

# Monthly Immunization Update

August 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!

## *National Immunization Awareness Month*

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). NIAM raises the awareness about why vaccines are important for people all ages and how they can prevent serious, sometimes deadly, diseases and illnesses.

Immunizations play an important role in keeping your family and your community healthy. Vaccinations are important because they not only protect the person who is receiving the vaccine, but they also help to keep diseases from spreading to others such as your family, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, and other members of the community. Immunization helps protect those who are the most vulnerable to illness, such as infants, elders, and those weakened immune systems.

Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. In the United States, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely caused severe illness and death. During NIAM, Ventura County Public Health encourages you talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or other healthcare professional to ensure you, your child, and your family are up to date on recommended vaccines.

To learn more about NIAM please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage](#).



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- Make strong, effective recommendations
- Research has shown an effective recommendation from a healthcare professional is the **main reason parents decide to vaccinate.**
- Use **every visit**– including well-child checks, sports physicals, and other appointments– as an opportunity to recommend and administer all vaccines that are due

- Make patients/parents aware of your immunization policy
- Make vaccine resources easy to find
  - Provide age-appropriate vaccine educational materials/display posters in the waiting room.
- Review each patients vaccination status and prepare them to receive vaccines
  - At sign in, remind patients/parents which vaccines are due



For more information to foster support for vaccination in your practice please click [here](#).

## *Prepare for Flu Season!*

The flu (influenza) is a contagious disease that can be severe. Almost every year, the flu causes disease in millions of persons, hundreds of thousands get hospitalized, and tens of thousands die because of flu. Now is the time to start talking to patients about getting the flu vaccine in the fall to protect their self and their family!



### **Announcements:**

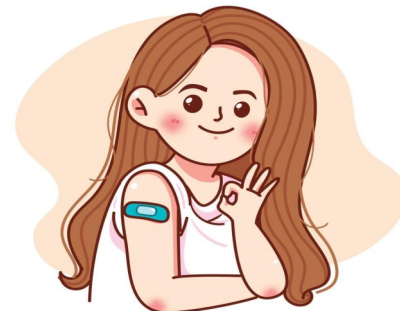
- Please join the Immunization Program for our Annual Immunization Update 2024 on Tuesday, August 20th. This training will be available both in-person and online. Please see flyer for more information or contact the Immunization Program.
- Ventura County Public Health’s Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap events open to the public on the following dates:
  - Wednesday, **August 7th**, at R. J. Frank Academy of Marine Science and Engineering from 3:00-6:00PM  
701 N Juanita Ave, Oxnard, CA 93030
  - Wednesday, **August 14th**, at E.O. Green Jr High from 1:00-5:00PM  
3739 South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93033
- **California HPV Vaccine** week an annual observance held the first full week of August. This year California HPV Week takes place on **August 4th-10th, 2024!**

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