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HPV Awareness Day

Today, March 4, join the California Department of Public Health and other partners around the world in recognizing **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Awareness Day**.



HPV is a very common virus that can cause **cancers** later in life. Every year in the U.S., HPV causes about **38,000 cases** of cancer in both men and women. **Cervical cancer** is the most common HPV-associated cancer among women, and **oropharyngeal cancers** (cancers of the back of the throat) are the most common among men.

Your preteen patients need **HPV vaccination** for safe, effective, and lasting **protection against more than 90% of cancers** caused by HPV. Vaccination against HPV is most effective when given before a person is exposed to the virus. Remind

parents about the importance of getting their children vaccinated against HPV beginning at age 9.

Who should get vaccinated?

- HPV vaccination is recommended at ages 9–12 years. HPV vaccine works much better during the preteen years than when given later. Children who are vaccinated earlier need only two shots instead of three.
- Teens and young adults through age 26 years who didn't start or finish the HPV vaccine series also need HPV vaccination.
- Adults ages 27-45 years can discuss the benefits of HPV vaccination with their provider if they weren't vaccinated when they were younger.

HPV vaccine is very safe. Hundreds of millions of people worldwide have already received HPV vaccines. When side effects occur, they are normally mild, such as pain, redness, or swelling in the arm where the shot was given.

Use the resources below to help educate staff, parents, and patients about the benefits of HPV vaccination.

- [How Important is HPV Vaccine? flyer](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Hmong](#) | [Russian](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Ukrainian](#) | [Vietnamese](#)
- [Fotonovela for Latino parents of preteens](#) (English/Spanish)
- [Parents, Did You Know HPV Causes...? Poster](#) ([English/Spanish](#))
- [Fact Sheet for Parents](#) (CDC) | [Spanish](#)
- [Talking to Parents About HPV Vaccine](#) (CDC)
- [Why Age 9? fact sheet](#) (ACS)

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[Crucial Conversations Webinar: "Effective Communication Without Confrontation" - March 12, 2025](#)

CDPH and California Immunization Coalition present...

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS WEBINAR: “Effective Communication Without Confrontation”

with Dr. Ken Hempstead, MD, FAAP
Kaiser Permanente, Northern CA

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025
12pm-1:30pm (PST)**



Join a discussion of common pitfalls in healthcare conversations and the effective techniques to improve comfort, confidence, and success in these interactions.



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Flu levels are still high! Continue ordering flu vaccines to protect patients

It's not too late – everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine to prevent severe illness and hospitalization. As flu continues to circulate at high levels, please use every opportunity to strongly recommend flu vaccines using the presumptive approach:

- “I see that you [or your child] have not yet been vaccinated against flu. Many people are really sick with the flu now, and I want you to be protected. We'll make sure you get the vaccine before leaving the clinic today.”

[Refer to these tips for how to address common concerns.](#)

Find more resources including messaging tools and infographics on the [Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention EZIZ page](#).

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CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers This Friday, March 7, 2025

Please join CDPH this **Friday, March 7, 2025, from 9:00 am - 10:30 am (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. This Friday's session will also include an Avian Influenza A (H5N1) update as well as information from the Provider Enrollment Team, Vaccines for Adults, Vaccines for Children, and the California Immunization Registry.

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