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Immunizations Before Summer Travel



Immunization of families heading abroad is critical to protect them against measles, pertussis, and other diseases causing recent outbreaks. Recall patients that are falling behind on these vaccinations. Also, don't forget to protect young children 6-11 months who are about to travel abroad with a recommended accelerated dose of MMR.

Encourage your patients to get caught up on any immunizations at least a month before travel. If you do not stock certain travel vaccines, direct patients to a travel medical clinic.

Resources

Measles and Travel

- Destination List and Immunizations Required (CDC)
- Immunizations for Travel (CDC)
- Don't Wait—Vaccinate! toolkit (CDPH)
- Visiting Another Country? Think Measles (before + after) poster | Russian |
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Are You Ready for the Move?



Last day to submit orders in MyVFCvaccines is FRIDAY, MAY 24.

- Submit orders (including flu) along with transfers, waste, returns, and shipping/handling incidents by close of business tomorrow, Friday, May 24, 2024! Ensure vaccine supply and availability for your VFC-eligible patients.
- Make sure your information is up to date for your Vaccine Coordinator and Digital Data Loggers (DDLs).
- Identify staff to sign up and attend trainings/office hours end of May-June.

From Monday, May 27 – Monday, June 10 MyVFCvaccines is CLOSED.

- If order corrections are needed, promptly submit corrections as requested by the VFC program.
- Maintain documentation for excursions (transfers, returns, or waste) and have them ready to enter in myCAvax when the system goes live.
- Contact the VFC Customer Service Center for urgent shipping incidents.

On Monday, June 10, myCAvax system will be ready.

- Log in to myCAvax for your VFC vaccine needs.
- For needs with myCAvax contact the Provider Call Center.

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Nominate Your Immunization Champion for the Immunization Champion Award!



This message marks the launch of the nomination period for the Immunization Champion Award! We look forward to receiving your nominations and selecting a 2024 Immunization Champion for California. The Immunization Champion Award is a national award program hosted by the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and honors individuals going above and beyond to foster and/or promote immunization in their communities.

Access the nomination form here. Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on Friday, June 21, 2024. Please share this email with your networks. (Note that the deadline on AIM's site does not apply to California's nominations.) **Completed nomination forms must be sent directly to the California Immunization**Program at MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov, subject line, "IZ Champion."

Individuals can be recognized for their work in childhood, adolescent, or adult vaccines and are selected based on their demonstration of leadership, collaboration, innovation, and advocacy.

- Eligible nominees include healthcare professionals (i.e., pharmacists, physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants), nonprofit leaders, community activists, parents, school and education leaders, coalition members, community-based organization members, and immunization partners.
- Ineligible people include immunization program managers; county, state, and federal government employees paid by state or federal immunization funding; individuals who have been affiliated with and/or employed by pharmaceutical companies; individuals who have already received the award; and groups of people.

Completed nomination forms must be sent directly to the California Immunization Program at MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov, subject line, "IZ Champion." We look forward to receiving your nominations. Please refer to the nomination packet for full details on nomination guidelines and criteria.

Read here for information on California's 2023 Immunization Champion, Dr. Silvia Diego.

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