

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at [immunization.program@ventura.org](mailto:immunization.program@ventura.org)



### **Make an Effective Vaccine Recommendation during National Immunization Awareness Month**

Every year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of immunization and the need for improving national vaccination coverage levels.

CDC has provided suggestions to help providers promote vaccination during each week of NIAM. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam.html>

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.

### **ACIP approved the following recommendations by majority vote at its June 2019 meeting:**

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine
- Pneumococcal Vaccines
- Influenza Vaccines
- Hepatitis A Vaccines
- Serogroup B Meningococcal (MenB) Vaccines

These recommendations have been adopted by the CDC Director and will become official once published in MMWR.

### **Fundamental Elements to Prevent Measles Transmission:** [CDC releases “Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Measles in Healthcare Settings](#)

Measles is most commonly acquired from persons in the household or community, but spread of measles can also occur in healthcare settings.

While the most important measure to prevent measles transmission in all settings is ensuring community immunization, core measles prevention in healthcare settings requires a multi-faceted approach including:

- Ensuring HCP [healthcare personnel] have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles (see [Recommendations](#) section)
- Rapidly identifying and isolating patients with known or suspected measles
- Adhering to Standard and Airborne Precautions for patients with known or suspected measles
- Routinely promoting and facilitating respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
- Appropriately managing exposed and ill HCP

This interim guidance should be implemented in the context of a comprehensive infection prevention program to prevent transmission of all infectious agents among patients, HCP, and visitors.

Access the complete document titled “Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Measles in Healthcare Settings” in either format:

- [As a PDF document](#) (12 pages)
- [As an HTML document](#)

### **Perinatal Hepatitis B prevention program (PHPP)**

The immunization program provides surveillance for perinatal hepatitis B cases in the County. The goal of the program is to prevent the perinatal transmission of hepatitis B by ensuring providers test pregnant women for hepatitis B infection and the newborn receives the appropriate immunoprophylaxis and vaccinations at or **within 12 hours** of birth. Hospitals and providers can report hepatitis B infection by using [Hepatitis B Reporting Form](#).

For more resources visit: [Guidelines and Recommendations](#)

### **Vaccine Tips**

For many of us, it’s vacation time. Natural disasters don’t take vacations.

California’s recent earthquakes, wildfires, and floods are good reminders we always need to be prepared for emergencies.

Some emergencies may require you to close your clinic temporarily. Know what you need to do.

- ✓ Review Section 6 of your [Vaccine Management Plan: Management Plan for Emergencies](#).
- ✓ Double check your vaccine transport supplies. Label them and keep them accessible.
- ✓ Safeguard your vaccines by ALWAYS using VFC-compliant Digital Data Loggers, including during vaccine transport if transport is indicated and if conditions are safe.

### **For VFC Providers:**

The 2019-2020 Initial Flu Vaccine Order form for California VFC providers is now available on your MyVFCVaccines account. Utilize the Initial Flu Vaccine Order Form to inform the VFC Program how many doses your practice would like to receive out of your approved pre-booked or allocated amounts as part of your initial shipments. Submit your Initial Flu Vaccine Order by **August 9, 2019**.

For more information, please read the attached “2019-2020 VFC Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions” letter, the “2019-2020 Flu Order Confirmation FAQs” document, and the “VFC Flu Order Confirmation Quick Guide Visit the POM and EZIZ for details:

- [VFC Program Operations Manual \(POM\)](#): Responding to Vaccine-Related Emergencies
- [Storage and Handling Job Aids](#)

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC’s website, [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)

You can also view this information on <http://www.vchca.org/immunization-program>

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