### October 27, 2023



Dear California Child Care Partner,

Let's keep children and their caregivers healthy and thriving; protect against serious respiratory diseases with lifesaving immunizations! Immunization is the strongest defense against <u>flu</u>, <u>COVID-19</u>, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (<u>RSV</u>) infections which are typically more common in fall and winter.

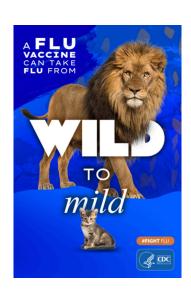
- Encourage parents to contact their child's doctor now to get flu and updated COVID-19 vaccines and ask about the <u>new RSV immunization</u> recommended for young babies. Receiving age-appropriate immunizations at the same time is recommended. Consider using these <u>template email messages</u> and <u>robocall</u> <u>messages</u> to reach out to parents.
- Promote <u>MyTurn</u> for families and staff seeking flu and COVID-19 vaccination and/or call your <u>local health department</u> to find out if they are offering free or lowcost vaccine.
- Make sure <u>child care staff and volunteers</u> know they are required by law (Chapter 807, Statutes of 2015) to get vaccinated against flu, unless they have a signed letter from a doctor for either a medical exemption or a declination. Let staff know that they can now request access to their <u>Digital Vaccine Record</u> to share as proof of immunization.

#### Share online:

- <u>Fight the Flu. Get Vaccinated! campaign</u> social media
- Personal stories like <u>Emily's Story</u> (a mother's story of her three-year-old's battle with flu)
- CDC's Wild to Mild campaign social media

# **Post** at your center:

 Protect Against Measles, Whooping Cough and Flu poster | Spanish



• Germ-Free Zone multilingual poster

# **More Resources**

- Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention Materials
- Flu Guidance for Schools and Childcare Providers (CDC)
- Child Care Guidance and Resources (CA Safe Schools for All)
- Training on Reporting Immunizations for Childcare

We applaud your hard work to keep staff and children safe and healthy!

#### **Shots For School**



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