



Monthly Immunization Update

March 2024

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!

Preteen Vaccine Week



Preteen Vaccine Week (PVW) is an annual California observance that takes place this year from March 4-8th, 2024. 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. Its 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 Preteen Vaccine Week!

Protect Yourself Against Measles

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Due to recent measles cases around the county, now is the time to make sure patients are up to date on the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine and other recommended vaccinations. Between December 1, 2023, and January 23, 2024, CDC was notified of 23 confirmed U.S. cases of measles, including seven direct importations of measles by international travelers and two outbreaks with more than five cases each.

Recommendations for providers:

Isolate: Do not allow patients with suspected measles to remain in the waiting room or other common areas of the healthcare facility; isolate [them], ideally in a single-patient airborne infection isolation room (AIIR) if available, or in a private room with a closed door until an AIIR is available. Healthcare providers should be adequately protected against measles and should adhere to standard and airborne precautions when evaluating suspect cases regardless of their vaccination status.

Notify: Immediately notify local or state health departments about any suspected case of measles to ensure rapid testing and investigation. Measles cases are reported by states to CDC through the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS) and can also be reported directly to CDC at measlesreport@cdc.gov.

Test: Follow CDC's testing recommendations and collect either a nasopharyngeal swab or throat swab for reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), as well as a blood specimen for serology from all patients with clinical features compatible with measles. RT-PCR is available at CDC, at many state public health laboratories, and through the APHL/CDC Vaccine Preventable Disease Reference Centers.

Manage: In coordination with local or state health departments, provide appropriate measles post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to close contacts without evidence of immunity, either MMR or immunoglobulin. The choice of PEP is based on elapsed time from exposure or medical contraindications to vaccination.

Vaccinate: Make sure all your patients are up to date on measles vaccine, especially before international travel. People 6 months of age or older who will be traveling internationally should be protected against measles.

Announcements:

- Considering the CDC recommendations, epidemiological data, and public health priorities to protect infants from LRTD, the Ventura County Public Health Officer will extend the use of Abrysvo in pregnant persons through March 31, 2024.
 - * Additionally, Gold Coast Managed Health Care has committed to continue the reimbursement of Abrysvo in pregnant persons (week 32-36 gestation) through March 31, 2024.
- Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap events open to the public on the following dates:
 - * Wednesday, March 6th, at R.J. Frank Academy from 1:30-6:00pm
701 N Juanita Ave, Oxnard, CA 93030
 - * Tuesday, March 26th, at E.O. Green Middle School from 2:30-6:00pm
3739 S C St , Oxnard, CA 93033
 - * Tuesday, April 16, at Fillmore Middle School from 3:00-6:00pm
543 A street, Fillmore, CA 93015

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All 7th graders are required to have the Tdap vaccine for entry to 7th grade.

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