

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your questions and comments. Email us at immunization.program@ventura.org

The Public Health Immunization Program and Emergency Medical Services are providing two drive-thru flu vaccine events.

DRIVE-THRU FLU VACCINE EVENTS

Where: Santa Paula

City parking lot located at the corner of
E. Main St. & N. Ojai St., Santa Paula, 93060

When: Thursday, November 12, 2020
2:00PM-6:00PM

Where: Moorpark College

7075 Campus Rd
Moorpark, 93021

When: Saturday, November 14, 2020
10:00AM-4:00PM

Ventura County Community Flu Clinics Schedule



Click here to view the 2020-2021 Flu Clinics

*We recently added an additional column indicating if the clinic offers drive-thru flu vaccinations.

Protect Your High-Risk Patients Against Flu

- This is a different flu season — with the COVID-19 pandemic, preventing flu is more important than ever! We don't have a vaccine for COVID-19 yet, but we do have one for flu. **Getting a flu shot is an important way for your high-risk patients to stay healthy and strong during the pandemic.**
- During 2019-20, an estimated [62,000](#) Americans died from flu or flu-related complications, many of whom had health conditions that increased their risk. Immunize your [high-risk](#) patients (including children under five, pregnant women, older adults, smokers, and those living with chronic conditions such as heart disease, asthma, and diabetes) every year to help protect them from severe influenza. **Continue to recommend flu vaccine now and throughout the [flu season](#).**

Making a Strong Flu Vaccine Recommendation ([SHARE](#))

- **SHARE** reasons why your patient should get a flu shot based on his or her health condition.
- **HIGHLIGHT** positive personal or professional experiences with flu shots.
- **ADDRESS** any questions or concerns about the flu shot, including side effects and safety.
- **REMIND** patients that flu shots protect them and their loved ones from serious flu illness and complications.
- **EXPLAIN** the potential consequences of getting the flu

Communicating with Patients about Flu Vaccination: Overcoming Barriers

When your patients say...

“I got vaccinated last year and got sick anyway.”

- Many other germs besides the flu cause symptoms similar to flu – you might have caught one of them.
- The Flu Vaccine takes 2 weeks to work; you may have been infected before you had immunity.

“The flu shot gave me the flu.”

- Flu shots are made with killed virus that cannot give you the flu. Sometimes your body’s immune response after vaccination can make you feel a little ill, and that’s normal—it just means your body’s defenses are working.

“Flu vaccine is not effective. why bother?”

- Flu is very serious and can cause pneumonia, hospitalization and death.
- Even though the flu vaccine is not 100% effective, vaccination may make your illness milder

2020-2021 Influenza Season and the COVID-19 Pandemic

- [What You Need to Know for 2020-2021](#)
- [CDC Vaccination Guidance During a Pandemic, 2020-2021](#)
- [Large Scale Influenza Vaccination Clinic Planning](#)
- [Multiplex Assays for Detection of Influenza Viruses and SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [Influenza Antiviral Medications: Summary for Clinicians](#)
- [Testing and treatment of influenza when SARS-CoV-2 and influenza viruses are co-circulating](#)
- [National institutes of Health \(NIH\) COVID-19 Treatment guidelines: Influenza and COVID-19.](#)

8 Things to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans

With the possibility of one or more COVID-19 vaccines becoming available before the end of the year, here are [8 things you need to know](#) about where those plans currently stand.

1. The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority.
2. Many vaccines are being developed and tested, but some might be ready before others – CDC is planning for many possibilities
3. At least at first, COVID-19 vaccines might be used under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
4. There may be a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccines before the end of 2020, but supply will continually increase in the weeks and months that follow.
5. If there is limited supply, some groups may be recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine first.
6. At first, COVID-19 vaccines may not be recommended for children.
7. Cost will not be an obstacle to getting vaccinated against COVID-19.
8. COVID-19 vaccine planning is being updated as new information becomes available.

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.vchca.org/immunization-program>

or follow us on:



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