

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.

2022 VFC Recertification

The deadline for the VFC recertification has been *extended* to **Tuesday, February 15th**. Please complete the required EZIZ lessons and then login to your MyVFCVaccine account to submit your report as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already submitted their recertification report. Some tips to keep in mind, use off hours to submit, avoid mid day and end of day submissions when the system can be most saturated. Also, providers can also view a list of users associated with their PIN and their lesson completion dates. To access this feature, login to your [MyVFCVaccines](#) account and click on “EZIZ Training Accounts Linked to PIN.”

Preteen Vaccine Week

California’s annual observance of *Preteen Vaccine Week* will take place **February 27th** through



March 5th this year. In the past two years, our preteens are the group who have fallen behind the most in regard to receiving immunizations. The [CHDP Immunization Branch](#) has a great campaign kit with promotional items, social media messages and talking points for providers to use with patients. We ask you to take this opportunity to promote and educate on the vaccinations recommended for preteens which are Tdap, HPV, meningococcal, and the flu vaccine. Please keep in mind that students may need to show proof of COVID-19 immunization starting in the 2022-2023 school year. Along with this newsletter we have attached posters and suggested social media messaging you can post in your office or on your social media.

Cancer Prevention Month

February is National Cancer Prevention Month. The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine protects boys and girls from HPV-related cancers and other related infections. Vaccination is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for children at 11 to 12 years of age, children as young as 9 years old can start their series of vaccination for HPV. For more information on [HPV vaccine](#) please visit the CDC’s website.

Did you know...

VFC providers can order most [routine childhood vaccines](#) that protect against [serious diseases](#). New vaccines, including combination vaccines approved by the FDA and recommended by the [ACIP](#), are also supplied to enrolled providers through the VFC Program. Do a physical inventory at least once a month and before placing vaccine orders. Inventories help you monitor the vaccine supply necessary to meet your patients' needs. Excessive stock may lead to vaccine wastage. Not enough vaccine means you can't protect patients. For more information and resources, go to [California Vaccine Programs – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) \(eziz.org\)](#).

For more information visit us at <http://www.vhca.org/immunization-program>

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