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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 [flu](#), [COVID-19](#), and Respiratory Syncytial Virus ([RSV](#)) 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 [new RSV immunization](#) recommended for young babies. Receiving age-appropriate immunizations at the same time is recommended. Consider using these [template email messages](#) and [robocall messages](#) to reach out to parents.
- Promote [MyTurn](#) for families and staff seeking flu and COVID-19 vaccination and/or call your [local health department](#) to find out if they are offering free or low-cost vaccine.
- Make sure [child care staff and volunteers](#) 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 [Digital Vaccine Record](#) to share as proof of immunization.**

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**Share online:**

- [Fight the Flu. Get Vaccinated! campaign](#) social media
- Personal stories like [Emily's Story](#) (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!

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### Shots For School



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