

Monthly Immunization Update

February 2024

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 !

Coming Soon! Preteen Vaccine Week—March 4th-8th

Mark your calendars for [Preteen Vaccine Week!](#)

What is Preteen Vaccine Week? Preteen Vaccine week is a week designated for children ranging from 9-14 years of age. This week consists of events and



activities campaigning to provide sufficient vaccine resources for all eligible children at no cost. Vaccines that are recommended include, but not limited to, COVID-19, Tdap , MCV and HPV. For those who have not yet received their flu vaccine, its NOT too late either. The overall goal is to increase vaccine rates and decrease vaccine hesitancy due to the lack of available resources or knowledge. It’s highly encouraged to promote this event via social media, presentations, and sharing of resources. Our goal is to have a great impact on our preteens. Here is a [toolkit](#) for the advertisement of Pre-teen vaccine week!

AB 659— Common Questions Explained:



1. [Bill Text - AB-659 Cancer Prevention Act](#). Will the HPV vaccine be mandatory for 8th graders? The Cancer Prevention Act does not mandate vaccination against HPV. It requires that public and private schools notify families of 6th graders that they are advised to follow current immunization guidelines regarding full HPV immunization (i.e., 2 doses of HPV vaccine for most children in this age group) before 8th grade. You can read more details about changes to the [Health and Safety Code](#) and [Education Code](#). To put it simply, this is an education mandate, not a vaccine mandate.

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2. What is the timeline for schools to notify 6th graders and their parents/guardians? This went into effect 1/1/24. We are currently finalizing a template letter which will be posted on [Shots for Schools](#) that schools can utilize to inform parents of the recommendation for HPV vaccine. CDPH will be sending a notification letter with links to resources, such as the template letter, to school administrators soon.


Celebrating Black History Month

For the month of February, we celebrate and honor Black History Month to pay tribute to the contributions and accomplishments of African Americans. The CA Department of Public Health (CDPH) is campaigning for the uptake of COVID-19 and flu vaccine due to the fact that vaccination for these two remain low among African Americans, leaving many at risk for severe disease. See links below to find a Covid and/or Flu vaccination site near you!

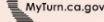
[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) - Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you

[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) - Search for flu vaccine locations

Black History Month | Honoring our legacy
Celebrating our accomplishments • Building our future



This February, protect the community by getting your COVID-19 vaccine.
Visit [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://www.MyTurn.ca.gov) or call 1 (833) 422-4255 to schedule your COVID-19 vaccine or booster.



Tdap Events

Ventura County Public Health— Immunization Program is in the process of scheduling free Tdap events with school districts in Ventura County. All 7th grade students are required to have the Tdap vaccine for entry to 7th grade. These Tdap events are free to all students of Ventura County. If you are interested in hosting one of these Tdap events for your school district please contact us through our program email. Thank you!



Scheduled Tdap Events for 2024:

- March 26, 2024 2:30pm - 6:00pm—E.O. Green Jr High Cafeteria
- August 14th, 2024 1:00pm - 5:00pm—E.O. Green Jr High Front Lawn (7th Grade Orientation)

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