

Monthly Immunization Update

August 2023

Dear Schools and Partners ,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our schools and partners in a variety of vaccine settings, and maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with all of your colleagues. Thank you!

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Thank You!

On behalf of the Immunization Program here at Ventura County Public Health we would like to thank all the schools and partners that throughout the summer break continued to implement the importance of maintaining Ventura County students up to date on their immunizations for school. To those schools and partners who opened their doors to host free Tdap events for their students and the surrounding community. Thank You!



Vaccinate with confidence

We would like to work together to make strides to better inform our students improve receptivity towards recommended vaccines. Here are some key talking points when speaking on the importance of recommended vaccines.

Immunizations can save your child's life.

- Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children have been eliminated completely, and others are close to extinction – primarily due to safe and effective vaccines. Polio is one example of the great impact that vaccines have had.

Vaccination is very safe and effective

- Vaccines are only given to children after a long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and healthcare professionals.

Immunization protects others you care about

- Children in the U.S. still get vaccine-preventable diseases. While some are too young to be protected by vaccination, others may not be able to receive certain vaccinations due to severe allergies, weakened immune systems from conditions like leukemia, or other reasons. To help keep them safe, it is important that you and your children who can get vaccinated are fully immunized. This not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones.

Immunization protects future generations

- Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that killed or severely disabled people just a few generations ago. If we continue vaccinating now, and vaccinating completely, parents in the future may be able to trust that some diseases of today will no longer be around to harm their children in the future.

National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages. Let us take time to educate and inform our community of the life saving potential of immunizations.



Important points about National Immunization Awareness Month:

- **Immunization protects our children**

- Vaccination protects children from serious illness and complications of many diseases.

- **Immunization is safe**

- Vaccination is safe and effective. All vaccines undergo long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and the federal government to make sure they are safe.

For promotional resources visit the CDC's webpage [National Immunization Month Campaign](https://www.cdc.gov/niam/).



Back-to-School Immunizations

The new school year is fast approaching and now is the time to get student's caught up on vaccinations!

Strategies to Consider:

- Use the immunization registry and your electronic health record system to identify children who missed recommended vaccinations.
- Use effective communication techniques. Talk openly with parents about vaccine safety and concerns.
- Share resources of vaccination places and the importance of vaccines.

Announcements :

We will be hosting FREE Tdap immunization events. Please feel free to share these events with your students and community !

- August 1st 2023 , 1pm-5:30 pm 2003 Royal Ave , Simi Valley , Ca 93065
- August 9th 2023 , 12:00pm-4:00pm 701 E. Bard Rd, Oxnard, CA, 93033
- August 10th 2023 , 4:00pm-7:00pm 100 S Mills Rd , Ventura , CA , 93003
- August 15 2023 , 3:00pm-7:30pm 1800 South C St. Oxnard, CA 93033
- August 16th 2023 , 1:00pm-5:00pm 3739 S. C St., Oxnard, CA, 93033

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