



Monthly Immunization Update

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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. Thank you!

Vaccine Management During Public Safety Power Shutoffs

A Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) is a practice used by utility companies to preemptively shut off power in high fire risk areas during potentially dangerous weather conditions. Public Safety Power Shutoffs can last several hours. Their impact may extend across city and county lines.

Take steps to prevent exposing your vaccines to out-of-range temperatures. Exposing vaccines to out-of-range temperatures, whether in their storage units or during transport, can result in re-

duced potency and risk of vaccine-preventable diseases.



On the [Vaccine Management](#) page of the EZIZ website there is information on how to **Plan, Prepare, Respond** and **Restore**. Visit the page for further details. You can always reach out to the Immunization Program for any questions.

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National Immunization Awareness Month

August will be *National Immunization Awareness Month*. Get a head start on planning what your practice can do to highlight the importance of staying on track with vaccines. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions [website](#) for resources, toolkits, graphics

and more. For those children who are uninsured or underinsured, please refer them to the Public Health Clinics at (805)981-5221, we are open Monday thru Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. You can find a flyer for the PH clinics [here](#).

Immunization Block Schedule

The California Department of Public Health has released its latest version of the *Simplified Block Timing Schedule* handout. The updated version includes the COVID-19 vaccine recommendations.

This is a wonderful, quick reference sheet to keep close at hand. This handout can be found on the [EZIZ website](#) or follow this link

to go directly to the [form](#). For alternatives and details, including additional recommendations for high-risk children, consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s [Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger, United States, 2022](#).

Immunization Timing 2022

The chart displays immunization schedules for children from birth to 18 months, and for ages 4-6, 11-12, and 16 years. Key vaccines include DTaP, Polio, HepB, Hib, PCV, RV, HepA, MMR, Varicella, and COVID-19 vaccine. It also includes a section for 'Every Fall: Flu Vaccine' and 'Everyone 6 months and older: COVID-19 vaccine & any recommended booster(s)'.

Stopping Misinformation about COVID-19

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe even though the vaccine were developed rapidly?

Yes! COVID-19 vaccines have and continue to undergo the most intense [safety monitoring](#) in U.S. history. Before authorizing or approving COVID-19 vaccines, scientists conducted clinical trials with thousands of children and teens to establish their safety and effectiveness. All trial phases for the COVID-19 vaccines followed [traditional trial phases](#) and the number of patients in these clinical trials was similar to previous vaccine trials. The vaccine is two years old, but the

science behind the COVID-19 vaccine is over 20 years old. The FDA [confirms](#) that “evaluation and analysis of the safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing data of these vaccines was rigorous and comprehensive, supporting their authorization.”

Because of this [ongoing safety monitoring](#), we know that “serious reactions after COVID-19 vaccination in children and teens are rare” including myocarditis, and that “reported side effects are mild, temporary and like those experienced after routine vaccines.”

Save the Date!

Remember our *Annual Immunization Update* is coming up this August 24th from 8 am to 12 pm. More information to come!

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