

Weekly Wrap Up

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Next Week! Crucial Conversations Webinar: Effective Communication Without Confrontation

CDPH and California Immunization Coalition present...

CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS WEBINAR: “Effective Communication Without Confrontation”

with Dr. Ken Hempstead, MD, FAAP
Kaiser Permanente, Northern CA

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025
12pm-1:30pm (PST)**



Join a discussion of common pitfalls in healthcare conversations and the effective techniques to improve comfort, confidence, and success in these interactions.



[Register here](#)

Join Dr. Ken Hempstead, MD, FAAP, a primary care pediatrician at Kaiser Permanente (KP) Northern California, for an insightful webinar. Dr. Hempstead will discuss common pitfalls in healthcare conversations and offer effective techniques to improve comfort, confidence, and success in these interactions.

In addition to his clinical duties, Dr. Hempstead serves as a Communication Consultant to other KP physicians. He provides training and coaching in various communication techniques and is renowned for his expertise in vaccine communication. Dr. Hempstead has traveled nationally to educate audiences on having more effective and pleasant conversations about vaccines.

This will be an interactive webinar, with time dedicated to questions and discussion with Dr. Hempstead, and subject matter experts from CDPH.

By the end of the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Have an increased understanding of the role of communication in delivering messages about immunization.
- Understand differences in parental attitudes along the vaccine-hesitant spectrum.
- Learn the four tools of persuasion in vaccine communication.

- Feel more comfortable and effective when addressing immunizations with vaccine-hesitant parents.

[Register](#) for the **Crucial Conversations** webinar on **Wednesday, March 12 at 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (PT)**.

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MMR Vaccination Reminders

Rising measles cases remind us that measles vaccines are critical.

For children, follow the [routine schedule](#):

- 2 doses, 1st dose at 12 – 15 months of age, 2nd dose between 4 – 6 years

For children traveling internationally:

- Age 6 – 11 months: 1 dose before departure; revaccinate with 2-dose series starting at 12 – 15 months
- Age 12 months and older: First dose immediately, second dose 28 days later

**Patients traveling abroad?
Protect them before their trip.**

Before travel:

- Make sure everyone 12 months+ has 2 MMR doses.
- Babies 6-11 months need one MMR dose. Then, follow routine schedule.

The infographic features a family of four (mother, father, young girl, and baby on shoulders) with luggage, a dashed line representing a flight path to an airplane, and a shield icon with a checkmark. A red warning triangle is also present.

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Reminder: Continue Administering RSV Immunization through March 31



Please continue recommending and administering the RSV immunization to eligible infants and toddlers until the end of March. RSV immunization is the best way to protect our youngest patients from severe illness and hospitalization.

As a reminder, providers may check the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) or ask the birthing parent to download their digital vaccine record at myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov to verify receipt of prenatal RSV vaccine. For more information, see our [RSV FAQs](#) and [resources](#).

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Continue Ordering Flu Vaccines to Protect Patients

It's not too late – everyone 6 months and older should get the updated flu vaccine

to prevent severe illness and hospitalization. As flu continues to circulate at significant levels, please use every opportunity to strongly recommend flu vaccines using the presumptive approach:

- “I see that you [or your child] have not yet been vaccinated against flu. We’ll make sure you get the vaccine before leaving the clinic today.”

[Refer to these tips for how to address common concerns.](#)

Find more resources including messaging tools and infographics on the [Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention EZIZ page](#).

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Vaccine Interchangeability Guidance

For interchangeability guidance on vaccines from different manufacturers including DTaP, COVID-19, and rotavirus vaccines refer to the Immunization Updates for Providers webinar, Friday, March 7, 2025, slides 37 – 40 ([slides](#) | [video](#)).

Resource: [Immunization Schedule with Combination Vaccines \(IMM-922\)](#)

Immunization Schedule with Combination Vaccines

	2 MONTHS	4 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MONTHS	18 MONTHS	4-6 YEARS
PEDIARIX[®] PROQUAD[®] QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®]	PEDIARIX[®] DTaP, IPV, HepB +	PEDIARIX[®] DTaP, IPV, HepB ¹ +	PEDIARIX[®] DTaP, IPV, HepB +	HepA MMR ⁴ Varicella ⁴ PCV ⁶ Hib ⁵	DTaP	HepA	QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®] DTaP, IPV +
	PCV Rotavirus Hib	PCV Rotavirus Hib	PCV Rotavirus ² Hib ³				PROQUAD[®] MMRV
PENTACEL[®] PROQUAD[®] QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®]	PENTACEL[®] DTaP, IPV, Hib +	PENTACEL[®] DTaP, IPV, Hib +	PENTACEL[®] DTaP, IPV, Hib +	HepA MMR ⁴ Varicella ⁴ PCV ⁶	PENTACEL[®] DTaP, IPV, Hib	HepA	QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®] DTaP, IPV +
	PCV Rotavirus HepB	PCV Rotavirus HepB ¹	PCV Rotavirus ² HepB				PROQUAD[®] MMRV
VAXELIS[™] PROQUAD[®] QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®]	VAXELIS[™] DTaP, IPV, Hib, HepB +	VAXELIS[™] DTaP, IPV, Hib, HepB ¹ +	VAXELIS[™] DTaP, IPV, Hib ² , HepB +	HepA MMR ⁴ Varicella ⁴ PCV ⁶ Hib ⁵	DTaP	HepA	QUADRACEL[™] or KINRIX[®] DTaP, IPV +
	PCV Rotavirus	PCV Rotavirus	PCV Rotavirus ²				PROQUAD[®] MMRV

Everyone 6 months+: 1) COVID-19 vaccine per current recommendations 2) Flu vaccine every fall⁸

1st RSV SEASON: RSV immunization for all infants < 8 months.⁹

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Pharmacy Updates

For information about the following pharmacy updates, please refer to the Immunization Updates for Provider webinar, Friday, March 7, 2025, slides 52 – 58 ([slides](#) | [video](#)):

- COVID-19 Therapeutics Lagevrio™ and Paxlovid™
- Changes to the Medi-Cal Prescription Contract Drugs List
- Extension of the Post-PREP COVID-19 Vaccine Policy
- Emergency Prescription Assistance Program (EPAP)

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Update to JYNNEOS Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

[Emergency use authorization](#) for JYNNEOS was updated on December 23, 2024. FDA removed the requirement that use of JYNNEOS under EUA is limited to doses supplied by the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Under EUA, JYNNEOS purchased on the commercial market or supplied by ASPR can be administered to:

- Individuals less than 18 years of age determined to be at high risk of mpox infection when two 0.5 mL doses are administered subcutaneously 4 weeks apart.
- Individuals 18 years of age and older determined to be at high risk of mpox infection when two 0.1 mL doses are administered intradermally 4 weeks apart.

Additional lots of JYNNEOS are authorized to be kept at +2°C to +8°C for up to 8 weeks after thawing. Note that this is different from what is on the [package insert](#). Refer to [Expiration Dating Extension | FDA](#) for more information.

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Upcoming Webinars

CDPH and CMA Webinar: Virtual Grand Rounds – Long COVID Update: What

We Know Now, CME available

- [Register](#) for March 11, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

Crucial Conversations: Effective Communication Without Confrontation

- [Register](#) for Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (PT)

CDPH Immunization Branch Updates for Providers Webinar (occurs every other Friday)

- [Register](#) for the next session: Friday, March 21, 2025, 9:00 am – 10:30 am (PT)

Schools' Webinar for VFC Enrollment

- [Register](#) for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (PT)

California Immunization Coalition 2025 Annual Summit (In-person Event), CME available

- [Tuesday, April 29 – Wednesday, April 30, 2025](#)

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Contact CDPH Immunization Branch

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, Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (PT).

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