



Monthly Immunization Update

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Dear Providers and Partners,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our providers in a variety of vaccine settings 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!



Foster Support for Vaccination in Your Practice

Patients and parents can feel more confident about vaccinating when everyone in the practice shares the same message. From the front desk to the exam room to checkout, everyone plays an important role in supporting vaccination. Adopt these best practices to ensure you never miss an opportunity to vaccinate.

1. **Make patients and parents aware of your immunization policy**

When you ensure every patient and parent that visits your practice is aware of your immunization policy, you lay the foundation for effective vaccination recommendations.

2. **Make vaccine resources easy to find**

Making immunization information readily available saves time by helping patients and parents get their questions answered before they will meet with you.

3. **Review each patient's vaccination status and prepare them to receive vaccines**

By assessing vaccination status at every visit, you can avoid missed opportunities to vaccinate and reinforce that vaccinations are important.

For more information on how to improve your clinic's practices to encourage vaccination visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).



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AB 1797 CA Immunization Registry Requirement

The AB 1797 CA immunization registry requirement came effective on January 1, 2023. This law requires all healthcare providers to enter immunizations they administer into a CA immunization registry ([CAIR](#) or [RIDE](#)). This also includes entry of patients' race and ethnicity information in the immunization registry to support assessment of health disparities in immunization coverage. To learn more on AB 1797 CA immunization registry requirement please visit CDPH's [AB 1797 immunization Registry FAQs](#).



Explaining How Vaccines Work

Vaccines strengthen the body's natural defenses. To be immune is to be partially or fully resistant to a specific infectious disease or diseases—causing organism. A person who is immune can resist the bacteria or viruses that cause a disease, but the protection is never perfect. Here are some points to share with patients.

Immunization is the process of being made resistant to an infectious disease, usually by means of a vaccine.

Immunity is protection against a disease, and it can be passive or active, natural or vaccine induced.

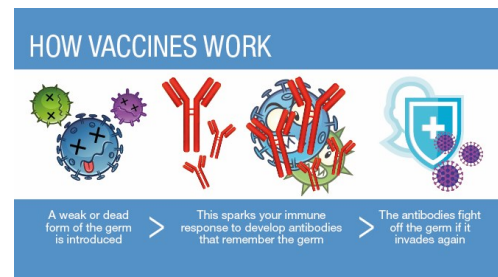
Active immunity comes from being exposed to a disease-causing organism.

- **Natural immunity** results from being infected by a disease-causing organism, whether the infection is symptomatic or not.
- **Vaccine-induced immunity** results from being exposed to killed or weakened bacteria or viruses—or even just important pieces of them—through vaccination.

Either way, active immunity takes longer to develop but lasts longer than passive immunity.

- **Passive immunity** is provided by antibodies produced by another human being or animal. Full-term babies acquire passive immunity from their mother's antibodies during the final months of pregnancy.
 - Patients can acquire passive immunity through antibody-containing blood products derived from human or animal sources.
 - Passive immunity provides protection that is immediate but fades within weeks or months.

For more information on how vaccines work visit [CDC's website](https://www.cdc.gov).



Announcements

- Please join the Immunization Program for our [Immunization Skills Institute 2023](#) on Wednesday, June 14th. This training will be available both in– person and online for any clinical staff involved in vaccine administration. For more information click [here](#) or contact the IZ Program.

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