



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!

World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day, observed on July 28th every year, aims to raise global awareness of Hepatitis — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D and E— and encourage prevention, diagnostics and treatment. Viral hepatitis affects more than 300 million people worldwide and leads to more than 1 million deaths each year. Despite effective vaccines, prevention strategies, and medications, deaths from hepatitis are increasing globally. CDC, the World Health Organization, and other organizations around the world recognize World Hepatitis Day by raising awareness about viral hepatitis across the globe, and actions people can take to prevent future transmission.



For more information please click [here](#).

Exercise Your Emergency Plan!

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Proper vaccine storage and handling practices play a very important role in protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. Vaccine quality is the shared responsibility of everyone, from the time vaccine is manufactured until its administered. Power outages can create emergency conditions that damage your valuable vaccine inventory. For this reason, every site that stocks vaccines needs an emergency plan. Every Vaccines for Children (VFC) site is required to have one. Follow CDC's [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#) to create an emergency plan for your clinic and then practice your plan this month. Build redundancy, flex-ability, and communication into your plan.



Consider:

- Equipment backup options

- Alternate storage options
- Vaccine transport plans

Your plan should include at least one facility that is willing to receive and properly store your vaccine inventory if it must be relocated. CDC's guide provides detailed instructions before the power goes out!

Preparing for Questions Parents May Ask about Vaccines

Many parents won't have questions about vaccines when you give your strong recommendation and use language that assumes parents will accept vaccines for their child. If a parent questions your recommendation, this does not necessarily mean they will not accept vaccines. They consider you their most trusted source of information when it comes to vaccines and sometimes parents simply want *your* answers to their questions.

For more information on topics parents ask about most and tips for how to answer their questions please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Preventions](#) webpage.



Announcements:

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap events open to the public on the following date:

- Wednesday, August 14th, at E.O. Green Jr High from 1:00-5:00PM
3739 South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93033
- PrEP and Fampact services are available at the North Oxnard Public Health Clinic. Book your appointment today!

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