

Monthly Immunization Update

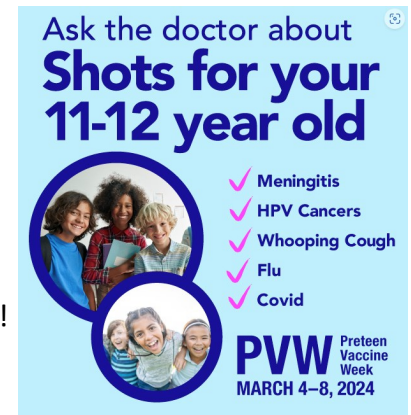
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Dear Schools and partners ,

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 !

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!



Ask the doctor about
Shots for your 11-12 year old

- ✓ Meningitis
- ✓ HPV Cancers
- ✓ Whooping Cough
- ✓ Flu
- ✓ Covid

PVW Preteen Vaccine Week
 MARCH 4-8, 2024

Timely Access to Care Regulations:



If you hear of students that are having to wait for several weeks to get an immunization appointment, here are some reminders:

- Patients in California have rights. They can contact their managed care plans (including Medi-Cal managed care) to ask for assistance in accessing immunization services within 10 business days.
 - [California Department of Managed Health Care > Health Care in California > Your Health Care Rights](#)
 - [DMHC Laws & Regulations \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Minors who are eligible for Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, local health department clinics may also be an option: [Public Health Clinics \(vchca.org\)](#)

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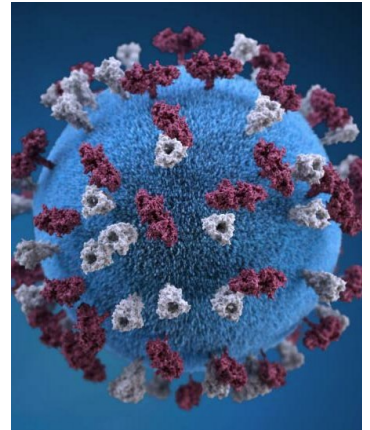
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Measle Outbreak and Vaccine Safety

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease. It is widespread in many parts of the world, including Europe, Africa, and Asia. Measles begins with a fever that lasts for a couple of days, followed by a cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis (pink eye), and a rash. The rash typically appears first on the face, along the hairline, and behind the ears and then affects the rest of the body. Infected people are usually contagious from about 4 days before their rash starts to 4 days afterwards. As of February 7, 2024, 2 confirmed measles cases have been reported in California.

Does the MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) Vaccine cause autism? There is no scientific evidence that the MMR vaccine causes autism. The question about a possible link between the vaccine and autism has been extensively reviewed by independent groups of experts in the United States, including the Health Division of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. These reviews have concluded that there is not a causal link between the MMR vaccine and autism.

[History of Measles | CDC](#)



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.

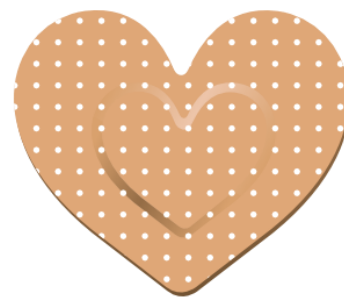
Scheduled Tdap Events for 2024:

- March 6th, 2024 1:30pm-6:00pm—Frank Middle School
- March 26th, 2024 2:30pm - 6:00pm—E.O. Green Jr High Cafeteria
- April 16th, 2024 3:00pm-6:00pm—Fillmore Middle School
- August 14th, 2024 1:00pm - 5:00pm—E.O. Green Jr High Front Lawn (7th Grade Orientation)
- Anacapa Middle School—Date/Time: TBD

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We are on the web!

<https://vchca.org/immunization-program>

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