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Back-to-School Vaccination and Cancer Prevention Act Implementation in CA

As the new school year approaches, we're excited to support student well-being and health. Vaccinations help keep children in school and protected from dangerous diseases. By working together, we can create a nurturing and secure environment where every student is set up for success.

Supporting Students and Families

Remind parents that routine vaccinations keep kids healthy and ready to learn. Schools can help by:

- Directing families to clear information about vaccination requirements and the importance of immunizations. Learn more at ShotsForSchool.org.
- Partnering with local immunization providers to offer convenient vaccination clinics. See [School-located Vaccine Events Resources](#).
- Connecting families with local health resources for vaccination services. Contact your [local health department](#) for assistance.

Supporting School Staff

ShotsForSchool offers resources to help school staff understand and enforce state immunization requirements, process immunization records, and submit annual reports, including:

- [Guides and tools](#)
- [Online training videos](#)
- [CAIR Hub](#)



Cancer Prevention Act Implementation

Each year in California, human papillomavirus (HPV) causes about 3,500 cases of cancer. These are almost entirely preventable with HPV vaccination. Effective January 1, 2024, the [Cancer Prevention Act](#) (Assembly Bill 659) aims to reduce the burden of HPV-associated cancers by requiring public and private schools to notify 6th grade students and their parents or guardians about HPV immunization guidelines. Resources for implementation include:

- [Template letter to families \(PDF, English\)](#) – includes all details specified in AB 659. (Available in other languages at [ShotsForSchool.org](#).)
- [Hey Kids! Are You Protected Against HPV? \(PDF, English\)](#) – flyer for adolescents. (Available in [Spanish](#).)
- [Robocall script \(PDF\)](#) to families



Conclusion

Working together, schools, local health departments, and immunization providers can ensure children are up to date on their vaccinations, safeguarding their own health and contributing to the health and safety of the entire community.

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