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myCAvax and My Turn Scheduled System Maintenance

On Wednesday October 16, myCAvax and My Turn will be unavailable from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm (PT) for a scheduled maintenance. Please be sure to complete any necessary tasks before the scheduled maintenance window.

To prevent community users from access at 6:00 pm we will temporarily remove the login page.

Estimated end time may extend.

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Preventing RSV in Infants and Toddlers

This week during National RSV Awareness Month, CDPH is highlighting Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) prevention for infants and toddlers. Infants are at elevated risk of RSV complications if exposed. This respiratory virus can spread, when someone who is sick with RSV coughs or sneezes near others and by touching objects that have the virus on them, like countertops and toys. RSV

symptoms can be similar as the common cold, but may be severe for children under 12 months, especially for infants between 0-6 months of age.

Promote the RSV Vaccine

If the mother did not receive the RSV vaccine during pregnancy, providers may encourage parents to vaccinate their infants and toddlers with nirsevimab (Beyfortus®) between October through March, if their child is:

- Under 8 months of age. If they are born during RSV season, then recommend vaccinating the baby within their first week of life.
- Between 8-19 months of age and at high risk for RSV (has chronic lung disease; is severely immunocompromised; has cystic fibrosis; is American Indian or Alaska Native).

If their child is older than 19 months and is sick with RSV, recommend they keep their child at home until their symptoms begin to improve or are mild, to prevent the spread of RSV at daycares and schools



Promoting Prevention this Season

Listen to and share Emily's RSV story to spread awareness and advocate for children to receive the RSV vaccine.

Thank you for your commitment to stopping the spread of RSV among infants and toddlers this season!

Additional Resources:

- FALL-WINTER IMMUNIZATIONS
- Respiratory Disease Immunization Recommendations for Children and Adolescents
- Information about RSV Vaccines | Voices For Vaccines

- Prenatal RSV Robocall Scripts
- RSV Immunization Resources

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CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers

Please join CDPH Friday, October 18, 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 on the California Bridge Access Program (CA BAP), Vaccines for Children (VFC) Pharmacy Pilot Program, Mpox, and more, as well as share resources, and answer attendees' vaccine questions.

Please ensure someone from your staff attends to hear relevant and timely updates.

Register for the webinar on Friday, October 18, 2024, 9:00 am - 10:30 am (PT).

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Webinar Next Week: Talking with Families about Fall Immunizations: COVID-19, Flu, RSV

Please join Dr. Ilan Shapiro to discuss conversation methodologies for effectively talking with families about the fall immunizations, including COVID-19, flu, and RSV.

Webinar participants will learn:

- The current landscape of COVID-19, flu, and RSV immunizations
- Key messages for understanding common immunization concerns for families
- How to improve confidence in having conversations with families about vaccinations this fall
- Considerations to make when communicating with families and be able to access communication tools/educational resources

Register for the webinar on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

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