

Happy New Year, 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.

Two Doses are Better than One

We want to thank you for your continued support in vaccinating Ventura County. Currently there are [54,466 VC residents that are partially vaccinated](#) in our county. We are asking you to assist us in increasing the amount of Ventura County residents who get fully vaccinated. You can do this by educating your patients about the importance of receiving their 2nd dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. [Real-World data](#) from vaccine effectiveness studies show that, for mRNA vaccines, 2 doses provide better protection than one dose. The [EZIZ COVID-19](#) vaccination page has lots of patient resources, information for providers, and campaigns and toolkits to aid in education. You can educate and encourage vaccination, even though you are not administering the vaccine. Your partnership and advocacy are key to our community's health.

Vaccine for Children (VFC) Recertification

For those of you who are VFC providers, recertification for the program is fast approaching. The due date for recertification is **Friday, January 31st, 2022**. Remember, not completing your recertification will result in suspension of vaccine ordering and/or termination from the VFC program. If you have any questions regarding the VFC program, please reach out to the CDPH Immunization Branch VFC Program at MyVFCVaccine@cdph.ca.gov or call 1(877)243-8832.

Influenza Vaccine

It is not too late to administer the flu vaccine. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has a great webpage on the topic of *Influenza* where you can find information in the disease, flu campaign tools, and frequently asked questions. If you are a community partner in need of flu vaccine, please reach out to us for information on acquiring more flu inventory. You may also contact us if you would like more information on how to become a community partner. Click [here](#) to be directed to the CDPH website on flu.

Announcements

- The Immunization Program still has a limited supply of *yellow immunization* cards and VFC stickers. Please let us know if your organization can use some.

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

or follow us on:



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