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Weekly Wrap Up

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COVID-19 Bridge Access Program (BAP) for Uninsured Adults Ending in August

CDC has announced that the **Bridge Access Program (BAP)**, which provides free COVID-19 vaccines to adults with limited or no insurance, **will now end in August 2024**, just before the arrival of the 2024 – 2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

Funding that was previously expected to be available to purchase additional vaccine for the Bridge Access Program was rescinded by Congress and no additional federal funding for COVID-19 vaccine for adults has been identified at this time.

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Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Transitioning to myCAvax: Provider Training

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program operations will be live in myCAvax on **Monday, June 10, 2024**. Please see the below trainings and register on Zoom.

Getting Started with myCAvax for Brand New Users | Register on Zoom Join us for a 30-minute introductory webinar to learn the basics of using myCAvax, including system navigation and login. This training is for VFC key practice staff who will be responsible for vaccine ordering and management in myCAvax (i.e., primary and backup vaccine coordinators). If you have prior experience with the platform, this training is optional or can be taken as a refresher.

We encourage all to attend our 'VFC 101: Requesting VFC Vaccine in myCAvax' and 'VFC 102: Managing VFC Vaccine in myCAvax' trainings.

VFC 101: Requesting VFC Vaccine in myCAvax | Register on Zoom

Join CDPH for a 30-minute webinar exploring how to place a vaccine order request in myCAvax with an opportunity for Q&A. This training is intended for VFC key practice staff who will be responsible for requesting VFC vaccine in myCAvax (e.g., primary and backup vaccine coordinators).

VFC 102: Managing VFC Vaccine in myCAvax | Register on **Zoom**

Join CDPH for a 30-minute webinar exploring how to report storage and handling events in myCAvax with an opportunity for Q&A. This training is intended for VFC providers (i.e., primary and backup vaccine coordinators) who will be responsible for managing VFC vaccine in myCAvax (e.g., reporting waste, transfers, shipment incidents, and excursions).

VFC Office Hours

Join CDPH for a 30-minute Q&A session about the VFC program in myCAvax. You will hear quick updates from subject matter experts and leadership before jumping into a dedicated Q&A session. CDPH will share similar updates at each session. Join one or many sessions as you have questions. CDPH recommends joining one

session each week.

- Thursday, June 20, 2024, 9:30 am 10:00 am (PT) | Register on Zoom
- Thursday, June 20, 2024, 12:30 pm 1:00 pm (PT) | Register on Zoom
- Thursday, June 27, 2024, 9:30 am 10:00 am (PT) | Register on Zoom
- Thursday, June 27, 2024, 12:30 pm 1:00pm (PT) | Register on Zoom

CDPH is 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.

For more information on the transition, see the <u>EZIZ page</u> and view the <u>Provider Checklist</u> for detailed steps.

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2024 Toolkit: Sexual Health Awareness for PRIDE Month

CDPH has produced a <u>new PRIDE Month 2024 Printed Materials Toolkit</u> to help local PRIDE event organizers promote sexual health awareness. The toolkit covers Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing and mpox vaccination, to help connect event attendees with services to keep them and their communities healthy.

Visit the <u>toolkit</u> for downloadable files and step-by-step instructions for producing stickers, flyers and posters. Together we can make this PRIDE season happier and healthier.

Visit the **CDPH LGBTQ+ Health page** for additional resources.

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Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Lots Expiring

CDC discontinued provider ordering of Novavax on April 30, 2024. Remaining lots of Novavax that are out in the field will now be reaching their expiration on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Providers should report their waste in myCAvax after expiration and will need to return expired vaccines to McKesson following routine reporting and receival of the return shipping labels.

Active Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers will be able to report any Novavax waste in myCAvax upon the June 10th system migration.

If there are any issues with reporting Novavax waste in myCAvax, contact the Provider Call Center at 833-502-1245 or via email ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov

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State General Fund (SGF) Flu Ordering Cut-Off

CDPH will be processing final orders of SGF Flu vaccines by the end of day (EOD) Thursday, June 6, 2024. Providers will need to submit all orders by EOD Wednesday, June 5, to allow for LHD/CDPH review and approval by 12:00 pm the following day.

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Save the Date! Beating the Back to School Rush: Proactive Planning for School Vaccination Compliance & Exemptions

Join us for our next VFC Afternoon TEAch with CDPH webinar, Beating the Back to School Rush: Proactive Planning for School Vaccination Compliance & Exemptions.

This webinar will cover a variety of topics to get patients up to date on vaccinations, especially as summer travel and activities are happening and back-to-school is around the corner. CDPH subject matter experts will cover school vaccine requirements and touch upon useful tools for medical exemptions and provider

locators. We will also review VFC policies for private inventory of COVID-19 and RSV immunizations in closing of this past respiratory season and in preparation for the upcoming season in fall.

Register for the VFC Afternoon TEAch webinar on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

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Other Upcoming Webinar

Healthy Places Index Webinar

<u>Register</u> for Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (PT)

June 2024 California Immunization Coalition Summit

 Registration link for Wednesday and Thursday, June 5 – 6, 2024, in Sacramento, CA

Virtual Grand Rounds: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in California

• Register for Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

CDPH Immunization Branch Updates for Providers Webinar (occurs every other Friday)

 <u>Register</u> for the next session on Friday, June 14, 2024, 9:00am - 10:30 am (PT)

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May - July Holiday Ordering Cadence Calendar for Bridge Access Program (BAP) and State General Fund (SGF)

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.

- <u>CA BAP COVID-19 Vaccine Program Holiday Ordering & Distribution</u>
 <u>Cadence Calendar</u>
- <u>CA SGF Flu Vaccine Program Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence</u>
 <u>Calendar</u>

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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Support Opportunities

Provider Call Center

For Program information: email <u>providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov</u> or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, PT)

myCAvax Help Desk

For technical issues (e.g., password resets): email myCAvax.HD@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245, (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT)

System related training materials are available via the Knowledge Center in myCAvax and at <u>EZIZ.org</u>.

My Turn Help Desk

- Onboarding: email <u>myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov</u> Technical support for My Turn Clinic: email <u>MyTurn.Clinic.HD@cdph.ca.gov</u> or call (833) 502-1245, (Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm, PT).
- Job aids, demos and training opportunities

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