

# **Monthly Immunization Update**

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Greetings Ventura County Schools and Partners,

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily and maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Thank you!

# Summer Catch Up

Summertime is right around the corner! Add routine and COVID-19 vaccinations to the back-to-school checklist. Late summer is usually a time many families begin preparing to send their children back to school. With most schools now back to in-person learning, efforts must be made to ensure all school-aged children are up to date on their routine vaccines and have received recommended COVID-19 vaccines. Routine vaccination coverage is equitably distributed and sufficiently high to protect children, their families, and their communities against vaccine preventable diseases.

Here are some helpful tips to getting kids up to date with their vaccinations:

- Send reminders to families whose children are behind on routine vaccination.
- Notify families when children are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines. Tell them where they can find COVID-19 vaccines for their children.
- Did you know children may be eligible for free vaccines? CDC'S Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps provide free vaccines to children who qualify.

#### Provide Factual Information:

- Vaccines are safe and effective for children to receive at the recommended age, and at the recommended dose.
- Getting young children vaccinated may reduce disruptions to childcare and in-person learning and activities.



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## S.C.R.L: Webinars and Toolkit

The California Immunization Coalition has introduced a series of webinars in a collaborative effort between The California Immunization Coalition (CIC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The primary objective of this series is to introduce the School and Child Care Roster Lookup (SCRL) tool. California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions for Pre-K sites, TK/Kindergarten through 12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. This applies to all student's, regardless of when during the year they are starting school. Why is S.C.R.L so heavily suggested to be used?

- Takes out guess work about who is eligible for entry and who is not.
- You do not have to make any calculations for conditional entrants, SCRL will tell you when the next does is due.
- Targets required immunizations for enrolling/enrolled grade.
- To help accomplish the implementation of requirements for school and child care.

Click the link below to access the archived SCRL webinars.

SCRL Webinars - California Immunization Coalition (immunizeca.org)





### Updates & Reminders!

- May is National Nurses Appreciation month! Make sure to give a big thank you to all your nurses!
- Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap event's open to the public on the following dates:
  - Thursday, May 25th, 5:30-6:30pm at Fillmore Middle School
  - Wednesday, May 31st, 1:30-6:00pm R.J. Frank Academy of Marine Science and Engineering school.

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