



Monthly Immunization Update

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Dear Providers,

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!

Get your patients back on track with routine vaccinations



August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the efforts of healthcare professionals to protect patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination.

This year, NIAM serves as an important reminder to catch up on routine visits and vaccinations that may have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

During NIAM, encourage your patients to schedule appointments to ensure they are up to date on annual exams and recommended vaccines. Research has consistently shown that healthcare providers are the most trusted source of vaccine information for parents and patients.

Use NIAM as an opportunity to access [CDC educational resources](#) like the [#HowIRecommend Video Series](#),

which offers simple and practical guidance for having successful vaccine conversations with parents and patients. These short videos demonstrate how to make effective vaccine recommendations, address common vaccine questions, and take a team-based approach to vaccination.

For those patients who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination, you play a critical role in helping vaccine recipients understand the importance of vaccination and that [COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective](#). Check out this toolkit on [Talking to Recipients about COVID-19 Vaccination](#), where you will find resources to help you share clear and accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines, raise awareness about the benefits of vaccination, and address common questions and concerns about what to expect when getting vaccinated.

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Medical Exemptions for School Immunizations

Medical exemptions for immunizations are a common topic of conversation during this time of back to school. Whether it is because a child is behind on immunizations or there is a medical reason the child hasn't received vaccines, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch has a great web page on [Shots for School](#) to answer all your questions. It has the law, presentation slides on how



to issue a medical exemption, and frequently asked questions. You can access the California Immunization Registry Medical Exemptions site [here](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider



KidsVaxGrant 2.0

Does your practice routinely vaccinate patients? Consider enrolling in the CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Pharmacies are not authorized to vaccinate children under 3 years old. And parents will be looking to their medical homes to vaccinate their children. Your clinic may be their only option.

There are so many resources available to assist in the enrollment and onboard-

ing process. The [EZIZ COVID-19](#) site is the central hub for getting started, updates and frequently asked questions. CDPH is also offering additional support by providing \$10 million toward **KidsVax Grant 2.0**. The *Physicians for a Healthy California* is administering the grant. For more information visit their webpage by clicking [here](#). The deadline is October 14, 2022.

Annual Immunization Update

Please join us for our Annual Immunization Update taking place on **August 24th**. For registration information please click [here](#) to access the flyer with all the details. Spaces are filling up fast. Don't wait!

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