



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!

Encouraging HPV Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends all children get vaccinated for HPV at ages 11 or 12, but vaccination can be started at **age 9** as the vaccine produces stronger immune response when taken during the preteen years. HPV is estimated to cause nearly 36,500 cases of cancer in men and women every year in the United States. HPV vaccination can prevent 33,700 of these cancers by preventing the infections that cause them. Giving a strong recommendation for HPV vaccination at **age 9** will increase vaccine completion success and prevent more cancers. When having conversations with family and friends this holiday season, be sure to mention the importance of on time HPV vaccination. Please click [here](#) to see the nine reasons to start HPV vaccination at **age 9**.



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There's still time to get vaccinated! It's important to keep encouraging updated COVID-19 and Flu vaccination to vaccinate all those who are not protected yet. Getting a updated Flu and COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones against Flu and COVID-19. To book an appointment for your updated Flu and COVID-19 vaccine please visit the [Vaccines.gov](#) website. For individuals underinsured and uninsured, for ages 18 and older they can visit the [eTrueNorth](#) website to schedule an appointment for a free COVID-19 vaccine. For individuals underinsured and uninsured, for ages birth through 18 years they can click [here](#) to find a VFC Provider.



2024 Recertification for VFC, 317, VFA

Annual Recertification and Training is a Federal requirement to maintain active status in the VFC Program and receive publicly purchased vaccines. All public and private providers must recertify their enrollment yearly. New providers that enrolled prior to December 2023 will also be expected to complete 2024 VFC Recertification. Not completing the 2024 VFC Recertification process will result in suspension of vaccine ordering privileges and eventual account termination from the VFC Program. As 2024 VFC recertification is coming soon please start planning and preparing now. Providers will have until the end of January 2024 to complete the process.

CALIFORNIA VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM 2024 VFC Recertification Process



- 1 ENSURE YOUR VFC ACCOUNT IS IN GOOD STANDING**
Provider accounts that are SUSPENDED due to Mandatory Corrective Actions will not be able to access the Recertification form.
- 2 GATHER INFORMATION ON THE VFC RECERTIFICATION WORKSHEET**
Use the 2024 VFC Recertification Worksheet to gather information before beginning the Recertification process.
- 3 COMPLETE REQUIRED EZIZ LESSONS**
Complete required EZIZ lessons in order to access 2024 VFC Recertification. Any lessons that were completed prior to December 1, 2023 will not receive credit for 2024 Recertification.
- 4 LOGIN TO THE VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM**
Login with your practice's VFC PIN and ZIP Code on your MyVFCVaccines account. Then click on the "Submit Recertification Form" button.
- 5 REVIEW YOUR VFC PRACTICE PROFILE**
Your VFC Practice Profile displays your current practice volume; order frequency; total vaccine doses ordered, expired, wasted, and spoiled; 2023 VFC patient estimates; and a comparison of vaccines administered with target usage.
- 6 VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR PRACTICE INFORMATION**
Verify and update information about your practice, including Registry ID, delivery times, key practice staff, patient estimates, vaccine storage and data logger equipment, and health care providers who will be administering immunizations.
- 7 REVIEW "PROVIDER AGREEMENT" AND "PROVIDER AGREEMENT ADDENDUM"**
The Provider of Record must review and electronically acknowledge compliance with all items outlined in the 2024 VFC "Provider Agreement" and CA VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" on the Recertification form.
- 8 SUBMIT THE 2024 VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM**
Once the 2024 VFC Recertification form has been submitted, the system will generate an e-mail confirmation of submission to all key practice staff plus the person submitting the Recertification form.

Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors

A vaccine administration error is any preventable event that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm. Vaccine administration errors can have many consequences, including inadequate immunological protection, possible injury to the patient, cost, inconvenience, and reduced confidence in the health care delivery system. Take preventative actions to avoid vaccine administration errors and establish an environment that values reporting and investigating errors as part of risk management and quality improvement. For more information on vaccine administration errors and preventative actions please click [here](#).



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