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## CDPH Immunization Updates

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### **Thank You for Helping with Back-to-School Immunizations**

It's the time of the year when some students need vaccines to be able to enter school. Thank you for all you are doing to minimize barriers for these families so that no student misses school due to lack of a vaccine. Many of you are conducting immunization clinics after hours and on weekends and having special immunization hours to help keep students in school and learning. Thank you for that! If you have any questions about CA school immunization requirements, please visit [Shots for School](#).

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### **Updated Older Adult RSV Immunization Recommendation**

As of 6/25/25, CDC lowered the age that RSV immunization is recommended from 60 years to 50 years for those at increased risk of severe RSV. Recommendation for single dose of RSV vaccine:

- All adults aged  $\geq 75$  years
- Adults aged 50-74 years old at increased risk of severe RSV disease (the past recommendation was for 60-74-year-old at increased risk).

Current vaccine options are Arexvy, Abrysvo, and MRESVIA: [FDA recently expanded approval](#) to 18-59 years at increased risk.

**Resources:**

- [ACIP Presentation: Adult RSV Workgroup Interpretations](#)
- [RSV Immunization for Healthcare Providers | CDC](#)

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## **New Pentavalent Meningococcal Vaccine (Penmeny) Recommendations**

Penmeny (GSK) - new pentavalent meningococcal vaccine (MenABCWY) was approved by the FDA and recommended by the CDC. Recommended when both MenACWY and MenB are indicated at the same visit:

- Healthy persons 16 – 23 years (routine schedule) when shared clinical decision-making favors administration of MenB vaccine
- Persons  $\geq 10$  years who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease

MenB brands are **not** interchangeable

- GSK: Penmeny (MenABCWY) contains Bexsero (MenB)
- Pfizer: Penbraya (MenABCWY) contains Trumenba (MenB)

CDPH materials will be updated including [timing guides](#) and vaccine factsheets.

For more information about the ACIP meeting outcomes, please see the [Provider Immunization Updates webinar slides 46 - 58](#).

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## **COVID-19 Dashboard Coming Soon**

CDPH's COVID Control Branch plans to launch a COVID-19 Dashboard to monitor summer COVID-19 trends. Check the [CDPH respiratory virus webpage](#) for more information.

For any additional questions, please contact [covidepi@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:covidepi@cdph.ca.gov).

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## **COVID-19 Vaccines: It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate!**

COVID-19 activity is rising. While COVID-19 seasonality is uncertain, a summer wave is expected. Older adults and young children continue to have the highest COVID-19 hospitalization rates. COVID-19 vaccines continue to be important tools to prevent severe disease in vulnerable populations.

**It's not too late to promote the COVID-19 vaccine, especially in those at risk for severe disease.**

Individuals who are aged 65 years or older or immunocompromised should receive a second 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine dose 6 months after the first (minimum interval 2 months). CDPH recommends that all individuals age 6 months and older should have access and the choice to receive currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines, with an emphasis on protecting higher risk individuals, such as infants and toddlers, pregnant individuals, and others with risks for serious disease (link: [COVID-19 vaccines](#)).

# CARE FOR PATIENTS 65+?

It may be time for  
their 2nd dose of  
COVID-19 vaccine!



Two doses given 6  
months apart keeps their  
immunity strong.



**Recall your older  
adult patients for  
their vaccines  
today!**

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## **CA Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Week: August 3 - 9, 2025**

Join the CA HPV Vaccination Roundtable and partners around the state in promoting HPV vaccination of adolescents ages 9 – 12. The campaign is a great way for families, providers, coalitions supporting children’s health, and local health departments to get out the message about the importance of the HPV vaccine as cancer prevention. Access the toolkit and more at: [CA HPV Vaccine Week webpage](#).

And join the Roundtable for a webinar, *The Power of Starting HPV Vaccination at Age 9!*, on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. **Learn more and register to attend**

[here.](#)

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## VFC Flu Improvement Project Highlights

In 2018 – 2019, VFC flu ordering data revealed clinics were ordering far fewer flu vaccine than other routine pediatric vaccines. The VFC Flu Improvement Project launched in 2019 – 2020 to address this gap! For more information, access the [Immunization Updates for Providers webinar Slides 20-31](#).

### Resources:

- [Tips for Speaking with Parents About Flu Vaccine](#)

- [Flu Vaccination Action Plan](#)

- [VFC Flu Excellence Awardees](#)

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