

Monthly Immunization Update

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Greetings Ventura County Schools and Partners,

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!

Evaluating our Immunization Status Follow Up

Every year all schools and childcare facilities are required to report their assessment of their students immunization status with the California Department of Public Health. As school starts to wind down, and before it starts up again, we suggest to take some time evaluate your follow-up process for students who enter with conditional status. Start thinking of ways to strengthen your follow up process. And do not hesitate to reach out to us for any questions or concerns you may have. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) along with your local health department (LHD) are conducting on-site reviews in schools and pre-kindergarten facilities to assist in establishing efficient procedures of follow up. During these on-site visits, reviewers will evaluate the immunization records at facilities and their compliance with California School Immunization Laws ([California Health and Safety Code, Sections 120325-120375](#) and [California Code of Regulations Title 17 Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 8](#))

Some materials that you can use to further improve your follow up process include:

- [Notice of Immunizations Needed](#)
- [Missing Records Phone Script for Parents of Rising 6th Graders](#) (English/Spanish)
- [Vaccine Safety : Talking with Parents](#)
- [Vaccines by Age](#)
- [Communicating about School Immunization Requirements](#)

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Reminder:

- **Take one last opportunity to remind students to take advantage of the summer to catch up on immunizations!**

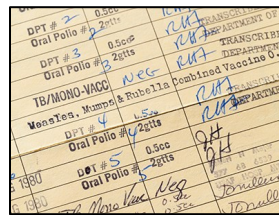
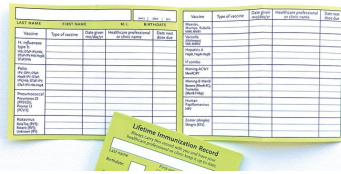
Childhood Vaccine Schedule

You may often receive questioning from parent's/guardians regarding their child's immunization schedule. Parent's should be encouraged to take a more active role in making sure their child receives all services and that all health concerns are addressed at regular check ups. This includes doubts about immunizations.

The following should be emphasized to parent's/ guardians

- Vaccine Safety: Vaccines are some of the most researched medical interventions. Billions of children have been safely protected from serious diseases since the use of vaccines.
- Understand the risk of vaccinating and NOT vaccinating: The risk of complications from a disease are always greater than the risk of an adverse event due to vaccination. Children who are not vaccinated on schedule are not only at risk of getting sick, but they can spread disease to others who aren't protected.
- Following the CDC's recommended [immunization schedule](#), protects from 14 potentially serious diseases before a child's second birthday.

For more information on vaccine schedules, please visit the [California Department of Public Health Immunization Branch](#) webpage.



Immunization Record Transcribing

Schools are often the first to have to transcribe an immunization record. Before beginning the transcribing process keep in mind some questions to ask the parent/guardian.

- Do they have any additional records or documents that may contain immunization history.
- Have they received any immunizations that may not have been recorded on the documents provided. Keeping in mind, that according to [CDC recommendations](#), only written or electronic documentation from an official source should be accepted as valid.

Always check the CA Immunization Registry (CAIR) for any immunization history for the student. We can refer to Appendix B of the CDC publication *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* ("[The Pink Book](#)") for a list of vaccines used outside the U.S [to aid in the transcribing process.](#)

Also, if you receive immunization records in a different language please advise the student or family to contact their medical provider or medical insurance to translate the record. After attempting all options, if they are unable to get them translated, please contact us at the Immunization Program, together we can find a solution.

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