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May is Hepatitis Awareness and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage (AAPI) month!

Did you know? About 9 in 10 adults with chronic hepatitis B in California are Asian and Pacific Islanders, especially those born in China, Korea, Vietnam, and the Pacific Islands.



Join us in promoting vaccination and increasing awareness of hepatitis B among AAPI patients!

- **It's important to screen and vaccinate!** People with hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection have increased risk for liver cancer and cirrhosis and are 70-80% more likely to die prematurely. Unfortunately, there are often no signs or symptoms until later in the disease.
- **In 2022, California became the first state to require primary care facilities to offer hepatitis B screening to adults.** Screening can help with understanding vaccination status as well as [early detection](#) for treatment.

- **CDC is devoting May 6-10 to outreach to key populations and high-impact settings for screening and vaccination.** CDC updated recommendations for [universal vaccination in adults aged 19-59](#). Screening and vaccination to high-risk populations like Asian and Pacific Islander Americans can decrease viral hepatitis cases and reduce this racial health disparity.

Check out these resources for more info:

- [Immunization Branch Hepatitis B webpage](#) (CDPH)
- [Hepatitis B Quicksheet](#) (CDPH)
- [Hepatitis B Resources for Providers](#) (EZIZ)
- [What is Viral Hepatitis?](#) (CDC)
- [Hepatitis B FAQs](#) (CDC)



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May - July Holiday Cadence Calendar for BAP and SGF Now on EZIZ

Providers should remember to set a temporary closure on their myCAvax accounts during holiday closures at their sites. This will ensure that CDPH can exclude any necessary orders from processing to avoid shipping incidents. See Holiday Ordering & Distribution Calendars below for details.

- [CA BAP COVID-19 Vaccine Program - Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)
- [CA SGF Flu Vaccine Program - Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)

Need assistance with adding or updating a temporary closure? Contact the Provider Call Center at 833-502-1245 or via email ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov.

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CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers Tomorrow, Friday, March 22, 2024

Please join CDPH **tomorrow, Friday, May 3, 2024, from 9:00 - 10:30AM (PT)** for the CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers webinar, occurring every other Friday. CDPH subject matter experts will provide updates, resources, and answer attendees' vaccine questions. One of our subject matter experts, Kelley Leung, RN, will be providing an update on Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

Please ensure someone from your staff attends to hear relevant and timely updates.

Friday, May 3, 2024, 9:00 - 10:30AM (PT).

[Register here!](#)

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Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Transitioning to myCAvax

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program will be transitioning to a different vaccine ordering and provider management system, myCAvax on June 10, 2024. With this transition, myVFCvaccines will no longer serve as your home for ordering VFC vaccine, submitting returns and transfers, and other VFC Program-related activities. In preparation for the move to myCAvax, **we ask that all VFC providers make sure Key Practice Staff changes which occurred after your practice completed the 2024 VFC Recertification are reported to VFC. Additionally, verify data logger information is updated in MyVFCvaccines. If any data logger has an expired Certificate of Calibration, update that as soon as possible to prevent any distributions to vaccine ordering.**

As you continue to administer VFC vaccines to your VFC-eligible patients, please keep in mind that **the last day to submit a new VFC vaccine order in MyVFCvaccines is Friday, May 24, 2024.** If your routine vaccine order is due on or shortly after this date, please consider submitting your order before this cutoff date to prevent any disruptions to your vaccination services.

We are here to support you throughout this transition. If you have questions regarding VFC program requirements or the transition to the myCAvax system, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center at (877) 243-8832

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