

Weekly Wrap Up

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MMR Doses Before International Travel

Protect your patients now against possible exposures to measles by vaccinating them with MMR vaccine **ideally at least 2 weeks before their international travel:**

- **Infants under 12 months old who are traveling**
 - Get an early dose at 6 through 11 months
 - Follow the recommended schedule and get another dose at 12 through 15 months and a final dose at 4 through 6 years
- **Children over 12 months old**
 - Get first dose immediately
 - Get second dose 28 days after first dose

- **Teens and adults** who do not have [evidence of immunity](#) against measles
 - Get first dose immediately
 - Get second dose 28 days after first dose

Refer to the [CDC Measles Vaccine Travel Guidance](#) for more details.

Talk to your patients about other [vaccines before traveling](#), such as influenza, COVID-19 and RSV.


CDPH Measles Resources:

- [CDPH EZIZ Measles Resources](#)
- [CDPH Immunization Branch Measles Page](#)

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Administering Nirsevimab? Use Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) to Check for Prenatal RSV Vaccine

When you're trying to figure out if mom got RSV vaccine during pregnancy...



But she's still waiting for the coffee to kick in.

HELPFUL TIPS Ask her to download her immunization record at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov.

Infant and Prenatal Resources:

- CDC Resource: [Prenatal Care and Routinely Recommended Vaccinations](#)
- Provider Resource: [Infant RSV Prevention At-A-Glance \(CDC\)](#)
- RSV Immunization Communication Templates: [Provider Letter and Robocall Script Templates for Maternal and Pediatric RSV Immunization](#) (Spanish included)
- CDPH Prenatal Materials:
 - Immunizations for a Healthy Pregnancy [English](#) & [Spanish](#)
 - Expecting? Protect yourself and your baby against flu, RSV, whooping cough, and COVID-19! [English](#) & [Spanish](#)
- [CDC Prenatal Vaccination Fact Sheet](#), from CDC's "From Me to You" communications for Black pregnant people


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Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Updates

The VFC program is celebrating its 30th anniversary! The program first became operational on October 1, 1994. Visit CDC's VFC 30th Anniversary page for more details using this link: [Celebrating 30 Years of Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) | Daid J. Sencer CDC Museum | CDC](#).

Vaccines for Children


Protecting America's children every day





The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2023 will:

- prevent **508 million** illnesses
(31.9 million hospitalizations)

➔  more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.
- help avoid **1,129,000** deaths

➔  greater than the population of Seattle, WA
- save nearly **\$2.7 trillion** in total societal costs
(that includes \$540 billion in direct costs)

➔  more than \$8,000 for each American

Updated 2022 analysis using methods from "Benefits from Immunization during the Vaccines for Children Program Era—United States, 1994-2022"

2025 VFC Recertification

Annual recertification is a federal requirement to remain enrolled in the VFC Program and continue receiving federally purchased vaccines. The anticipated recertification launch date is the week of December 16, 2024. The anticipated due date is **Friday, February 14, 2025**. **DO NOT WAIT** to complete the recertification process. Allow ample time to complete the required EZIZ lessons and the online Recertification Form.

For more information, refer to the Immunization Updates for Providers webinar, Friday, December 13, 2024, slides 54 – 62 ([slides](#) | [recording](#)).

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New Fact Sheets: Seasonal Vaccines for Farmworkers

New fact sheets are available for farmworkers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with information about how to protect yourself and your family with flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Everyone 6 months and older should get both flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Those that work with farm animals like poultry and cows are at higher risk for getting bird flu. Getting the flu vaccine helps lower the risk of getting both the seasonal flu and bird flu at the same time and getting very sick with multiple viruses.

Visit the [Bird Flu Communications Toolkit](#) for resources and messages to share.

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Novavax Update

Current Novavax COVID-19 vaccine lots have a 12/31/2024 expiry. To minimize vaccine wastage, order enough vaccine that can be utilized within the expiration date. Novavax is still in the process of requesting a shelf-life extension for these lots. We will update providers as soon as more information is received.

If you need to verify your lot expiry date, please utilize the [Novavax expiry checker](#) on the Novavax website.

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Benefits of Using My Turn Clinic Webinar

Please join CDPH for an interactive webinar to see live demonstrations and learn how My Turn Clinic can streamline vaccine administration and clinic management. Some benefits that will be illustrated include the following: Marketing your clinic's events; Operational efficiencies and use-case examples; Compliance with AB 1797 into CAIR.

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

Register here: [Benefits of Using My Turn Clinic](#)

Find more information on My Turn Clinic in this [CDPH flyer](#).

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Grant Opportunity for 2025

The CDPH Immunization Branch is announcing a Request for Applications (RFA) for a grant to assess and improve adult immunization rates in Community Health Centers (CHCs).

CDPH is seeking Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) or look-alikes to assess immunization levels and implement quality improvement activities in an identified adult patient population.

There will be 2 awards of \$130,000 each for funding through June of 2025. Applications are due Friday, January 10, 2025.

Please reach out to AdultImmunization@cdph.ca.gov with questions.

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Holiday Shipping Schedule

There will be limited shipping the last two weeks of December (December 23 through December 31, 2024) for vaccine orders that were processed prior to December 12, 2024. Any orders processed after this date may not be shipped prior to January of 2025.

For details on vaccine delivery blackout dates (shipment holds) please refer to CDPH's [Routine Vaccine Distribution Holiday Calendar](#) for details. Please note, the January Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday blackout shipment date has been updated to Monday, January 20, 2025.

For information on ordering cadence changes for the SGF and BAP programs, see the following calendars:

- [CA SGF Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)
- [CA BAP Holiday Ordering & Distribution Cadence Calendar](#)

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Upcoming CDPH Cancellations and Closures

- The **CDPH Immunization Updates for LHDs webinar** on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 has been cancelled in observance of the holiday week. The LHDs webinar series will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.
- The **CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers webinar** on Friday, December 27, 2024, has been cancelled in observance of the holiday week. The webinar series will resume on Friday, January 10, 2025. If you have not done so already, please register for future sessions [here](#).
- The **Provider Call Center** will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

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Contact Us

Immunization Provider Call Center

For program information: Email providercallcenter@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

myCAvax Help Desk

For technical issues (e.g., password resets): Email myCAvax.HD@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245, (Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

System-related training materials are available via the Knowledge Center in myCAvax.

My Turn Help Desk

Onboarding: email myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov

Technical support for My Turn Clinic: email MyTurn.Clinic.HD@cdph.ca.gov or call (833) 502-1245 (Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, PT).

[Job aids, Demos, and Training Opportunities](#)

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Customer Service Center

For program information: Email MyVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov or call (877) 243-8832 (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, PT; Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, PT).

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