

Weekly Wrap Up

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National Immunization Awareness Month: Pregnant Patients

As CDPH continues to observe National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), we are highlighting the importance of protecting pregnant patients and their infants. Providers have the power to protect prenatal patients and newborns by encouraging prenatal vaccination against COVID-19, whooping cough, flu, and RSV.

Resources for Healthcare Professionals:

- [Improving Prenatal Vaccination Rates: A Toolkit for Community Health Centers \(Aliados\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines: Answers from Ob-Gyns \(ACOG\)](#)
- [Vanessa's Story infographic \(ShotByShot.org\)](#)
- [RSV Vaccination Guidelines for Pregnant People \(CDC\)](#)

Resources for Your Pregnant Patients:

- [Expecting? Protect Yourself and Your Baby Against Flu, RSV, Whooping Cough, and COVID-19 flyer | Spanish](#) (CDPH)
- [Immunizations for a Healthy Pregnancy brochure | Spanish](#) (CDPH)
- [Pregnancy and Whooping Cough](#) (CDC)
- [FAQs: COVID, Pregnancy and Breastfeeding for Patients](#) (ACOG)

For additional details and resources see [CDPH's Latest Updates and Resources on NIAM](#).

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CDPH Office of Communications Resources to Protect Travelers Against COVID-19

COVID-19 is still on the rise in California. [Share messages](#) encouraging Californians to take steps to reduce COVID-19 risk, especially while traveling. Encourage patients to mask in crowded indoor settings, like busy transit centers, and avoid traveling if sick. If a patient tests positive, they should seek prescription treatments. Everyone should also wash their hands regularly and always cover their coughs and sneezes. Learn more about [respiratory virus prevention](#).

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2024 – 2025 Vaccines for Children (VFC) Flu Vaccine Ordering

Ordering for the 2024-2025 VFC flu vaccine is expected to become available soon. VFC will begin to allocate flu doses once McKesson has enough supply. VFC Doses will be allocated up to the provider's approved pre-book amount. If a provider did not pre-book in January 2024, VFC will allocate the provider doses based on available supply. After all of the CDPH VFC flu vaccine supply is received at McKesson, CDPH will allow providers to request doses beyond what was allocated after providers submit a justification.

VFC Flu Vaccine Ordering Changes

- Flu orders will now be processed through myCAvax.
- There is no separate flu vaccine order form. Flu vaccine will appear on the regular VFC vaccine order form.

- Initial flu vaccine orders will NOT be shipped automatically by VFC.
 - Providers will be allocated doses based on available supply.
 - Providers will be expected to actively go in and submit their flu vaccine request up to their allocated amount.
- Providers can submit a new flu vaccine order after their previous order is in “Completed” status.

VFC Support Resources

- VFC training recordings, decks, and FAQs [on EZIZ’s Get Ready to Move page](#).

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CDPH Requests Assistance Encouraging Birthing Hospitals to Enroll with VFC

CDPH is seeking provider assistance in encouraging birthing hospitals to enroll with VFC. Please support this effort by explaining the benefits of VFC enrollment to your hospital administrators, referring hospitals to CDPH webinars and resources on our [EZIZ VFC enrollment page](#), connecting hospitals with CDPH contacts, and discussing the impact of the RSV immunization as an important tool for preventing RSV in infants.

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School Immunization Reminders

Remind patients that:

- Children are not able to start school until they are brought up to date on their immunizations or start on a vaccine schedule under Conditional Admission requirements.
- Schools can only accept the following to show that children meet immunization requirements:
 - Immunization records

- A medical exemption (ME) issued in CAIR-ME – schools cannot accept lab reports or letters from doctors
- School requirements are in alignment with [ACIP recommendations](#).
 - Students need **three** tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccines, including at least 1 Tdap dose. See [Students Aged 7 + with No Record of Immunizations](#).
- [ShotsforSchool.org](#) is a one-stop shop for all items related to school and child care immunizations. It includes [requirement guides for schools](#) and [child care](#), training modules for school and childcare staff, handouts and [resources for staff and families](#), and information about [medical exemptions](#), [immunization laws](#), [school located vaccine events](#), and more.

School Immunization Resources

- Crucial Conversations: Talking to Parents about School Required Immunizations: July 2024 [slides](#) | [recording](#)
- Afternoon TEAch: Beat the Back to School Rush: June 2024 [slides](#) | [recording](#)
- [Back-to-School Immunization Events](#)

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My Turn System Unavailable on Friday, August 9, 2024

My Turn will **not be accessible today, Friday, August 9, 2024, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, PT** due to system maintenance.

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Closing California BAP Program Locations

The California Bridge Access Program (BAP) locations will be deactivated **by the end of August**. BAP-only providers will be deactivated, and Multi-Program Providers will have the BAP permission removed **after 90 days**. Users will still have access to report excursions, returns, and waste, and to accept or reject open transfers.

Transfers in myCAvax

Please remember the following important information:

- Providers must log in to myCAvax and **close any pending transfers**.
- When a provider creates a transfer in myCAvax, it is important to take action on the transfer **the same day it is created**. This will ensure that receiving providers can accept the transfer.

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Ordering in myCAvax

Providers should:

- Continue to follow their **respective order frequency** to guide vaccine order submission in a timely manner.
- Ensure they are ordering enough for all products to **minimize** supplemental orders.
- Order **sufficient** doses on hand (~2 weeks) to allow time for the review, approval, and receipt of approved doses.
- Ensure order corrections are submitted **promptly**.
- Continue to report doses used and on-hand inventory **accurately** for all vaccines, not just the products being requested.

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Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

Virtual Grand Rounds – Rising Valley Fever in California

- [Register](#) for the webinar: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

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

- [Register](#) for the next session: Friday August 23, 2024, 9:00 am – 10:30 am (PT)

Archived Webinar – CIC: Preparing Patients for International Travel

- [Webinar recording](#)

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Support Opportunities

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](#)

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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