



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!

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance and celebration in February each year and is dedicated to honoring and recognizing the achievements, contributions, and history of African Americans, their culture, and their role in shaping the nation.

Vaccination rates among Black Californians

COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination remains low among African Americans, leaving many at risk for severe disease. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage vaccination and health. For strategies to encourage vaccination please click [here](#).



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Prenatal Vaccination

Administer prenatal RSV vaccine (ABRYSVO, Pfizer) during 32-36 weeks' gestation, September through January.

- Prenatal vaccination may be the best and only option while RSV immunization for infants (nirsevimab) is in short supply.
- Most infants born to vaccinated birth parents will not need nirsevimab.

Nirsevimab 50mg for infants <5kg and < 8 months without prenatal vaccination

- Administer:

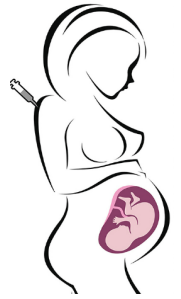
- Now– infants born prior to October.
- Within the first week of life– infants born during RSV season.

Encourage other Preventative measures including:

- [Breastfeeding](#) to decrease the risk of severe RSV and hospitalization among infants

- Wash hands
- Limited number of visitors for infants
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently touched surfaces

For more information please click [here](#).



2024 Tdap Immunization Events

Ventura County Public Health’s Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap immunization events for students entering the 7th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. Tdap is a required vaccine needed to enter into the 7th grade. More information to come regarding Tdap events!



Immunization event at Isbell Middle School

Preparing for Preteen Vaccine Week

Preteen Vaccine Week (PVW) is annual California observance to be held March 4-8 in 2024. The goals of PVW are to distribute information and materials through multiple avenues such as schools, providers, and the media to promote the preteen doctor visit and to raise awareness about routinely recommended immunizations for preteens: Tdap, HPV, meningococcal, and flu vaccines. Preteens starting 7th grade must show proof of one dose of Tdap and 2 doses of chickenpox vaccine.

PVW is the rallying point for families, providers, and coalitions supporting children's health to get the message out about preventative health care and immunizations for over 1 million 11– and 12– year-old boys and girls living in California. Here is a [toolkit](#) in preparation for the advertisement of Preteen Vaccine Week.



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