raise awareness, support one another, and encourage community members to talk with trusted messengers about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

This newsletter aims to keep our partners informed and prepared and includes important immunization updates and resources for all vaccine partners/providers.

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Updates

RSV transmission is continuing in California, although LAC DPH surveillance data suggests that levels are decreasing. The 2025–2026 RSV season began later than usual, and as of the week ending 03/21/2026, 4.2% of respiratory specimens tested at Los Angeles County Sentinel Laboratories were positive for RSV.

INFANTS:

CDPH Recommends Immunizing Infants with RSV Monoclonal Antibodies through April 2026, Given Ongoing RSV Disease

The California Department of Public Health recommends continuing RSV immunization of eligible infants and young children with RSV monoclonal antibody products through **April 30, 2026**. RSV monoclonal antibody products remain available through the Vaccines for Children Program, and healthcare providers are encouraged to continue promoting immunization during the extended season.

- CDPH Health Alert: CDPH Recommends Immunizing Infants with RSV Monoclonal Antibodies through April 2026, Given Ongoing RSV Disease Activity (LAHAN - March 10, 2026)
- For detailed immunization guidance, visit ph.lacounty.gov/RSVImmunizations
- For details regarding RSV monoclonal antibody ordering, see Vaccine Program Management (*page 7*).

ADULTS:

Continue Vaccinating Eligible Older Adults Against RSV

CDPH recommends RSV vaccines for:

- Adults aged 75 and older
- Adults aged 50-74 who are at increased risk of severe RSV, such as:
  - Adults with chronic heart or lung disease, such as asthma
  - Adults with weakened immune systems (e.g., HIV, or having cancer treatments)
  - Adults with certain other underlying medical conditions, for example:
  - Diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, sickle cell disease, etc.
  - Adults living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities
- Older adults can receive the RSV vaccine anytime during the year; however, the RSV vaccine is not an annual vaccine. If an individual has already received an RSV vaccine, they do not need to get another one at this time.

Measles Update

- CDPH continues to urge Californians to get vaccinated against measles after local health departments in Placer and Sacramento counties have notified the state of six recent cases in February and March. These cases represent the third measles outbreak in California in 2026.
- Immunization providers in Los Angeles County should continue to recommend and administer vaccines to all eligible individuals.
  - Anyone 12 months old or older without contraindications should get two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine.
  - Anyone 6-11 months old without contraindications who has upcoming or travel to an international hub or area in the US with an active measles outbreak can get an early dose of MMR (ex. Dose 0) followed by regularly scheduled MMR Dose 1 after 12 months of age and Dose 2 age 4-6 years.
- For more information regarding measles vaccine recommendations, reporting measles cases, testing, and prophylaxis and treatment options please visit our Measles Information for Public & Providers Webpage.
  - For updated measles counts statewide please visit the CDPH Measles Webpage. You can also find additional CPDH resources here including a measles provider toolkit.
  - Los Angeles County has confirmed four measles cases in 2026; all were associated with out-of-state travel. You can access County-wide measles counts and past press releases at Measles Surveillance Data.

Adolescent Immunization Action Week (AIAW)

April 6-10, 2026!

The goal of Adolescent Immunization Action Week (#AIAW26) is to motivate adolescents and young adults to stay up to date on their recommended vaccines. Staying up to date on recommended vaccines helps protect adolescents and young adults from serious illnesses like meningitis, HPV-related cancers, flu, and COVID-19.

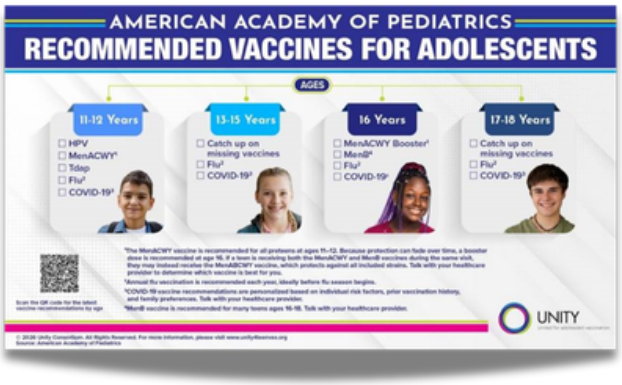
Take Action by Sharing Resources:

AIAW Toolkits:

- Unity Consortium
- California Department of Public Health

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:

- Vaccines for Adolescents & Teens Webpage
- Vaccines for Teens Infographic
- VaxTeensLA Social Media Toolkit



Pediatric and Prenatal Updates

20 Years of HPV Vaccine: Progress and Opportunity

Since its 2006 approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine has provided protection against multiple HPV-related cancers. Ongoing evidence continues to demonstrate durable, long-lasting protection and a strong safety profile. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends routine HPV vaccination for all adolescents, starting between ages 9 and 12 years.

Over the past two decades, coverage has steadily increased nationwide. According to the 2024 National Immunization Survey-Teen, approximately 78% of adolescents have received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine.

Despite the overwhelming evidence demonstrating high effectiveness in preventing cervical, anal, vaginal, vulvar, penile, and oropharyngeal (throat) cancers, HPV vaccine administration rates are sub-optimal. **At the local level, in Los Angeles County (LAC), one-dose HPV coverage among 13-year-olds declined slightly from 70.7% in 2024 to 69.2% in 2025**. In contrast, 2025 Tdap coverage for adolescents was approximately 11% higher than HPV coverage, highlighting a gap and opportunity for improvement. This data suggests that 1 in 10 teens are being seen by a clinician for vaccines, agree to receive Tdap, but do not receive HPV vaccine, either because it was not offered or refused.

Healthcare providers play a critical role in improving uptake. The HPV vaccine is equally as important as other routinely recommended adolescent vaccines. Strong, routine recommendations—starting at age 9—can significantly increase HPV vaccination and help prevent future cancers.

Resources:

- HPV Information for Public & Providers (LAC DPH)
- Vaccines for Adolescents and Teens (LAC DPH)
- HPV Vaccine (CDPH)
- California HPV Vaccination Roundtable
- National HPV Vaccination Roundtable

Pediatric and Prenatal Webinars

Pediatric Immunization Information Session

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program

Thursday, April 23, 2026
12:00-1:15 PM

Click Here to Register

This webinar will equip healthcare providers with timely information and practical guidance to support immunization efforts across Los Angeles County. Topics will include:

- Updates to vaccine recommendations
- Current trends and research on the HPV vaccine
- Situational updates on measles
- RSV immunization and surveillance data.

On-Demand Webinars with Free CME Credit

The Science Behind Autism Etiology: From Vaccines to Medications

Pediatric Immunization Information Session (December 2025)

In this webinar, Hohui "Eileen" Wang, MD, from the University of San Francisco, offers evidence-based insights to help providers address common autism-related vaccine concerns and strengthen vaccine confidence among families.

The session also includes key updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public including a review of the latest respiratory vaccine dashboards; highlighting current trends relevant to pediatric care; a brief update on ACIP; and important information on the infant botulism outbreak linked to infant formula, including implications for clinical practice.

View Webinar

Prenatal Immunization: Evidence-Based Strategies to Increase Uptake Among Pregnant Persons

Prenatal Immunization Information Session (November 2025)

This webinar reviews current prenatal immunization recommendations for Tdap, RSV, influenza, and COVID-19 and shares practical, evidence-based strategies to increase uptake among people who are pregnant. Featured speaker and vaccine champion Oluwatosin “Tosin” Goje, MD, MSCR clarifies evolving guidance and offers actionable best practices for counseling patients.

The session also includes key updates from the Los Angeles County Department of Public including addressing and debunking recent statements issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding acetaminophen use during pregnancy and latest information on AB 144 implementation and respiratory vaccines.

View Webinar

California Immunization Registry (CAIR) Reminders

- Under AB 1797 and California Health & Safety Code §120440, healthcare providers who administer vaccines are required to report immunization information to CAIR.
  - It is required to properly document administered vaccines in your Electronic Health Record (EHR) system *and* CAIR.
  - If you are using an EHR system to submit to CAIR via Data Exchange, contact CAIRDataExchange@cdph.ca.gov for support ensuring that doses are mapped correctly.
- All historical immunizations entered into CAIR must be provider-verified prior to entry. CAIR cannot accept patient-supplied records "on good faith" without verification by a licensed provider, as this does not meet reporting requirements.
- Required Reporting Elements
  - IIS ID
  - Lot number
  - NDC
  - Vaccine funding source (identifies stock as VFC or non-VFC)
  - Vaccine eligibility category (identifies patients as private pay/insurance or publicly funded)
  - Patient race & ethnicity
  - Use the appropriate funding and eligibility codes:

Vaccine Eligibility categories for OBX-5.1, when OBX-3.1 = 64994-7	Vaccine Eligibility Description	Vaccine Funding Source for OBX-5.1, when OBX-3.1 = 30963-3	Vaccine Funding Source Description
V01	not VFC eligible (Private Pay/Insurance)	PHC70 (or VXC50 for Pharmacy BAP doses)	Private Funds (or Public if Pharmacy BAP doses)
V02	VFC eligible – Medi-Cal/Medi-Cal Managed Care	VXC51	Public VFC
V03	VFC eligible - Uninsured	VXC51	Public VFC
V04	VFC eligible - American Indian/Alaskan Native	VXC51	Public VFC
V05	VFC eligible - Underinsured	VXC51	Public VFC
V07	317 Funded / VFA	VXC52	Public non-VFC
CAA01	State General Fund Vaccines	VXC52	Public non-VFC

- Failure to report accurate doses could be subject to departmental administrative action or possible involvement in legal investigations of fraudulent doses undertaken by law enforcement.
- For more information regarding reporting vaccine information to CAIR, please visit CDPH CAIR Information Website.

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Vaccine Program Management

Extended Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Immunization Window

- CDPH recommends continuing RSV immunization of eligible infants and young children with RSV monoclonal antibody products through **April 30, 2026**, as RSV transmission is continuing in California.
- RSV monoclonal antibody ordering will remain available through the VFC Program until the end of April. If you need additional RSV allocations to submit your order, please reach out to the VFC Program at myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov
- Infants < 8 months entering their first RSV season whose mothers were not vaccinated during pregnancy (administer nirsevimab or clesrovimab). RSV immunization should ideally occur within 1 week of birth during the birth hospitalization.
- High risk toddlers (8–19 months), including American Indian and Alaska Native Children, entering a second RSV season (administer only nirsevimab).

Flu Vaccine Expiration Approaching

- Flu vaccine expiration dates are approaching in **May and June of 2026**.
- If any of the SGF Flu vaccines you received from McKesson expire before you are able to use them, please record the waste event in myCAvax upon expiration and return the doses to McKesson.

Storage & Handling Best Practices Tips: Inventory Management

- **Digital Data Loggers (DDLs)**
  - Calibrate primary and backup DDLs (both device and probe together) every two to three years or according to the manufacturer's suggested timeline.
  - It is recommended to recalibrate the primary and backup DDLs at different times so they don't have the same expiration date.
  - Schedule a reminder for recalibration in advance of expiration dates of each device's certificate of calibration.
- **Transferring Short-dated Vaccine**
  - VFC providers should transfer short-dated VFC vaccine that won't be used to another VFC provider. Providers must have approval from the VFC Program prior to transferring vaccine. Providers may not transfer vaccine to non-VFC providers and providers may not transfer partially-used multi-dose vials.
  - The VFC Program discourages transferring varicella-containing vaccine because of sensitive temperature requirements.
  - More on VFC transfers here.

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Events & Webinars

Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County (ICLAC) 2026 Spring Forum

Tuesday, May 5, 2026
9:30AM-1:00PM
No cost to attend in person or virtually

Theme: Navigating a Shifting Landscape to Protect Pediatric Vaccination Rates

For additional information, please see the registration links below and the event flyer.

The Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program will honor the 2026 Vaccine Provider of Excellence at the ICLAC Spring Forum. Please join us at the forum to recognize and celebrate a local immunization champion who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing immunization efforts in Los Angeles County.

Learn more about ICLAC here.

In-Person Registration | Virtual Registration

LA County DPH: Monthly Provider Office Hours

First Wednesday of Each Month
12:00-1:00PM

- Open to all vaccine providers and immunization partners.
- Monthly office hours provide vaccine providers and immunization partners with timely updates on immunizations. Each session covers rotating topics relevant to Los Angeles County, offering guidance, resources, and opportunities for discussion with VPDCP staff.

Register Here

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Pride Season

- Pride celebrations are just around the corner! Pride season is an opportunity to foster affirming, inclusive clinical environments and engage patients in conversations about preventive care, including vaccination. Providers play a critical role in advancing equitable access to immunizations by delivering culturally competent care and assessing individual risk.
- As Pride season approaches, providers are encouraged to review vaccine inventory and proactively support the health of LGBTQ+ community members through routine and risk-based vaccination.
- Ensure patients are up to date on routinely recommended vaccines, including Tdap, COVID-19, and Influenza. With risk consideration, additional vaccine recommendations may include:
  - Hepatitis A
  - Hepatitis B
  - HPV
  - Meningococcal
  - Mpox

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