

Weekly Wrap Up

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Respiratory Illness Updates: It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate!

RSV, influenza, and COVID-19 activity are all increasing nationally. CDPH recommends continuing to vaccinate eligible persons. For CDC respiratory illness updates including current metrics and hospitalization rates, as well as immunization recommendations and resources, please refer to the CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers webinar slides 66 - 76 ([slides](#) | [recording](#))

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Adolescent Immunization Action Week!

Join CDPH IZB for our first planning call next Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:00 am (PT) to learn more about this new national observance.

[Register here for Adolescent Immunization Action Planning](#)



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As Whooping Cough Cases Increase, CDPH Encourages Tdap Vaccination

Whooping cough (pertussis) activity in California is on the rise, with more than 2,000 reported cases and one infant death between the months of January and October of 2024. To protect infants from whooping cough, CDPH strongly urges maternal immunization with Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine in the last trimester (between 27 and 36 weeks) of every pregnancy.

When given during pregnancy, Tdap is approximately 90% effective in preventing infant hospitalizations due to whooping cough. It is also beneficial for all family members and caregivers of newborns to receive either the Tdap (for adults and children seven years of age or older) or DTaP (for those six years of age or younger) vaccines to prevent spreading whooping cough to infants. These vaccines are safe and effective and can be given at the same time as flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines.

See [this communication](#) from CDPH Office of Communications for additional information.

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Novavax Expiration Dates

Below are Novavax COVID-19 vaccine lots with recent or short expiration dates. Please ensure that all expired vaccines are removed from storage units. Please see expiration date information below:

- Lot expired December 2024
 - 6024MF020
- Lots expiring in January 2025
 - 6024MF021
 - 6024MF022A
- Lots expiring February 2025
 - 6024MF023A
 - 6024MF024
- Lots expiring March 2025
 - 6024MF025
 - 6024MF026

Providers should confirm that vaccines with the earliest expiration dates are placed toward the front of vaccine storage units to ensure that they are used first. Please refer to the [manufacturer webpage](#) for information regarding expiration dates.

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Los Angeles Fires: Temporary Halt on Vaccine Shipments for LA County

The CDPH Immunization Branch's thoughts go out to those affected by ongoing wildfires and other natural disasters.

CDPH has temporarily halted vaccine shipments in LA County, including the health jurisdictions of Pasadena and Long Beach.

Vaccine shipments for the affected areas will resume once conditions allow. In the meantime, if you need an urgent vaccine order, or would like your order released, please reach out to the VFC Program at myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov for VFC

and LHD 317 orders or the Provider Call Center at ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov for BAP and SGF orders.

For more information on how to prepare and respond to an emergency or power outage, please see the [communication](#) sent on January 8, 2025.

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Call Center Phone Line Issues Resolved

On Wednesday, January 8, 2025, the call center phone lines began experiencing extreme static, to the point that CSRs could not hear providers on the other line. As a result, the VFC Call Center had to stop accepting phone calls on January 8 and 9. This issue also affected the phone lines of our Provider Call Center (PCC) and the CAIR Call Center. The issue has since been resolved and all our call centers are back on the phones.

In the future, if you experience any phone issues, the VFC, PCC, and CAIR Call Centers can also respond electronically to inquiries.

- For VFC, email myVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov
- For PCC, email ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov or chat via myCAvax
- For CAIR, email CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov

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2025 Vaccines for Children (VFC) Recertification

Recertification on myCAvax was made available on December 19, 2024. The due date is Friday, February 14, 2025.

If Recertification is not submitted by the deadline, program location account will be suspended.

For recertification resources, refer to the micro-video and Job Aid via myCAvax Knowledge Center: [Recertifying Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#), [Vaccines for Adults \(VFA\)](#) and [LHD 317 Program Locations](#).

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U.S. Government Patient Assistance Program (USG PAP): Paxlovid

Medicare patients will continue to have ways to access Paxlovid medication. Starting January 1, 2025, patients who are covered under Medicaid, Tricare, or Veterans Affairs Community Care Network should consult their plan for coverage. Paxlovid is also on the [Medi-Cal Rx Contract Drug List](#).

Federal entities including DoD health centers, Veterans Affairs health centers, Indian Health Service health centers, and HRSA-supported health centers will access Paxlovid from the HHS supply until that supply is depleted or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first.

Eligible uninsured individuals who cannot afford the medication also can receive no cost Paxlovid through enrollment in the USG PAP. Pfizer will continue to operate a co-pay assistance program for individuals with commercial insurance.

For more information refer to the [Updates to the Paxlovid U.S. Government Patient Assistance Program for 2025](#) and [U.S. Government COVID-19 Therapeutics Distribution Program](#).

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January Shipping Schedule

For details on vaccine delivery blackout dates (shipment holds) please refer to CDPH's [Routine Vaccine Distribution Holiday Calendar](#) for details.

For information on ordering cadence changes for the State General Fund (SGF) program and CA Bridge Access Program (CA BAP), see the following calendars:

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

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Upcoming Webinars

Benefits of Using My Turn Clinic Webinar

- [Register](#) for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, (PT)

CMA Virtual Grand Rounds – Infectious Diseases on the Rise: Updates on Winter Respiratory Viruses, Avian Flu, Mpox and More

- [Register](#) for Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

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

- [Register](#) for the next session: Friday, January 24, 2025, 9:00 am – 10:30 am (PT)

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Contact CDPH Immunization Branch

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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