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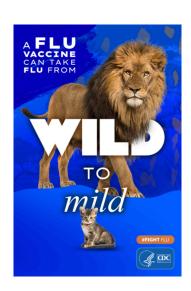
Dear California School Administrator,
Respiratory virus season is here! Let's prevent
outbreaks and missed school days by encouraging
students and staff to stay up to date on both <u>flu</u>
and <u>COVID-19</u> vaccines—a safe and powerful way to
help prevent severe illness and hospitalization.

Everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu and COVID-19 vaccine for best protection against new variants. Take these steps to avoid outbreaks this season:

Make it easy to stay up to date!

- Encourage parents to contact their child's doctor to get their updated flu and COVID-19 vaccines and any other needed vaccines.
 Consider using these template <u>phone</u> <u>messages</u> or <u>email communications</u>.
- Promote My Turn for families and staff seeking flu and COVID-19 vaccination and call your local health department to find out if they are offering free or low-cost flu vaccine.
- Let families know that they can now request access to their <u>Digital Vaccine Record</u> to stay on track with immunizations.

Consider hosting an annual flu and COVID-19 vaccine event at your school. See these <u>School-Located Vaccine Event (SLVE) resources</u> to help you get started



Share online:

Fight the Flu and COVID-19 campaign social media

- Personal stories like <u>Nathan's Story</u> (ten-year-old boy who nearly died from flu)
- CDC's Wild to Mild campaign social media

Post at your school:

- Flu and COVID-19 flyer for children
- Keep Our School Healthy Symptoms poster | Spanish
- Germ-Free Zone multilingual poster | English/Spanish/Chinese

More Resources

- Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention Materials
- Information for Schools and Childcare Providers (CDC)
- CA Safe Schools for All Hub (CDPH)
- California Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade guide
- School Immunization Requirements Online Training

We appreciate all that you do to keep staff and children safe and healthy!

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