

Monthly Immunization Update

October 2023

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!

2023-2024 Influenza (Flu) Season

As we enter flu season please encourage everyone 6 months and older to get their flu vaccine. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of serious [complications from influenza](#). A full listing of [people at higher risk of developing flu-related complications](#) is available.

Remind your patients that flu vaccination has [important benefits](#). It can reduce visits to doctor's offices, reduce sick days due to illness, as well as make symptoms less severe and reduce flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against influenza (flu) is to get a flu vaccine every flu season. If you are interested in receiving a flu vaccine through Ventura County Public Health, please visit one of our [Public Health Clinics](#).

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated during September 15 to October 15. Ventura County Public Health joins the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month recognizing Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. The immunization program takes this time to promote vaccination due to vaccination remains low among Hispanics. Studies show, in 2020 Hispanic Adults were 30 percent less likely to have received the influenza (flu) shot, as compared to non-Hispanic whites. To learn more about vaccination rates among Hispanics please visit [Immunizations and Hispanic Americans - The Office of Minority Health \(hhs.gov\)](#). For tips to improve vaccination rates please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

Covid-19 Vaccine Information

The way COVID-19 vaccines are paid for is changing.

On September 11th, the FDA authorized a new Fall COVID-19 Vaccine. Most adults and children will soon have access to the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost through their insurance. State programs for the uninsured or under-insured are coming soon. Please contact your health care provider for more information. Health care providers are the first place to go for COVID-19 and Flu health care.

Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) urges everyone ages 6 months and older to receive a new COVID-19 vaccine, aligning with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations](#). When the FDA authorized the updated Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, it also discontinued authorization of the use of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 bivalent vaccines.

As a result, as of Tuesday, September 12, VCPH temporarily suspended vaccine operations at community-based COVID-19 vaccination sites. Vaccine operations at community sites to access the new COVID-19 vaccine will include our Public Health Clinics, FQHCs, VFC providers, private providers, and pharmacies. VCPH is committed to ensuring access to new COVID-19 vaccines and will continue to partner with community organizations in priority neighborhoods to offer information. VCPH will offer vaccinations to individuals without health insurance or who face barriers to access vaccination through state programs, which are coming soon. To access the quick sheet on *Vaccine & Clinic Eligibility Guidelines by Funding Source* click [here](#).

For more information, please visit [COVID-19 Information \(vchca.org\)](#).

Free Community Vaccine Event by Ventura County Public Health Flu Vaccine For Ages 3+ and Tdap Vaccines for Ages 10+



Join Us!!

No Appointment Necessary

Bring the whole family!
High dose Flu Vaccines
will be offered to those
65 years and older.

Oxnard College Swap Meet
4000 S. Ross Ave Oxnard, CA 93033
Sunday, September 24th, 2023
Walk-up 9:00AM-3:30PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
427 N. Oak St. Santa Paula, 93060
Wednesday, October 4th, 2023
Walk-up 4:00PM-8:00PM

Wilson Senior Center
350 N. C St, Oxnard CA, 93030
Wednesday, October 11th, 2023
Walk-up 9:00AM-3:30PM

Sheridan Way Elementary
573 Sheridan Way Ventura, CA 93001
Wednesday, October 18th, 2023
Walk-up 2:00PM-7:00PM

For more information,
Call: (805)981-5211
Website: [vchca.org/immunization-program](#)



Free Community Vaccine Events

Ventura County Public Health will be hosting free community flu events. At these events Tdap Vaccines will also be available for those 10 years and older.

- **Wednesday, October 4th, 4:00pm-8:00pm**

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 427 N. Oak St., Santa Paula, 93060

- **Wednesday, October 11th, 9:00am-3:30pm**

At Wilson Senior Center 350 N. C St., Oxnard, 93030

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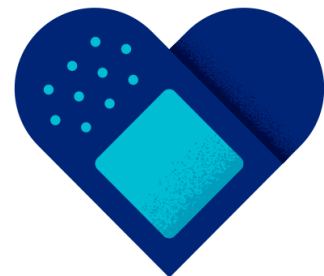
At Sheridan Way Elementary 573 Sheridan Way, Ventura, 93001

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