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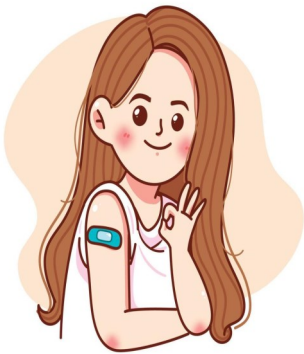
## Monthly Immunization Update

August 2024

Greetings Ventura County Schools and Partners,

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily 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 of all ages and how they can help prevent serious, sometimes deadly, diseases and illnesses. NIAM is now more important than ever with the emergence of diseases such as COVID-19.

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 with 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. According to the CDC, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately 50,000 adults died every year from vaccine-preventable illnesses. During NIAM, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare professional to ensure that you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccinations.

Although no vaccine is 100% effective, it is the first step in protecting yourself, your family, and others from serious illness.

To learn more about NIAM please visit:



[CDC - National Immunization Awareness Month](#)

[CDC - Immunization Schedules](#)

[CDC - Your COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics - NIAM](#)

## National Immunization Awareness Month

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## Shots Required for TK–12 and 7th Grade



*Students Admitted at TK/K–12 Need Records of:*

**Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td)** — 5 doses (4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday. 3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday.) For 7th–12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.

**Polio (OPV or IPV)** — 4 doses (3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)

**Hepatitis B** — 3 doses (Required at admission to any grade except 7th grade)

**Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)** — 2 doses (Both given on or after 1st birthday)

**Varicella (Chickenpox)** — 2 doses

The TK/K–12 immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including 7th grade, and students whose exemptions are no longer valid.

*Students Advancing to 7th Grade Need Records of:*

**Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)** — 1 dose (Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)

**Varicella (Chickenpox)** — 2 doses (Usually given at ages 12 months and 4–6 years)

### *Updates & Reminders!*

- August is National Immunization Awareness Month, let's ensure our kids are fully vaccinated and ready for the new school year!
- Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting free Tdap events open to the public on the following dates:
  - Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm - 6:00pm at R.J. Frank Middle School  
701 N Juanita Ave. Oxnard, CA 93030
  - Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm - 5:00pm at E.O. Green Middle School  
3739 South C Street. Oxnard, CA 93033
  - Thursday, August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm - 5:00pm at Charles F. Blackstock Junior High School  
701 E. Bard Rd. Oxnard, CA 93033

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