

Monthly Immunization Update

December 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 Influenza Vaccination Week

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is an annual observance to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to get vaccinated against flu from December 2-6th, 2024. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications, including pregnant people and young children. Millions of children get sick with flu every year, and thousands will be hospitalized as a result. Pregnant people also are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications.

Since flu viruses are constantly changing and protection from vaccination decreases over time, getting a flu vaccine every year is the best way to reduce your risk from flu. A flu vaccine is the only vaccine that protects against flu and has been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death.

Together, we can use NIVW as a nationwide call to action to encourage everyone 6 months and older to get their annual flu vaccine, especially pregnant people, young children, and others at higher risk. The more people vaccinated against flu, the more people are protected from flu.

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| <i>National Influenza Vaccination Week</i> | 1 | All California schools and pre-kindergarten (child care/preschool) facilities are required to assess and annually report the immunization status of their enrollees. Annual school reports are submitted at CAIR Hub . Reports for all grades (Pre-K, TK/K, and 7th grade) are submitted at the same website and require a registration process. Reports are due December 13, 2024 . If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate in reaching out to the Immunization Program! |
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Down below are some resources:

- Frequently Asked Questions- [Reporting FAQ \(ca.gov\)](#)



As long as flu viruses are spreading, **it's not too late to get a flu vaccine** to protect yourself and your loved ones

- Pre-K Immunization Assessment Instructions- [Reporting Pre-Kindergarten \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ca.gov)
- TK/Kindergarten Immunization Assessment Instructions- [Reporting Kindergarten \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ca.gov)
- 7th grade Immunization Assessment Instructions- [reporting 7th grade \(ca.gov\)](https://www.ca.gov)
- 7th grade IZ Assessment worksheet- [IMM-1227_7thGradeWorksheet \(eziz.org\)](https://www.eziz.org)
- TK/Kindergarten IZ Assessment worksheet- [IMM-236_KWorksheet \(eziz.org\)](https://www.eziz.org)
- Pre-kindergarten IZ Assessment worksheet- [IMM-236PK_PreK-Worksheet \(eziz.org\)](https://www.eziz.org)

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Wrapping up Flu Season

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program, in collaboration with Emergency Medical Services, Communicable Disease Program, Medical Reserve Corps, and Health Education Team, just finished up this season's large scale Flu Point of distribution (POD) events. Collectively, at our four POD's 327 flu vaccines were administered in communities across our county. We thank all those who helped accomplish this great activity!



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