

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

Many thanks to all clinicians across Ventura County for diligently immunizing patients of all ages during the extreme challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your efforts are essential for protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks, both now and once the pandemic is over.

Consider the following recommendations as you immunize your patients:

- Review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), which emphasizes that routine vaccination is essential for children, adolescents, and adults (including pregnant women) and should not be delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Plan for seasonal influenza vaccination. Protecting vulnerable populations and reducing burdens from influenza during the pandemic will be especially important. Extensive [influenza vaccination promotional materials](#) are available now for download, with additional guidance and resources to follow.
- Assess the vaccination status of all patients at each visit. All vaccines due or overdue should be administered according to the recommended [CDC immunization schedules](#).
- To persuade patients back into the office for immunizations and other services, consider these resources from California's [#Dontwaitvaccinate campaign toolkit](#) and the CDC [Resources for Encouraging Pediatric Immunizations During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

Additional Resources

[Immunization Coalitions Network: Resources for Maintaining Immunization during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
[On-demand Webinar: Guidance for Immunizing During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Immunization Requirements for School: Visit www.shotsforschool.org to get up to date information on school entry requirements. Make sure vaccine records are up to date! Please review the following links.

[Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry](#)
[No Shots? No Records? No School.](#)

August is 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.nphic.org/niam>



Prevention of disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases.

On August 4, 2020 at 12:00pm (ET), the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will host the next Current Issues in Immunization Webinar. Medical Officers Sarah Mbaeyi, MD, MPH and Tara C. Jatlaoui, MD MPH, LCDR USPHS will discuss maintaining routine vaccination and preparing for influenza vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are limited spaces and a recording will be available online after the webinar. Registration information is available at: <https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciw/>

VFC PROVIDERS:

Verify your practice's info

Review your office hours and double check your delivery days and times. Make any necessary changes **ASAP**. Hundreds of practices changed their hours due to COVID-19. Make sure your practice's info on MyVFCvaccines.org is up to date.

Vaccine deliveries are based on the information in your account. Delayed and undeliverable shipments can lead to vaccine loss.

If you have questions, contact the VFC Call Center. We are here to help you

IZs are essential. We know this.

Reach out to your patients and schedule their immunization appointments.

Reassure them their health and safety are your top priorities.

Remind them delaying essential immunizations may leave them vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org

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

or follow us on:



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