

# Monthly Immunization Update

October 2024

Dear Providers and Partners,

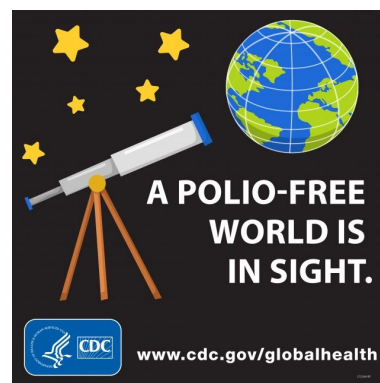
The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our providers in a variety of vaccine settings and, maintain our connection with all of you . We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Thank you!

## *World Polio Day*

World Polio Day highlights the global efforts to end poliomyelitis (polio) worldwide. Polio is a life threatening disease caused by the poliovirus, which the World Health Assembly committed to eradicate in 1988. The WHO European Region was declared polio-free in 2002 and has sustained this status every year since then.

Every year on October 24th, we observe World Polio Day to raise awareness of the importance of polio vaccination to protect every child from this devastating disease, and to celebrate many parents, professionals and volunteers who contributions make polio eradication achievable.

To ensure a polio-free future for everyone, efforts must continue to maintain high immunization coverage, implement high-quality surveillance to detect any presence of the virus, and prepare to respond in the event of an outbreak.



## *Hispanic Heritage Month*

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year in the U.S. from September 15th– October 15th to celebrate the achievements, histories, traditions, and cultural diversity of Hispanic/ Latino Americans. During Hispanic Heritage Month please take the time to make a strong recommendation for vaccination due to vaccination remains low among Hispanics.



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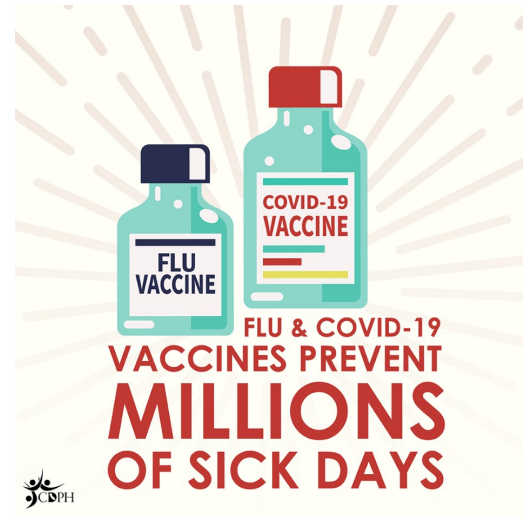
For tips to improve vaccination rates please visit [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) website.

## Fight the Flu and COVID-19

Flu and COVID-19 are contagious respiratory (lung) infections that can cause serious illness. Although flu and COVID-19 can circulate year round, more people tend to get sick with these illnesses in the fall and winter.

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for **everyone 6 months and older**. They are updated each year to provide the best protection against circulating variants. Make sure you are offering the flu and COVID-19 vaccine to your patients so they can be up to date. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines is a safe and powerful way to help prevent severe illness and hospitalization.

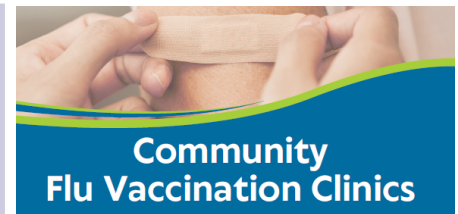
Please click [here](#) to see the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine Timing: Routine schedule.



### Announcements:

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program and Emergency Medical Services will be hosting free community Flu events open to the public on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, October 9th at Sheridan Way Elementary from 2:00PM to 7:00PM**  
573 Sheridan Way, Ventura, CA
- **Tuesday, October 15th at Our Lady Guadalupe Church from 4PM to 8PM**  
427 North Oak Street, Santa Paula, CA
- **Saturday, November 2nd at Ventura College from 8AM-2PM**  
4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA



**FREE! No appointment needed.**

<b>Oxnard College Swapmeet</b> 4000 South Rose Avenue Oxnard, CA	<b>Sunday, September 29</b> 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<b>Sheridan Way Elementary</b> 573 Sheridan Way Ventura, CA	<b>Wednesday, October 9</b> 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Church</b> 427 North Oak Street Santa Paula, CA	<b>Tuesday, October 15</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
<b>Ventura College</b> 4667 Telegraph Road Ventura, CA	<b>Saturday, November 2</b> 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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