

February 29, 2024

Preteen Vaccine Week 2024



Protect Their Health for the Years Ahead

**Preteen Vaccine Week
March 4–8, 2024**

This year's [Preteen Vaccine Week](#) is March 4-8, 2024. The first day of the campaign, March 4, is also International HPV Awareness Day. Join partners across the state as we raise awareness about the HPV vaccine that can prevent 90% of cancers caused by HPV, as well as other vaccines that help protect preteens against meningitis, whooping cough, flu, and COVID-19. Find the Preteen Vaccine Week campaign toolkit, patient education, infographics, and more on the [campaign webpage](#). Posting on social media using the [suggested messages](#) is an easy way for your organization to participate!

We invite you to start thinking now about back-to-school vaccines for preteens. Use the strategies below to help make sure your preteen patients are up to date on vaccines and ready for 7th grade and to prevent the back-to-school rush that many clinics and families face as the new school year approaches.

1. **Use the immunization registry and your EHR** to identify children who missed well-child visits and/or recommended vaccinations. (See the [CAIR Reminder/Recall User Guide](#).)
2. **Reach out to schedule in-person appointments** using a [Robocall Script](#), letter, or text.
3. **Plan back-to-school immunization clinics** at convenient times for working parents, including weekends and evenings.
4. **Administer needed vaccines at ALL visits**, not just well-child checks.
5. **Designate a certain number of “immunization-only” appointments** each day leading up to school entry.

Use these [educational materials](#) to supplement your strong vaccine recommendations. Remind patients that they can access their [digital vaccination](#)

[records](#) as proof of vaccination for school entry.

Friday Provider Webinars - Now Bi-Weekly!

The CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers Webinar series is beginning a new cadence. The Friday webinars will move to a biweekly (every other Friday) cadence.

There will be no webinar on Friday, March 1, 2024. **The next session will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024, from 9AM – 10:30AM.**

Please continue to use the [CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers Registration Link](#).

Shingles Awareness Week



It's [Shingles Awareness Week](#)! Join us this last week of February in efforts to protect your patients against shingles.

[Shingles](#) is a painful infection caused by the herpes zoster virus (the same virus that causes chickenpox), which can reactivate after years of inactivity in the body. Approximately 1 million people in the U.S. get shingles each year. Older or immunocompromised adults are more likely to be hospitalized due to shingles.

[Shingles vaccine](#) is more than 90% effective against shingles and related complications for at least seven years. CDC recommends [two doses](#) for adults who are immunocompromised or 50 years and older. Shingles vaccine is covered by most private insurance, Medi-Cal, and Medicare Part D (with no co-pay). Prevent shingles and encourage your patients to get vaccinated today!

Promote vaccination by sharing this new [ShotbyShot video](#) (5:40 minutes) about Kristine's experience with shingles. Use [Kristine's infographic](#) to post on social media to boost shingles awareness along with these resources:

- [Shingrix flyer](#) (CDPH) | [Arabic](#) | [Armenian](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Vietnamese](#)
- [Recommended vaccines flyer for older adults](#) (CDPH)
- [Recommended vaccines flyer for staff and residents in Long-Term Care Facilities](#) (CDPH)
- [Shingles awareness social media templates](#) (Association of Immunization Managers)

Save the date for our next **Afternoon TEAch Webinar: Best Practices for Promoting Adolescent Vaccination**



When: Wednesday, March 26, 2024, from 12PM - 1PM, PT

Topics:

- HPV vaccine hesitancy
- ACIP 2024 schedule updates
- [Assembly Bill No. 659, The Cancer Prevention Act](#)

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