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## National Immunization Awareness Month: Adolescents

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), and this week we're shining a spotlight on [adolescent vaccines](#) that protect against serious diseases like:

- **HPV** – Prevents several types of cancer
- **Tdap** – Protects against whooping cough, tetanus, and diphtheria
- **Meningitis** (Men ACWY, Men B, MenABCWY) – Guards against bacterial meningitis
- **Flu and COVID-19** – Annual protection to prevent severe lung and heart infections!

Vaccines are safe, effective, and a powerful way to keep preteens and teens healthy now and into adulthood. Let's keep our youth strong, protected, and ready for what's next.

Stay tuned each week as we break down the vaccines that are important for every stage of life!

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## CA HPV Vaccine Week

It's [California HPV Vaccine Week](#) – a statewide effort to raise awareness about one of the most powerful tools we have to prevent cancer: [the HPV vaccine](#).

The HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine protects against infections that cause 6 types of cancer, including cervical, throat, and anal cancers. Nearly everyone will get HPV at some point, but the vaccine can stop it before it starts.

- **Best time to vaccinate? Ages 9-12**
- **Safe & long-lasting protection**
- **Prevents cancer later in life**

Let's give kids in California a shot at a cancer-free future. Recommend HPV vaccine today!

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## Upcoming Webinar: The Power of Starting HPV Vaccination at Age 9, Tomorrow, Thursday, August 7

Offered by the CA HPV Vaccination Roundtable during CA HPV Vaccine Week, this virtual session on Thursday, August 7, from 12:00-1:00 PM (PT) will highlight the latest evidence supporting the routine recommendation of HPV vaccination starting at age 9 as well as real-life success stories from health systems that have made this change. **Register [here](#).**

Speakers include Mark Sawyer, MD, UCSD and Rady Children's Hospital; Alyson Kaye, NP, Vista Community Clinic; David Bronstein, MD, Kaiser Permanente; and Cassidy Boyd, MPH, Rady Children's Hospital.

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## Upcoming Webinar: Utilizing Social Media to Promote Adolescent Immunization, Tuesday, August 12

Learn how to use social media to reach teens about vaccination in a webinar hosted by the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) Tuesday, August 12, from 1:00-2:00 PM (PT). The session will address ongoing challenges in achieving high rates of adolescent vaccinations. Public health communicators will gain valuable insights on leveraging platforms like TikTok to educate and engage teens. **Register [here](#).**

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## Upcoming Webinar: Clinician Update on Measles Cases and Outbreaks in the U.S., Thursday, August 14

During this CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call on Thursday, August 14, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (PT), presenters will discuss the current epidemiology of measles in the U.S. and address the most common questions from clinicians about preventing, identifying, and testing for measles. Presenters will also summarize measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination recommendations and considerations. **Learn more and access the webinar [here](#).**

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