



Monthly Immunization Update

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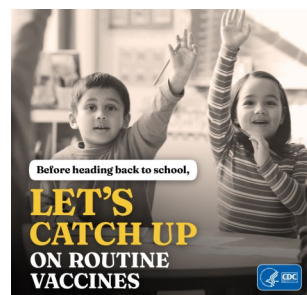
Dear Providers and Partners,

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!

Back to School with Routine Vaccines: Lets Catch Up

All staff in schools and in healthcare settings play critical roles in helping children get caught up on their routine vaccines before the start of a new school year. Use these resources to help kids stay up to date on their vaccines.

- [Learn ways schools \[3 pages\]](#) can help children get caught up on routine vaccines
- [Read about 5 evidence-based strategies that schools can use](#) to support routine vaccination catch-up among children
- [Learn ways healthcare professionals \[2 pages\]](#) can help children get caught up on routine vaccines
- Use [proven strategies](#) to encourage routine immunizations on schedule.



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Help children get a healthy start to a new school year by spreading the word on recommended routine vaccines. You can include these resources in your social media, newsletter, or other communications to parents.

- Use the CDC's [web feature](#) as a link in your social media posts.
- Share [immunization schedules](#) with parents.
- If parents are unsure what vaccines their child needs, the [Childhood Vaccine Quiz](#) can give them a list of vaccines based on their answers.

To promote catching up on routine vaccines see the [CDC's website](#) for more resources.



FDA Approves First Prevention Against RSV Disease in All Infants

On July 17, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Beyfortus™, a long-acting antibody for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease in all infants born during or entering their first RSV season and in children up to 24 months of age who remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease through their second RSV season.¹

Some points on the recently approved *Beyfortus* :

- *Beyfortus*™ is the first monoclonal antibody approved to protect all infants through their first RSV season.
- Across all clinical endpoints, a single dose of *Beyfortus* delivered high, consistent and sustained efficacy and favorable safety against RSV disease

Approval also includes use for children up to 24 months of age who remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease through their second RSV season. For more information please visit the [Sanofi website](#).

Bridge Access Program

In the fall of 2023, the U.S. Government COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program will end. COVID-19 vaccines will still be free for most Americans through their health insurance plans. However, there are 25-30 million adults (ages 18-64) without insurance and additional adults whose insurance will not provide free COVID-19 vaccines after these products move onto the commercial market. Anticipate limited vaccine supply will be made available through the Bridge Access Program (BAP) for uninsured/under insured adults.

To learn more about the Bridge Access Program and where free COVID-19 vaccines will be available through the Bridge Access Program please visit [CDC's website](#).



Announcements:

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program and Emergency Medical Services will be hosting free community Flu events open to the public on the following dates:

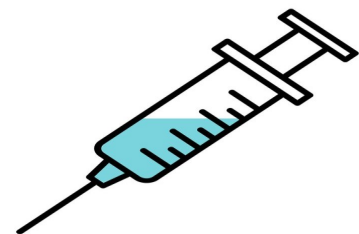
- **Sunday, September 24th**, at the Oxnard College Swap meet, 4000 S Rose Ave. **9am-3:30pm**
- **Wednesday October 4th**, at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church, 427 N Oak St., Santa Paula, CA 93060 4-8pm.

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