

Monthly Immunization Update

April 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!

National Public Health Week



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WEEK**

During the first full week in April each year, American Public Health Association (APHA) brings together

communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week as a time to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving our nations health. This year National Public Health Week is from **April 1st to April 7th**. For over 25 years, APHA has served as the organizer of National Public Health Week. Every year, the Association develops a national campaign to educate the public, policymakers and practitioners about issues related to each years theme. This years theme is “Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health” to ensure everyone, in all cultural communities, has a chance at a long and healthy life. APHA creates new National Public Health Week materials each year that can be used during and after National Public Health Week to raise awareness about public health and prevention. To learn more about National Public Health Week please click [here](#).

National Infant Immunization Week



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POWER TO PROTECT.**

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National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is a yearly observance held in April from April 22nd to April 29th, highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that children stay on track with their well-child appointments and routine vaccinations. On-time vaccination is critical to provide protection against life threatening diseases. For more information on National Infant Immunization week please click [here](#).

Reasons to Follow CDC's Recommended Immunization Schedule

Most parents vaccinate their children according to CDC's recommended [immunization schedule](#), protecting them from 14 potentially serious diseases before their second birthday. Vaccinating children on time protects them and anyone around them with a weakened immune system. Down below are some reasons to follow CDC's recommended immunization schedule:

- **Ideal timing:** The immunization schedule is carefully designed to provide protection at just the right time.
- **Prevent complications:** While children are born with some immunity, they have not yet built up the necessary defenses against the diseases that vaccines prevent. Delaying vaccines could leave your child vulnerable to disease when he/she is most likely to have serious complications.
- **Early protection:** It can take weeks for a vaccine to help your child make protective disease-fighting antibodies, and some vaccines require multiple doses to provide best protection. Its best to vaccinate before your child is exposed to dangerous diseases.
- **Best protection:** Children wont have the best protection from 14 serious diseases until they get all the recommended doses of each vaccine.
- **Spreading illness:** Not vaccinating your child on time can make someone else sick. Children who are not vaccinated on schedule are not only at risk of getting sick themselves, but they can also spread illness to [others who aren't protected](#).

For more information please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [webpage](#).

Announcements:

- Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap events open to the public on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, April 16th, at Fillmore Middle School from 3:00-6:00PM
543 A St., Fillmore, CA 93015
 - Wednesday, August 14, at E.O Green Jr High from 1:00-5:00PM
3739 South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93033
 - Friday, May 17, at Madea Creek Middle School from 2:45– 4:15PM
1002 Doubletree Rd, Oak Park, CA 91377

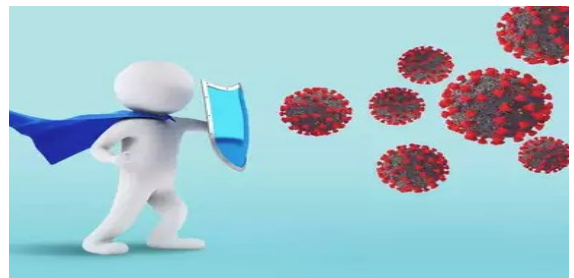


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