

Monthly Immunization Update

October 2023

Dear Schools and partners ,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our schools and partners 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 all of your colleagues. Thank you !

COVID-19 Commercialization

Commercialization COVID-19 vaccines have transitioned to “Commercialized” Commercialization is the transition of COVID-19 medical countermeasures – vaccines, treatments, and test kits – from being purchased by the U.S. Government to private/public payers and established pathways of procurement, distribution, and payment. For more information, please see [Commercialization at a Glance: Provider Transition Guide](#).



Three Avenues to secure COVID-19 Vaccines:

1. Private-individuals will be able to get their COVID-19 vaccine this Fall through their Insurance at a local pharmacy or with their primary care physician/provider.
2. Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) will cover the vaccine for those meeting VFC eligibility criteria. *Birth through 18 years without insurance, underinsured (see below).
3. Bridge Access Program (BAP): Program to utilize specific providers (LHJs, FQHCs, Pharmacies etc.) to offer those over 18 years of age without insurance the vaccine.

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Parent Communication

Parents are our partners in making sure all children are up to date on their immunizations. Keeping them informed and current on their children status keeps our partnership fruitful. There are many methods schools and school districts use to communicate with parents. Applications exist that instantly send messages, notices and reminders in mass to all their families. We encourage to use these methods to also share health information and reminders. The following are immunization resources you can share: [California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#), [Steps to obtain a medical exemption](#), [Tdap Vaccination](#) and [Immunization Branch \(ca.gov\)](#). Please let us know if we can assist with providing immunization information you can share or resources you may need for this portal of information.

Annual School Immunization Reporting is now **Open!**



Annual school and child care immunization reporting is now open. You may access the reporting site at the [CAIR Hub website](#). The State will be conducting two webinars:

- [Annual Immunization Reports New Reporting Website, School Personnel Webinar](#)
Wednesday, October 4th, from 2 pm - 3 pm.
- [Annual Immunization Report New Reporting Website, Child Care Facilities Webinar](#)
Wednesday, October 11th, from 2 pm - 3 pm.

We do strongly suggest that, if you or your staff are going to attend these webinars, you watch the [reporting training modules](#) in advance. The school immunization assessment reporting will be **DUE December 1st, 2023**. Please reach out to us, the immunization program, if you have any questions.

Help promote flu vaccination !

The California Department of Public Health has created a flu vaccination tool kit to be used to further promote and emphasize the importance of getting your flu vaccine. Material includes social media content, specific populations, graphics and messaging. Follow this link [Fight the Flu & COVID-19 \(ca.gov\)](#) to download and share. For community flu clinics and information please reach out to the Immunization Program. You can also print out our [Free Flu Clinic](#) flyer to share with your school families.



Announcements :

Please join Ventura County Public Health who will be hosting free community flu events on the following dates :

Oct 4th 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 427 N Oak St, Santa Paula, 4pm-8pm

Oct 11th 2023, at the Wilson Senior Center 350 N C St, Oxnard, 9:00am-3:30pm

Oct 18th 2023, at Sheridan Way Elementary, 573 Sheridan Way, Ventura, 2:00pm-7:00pm

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