



## Ventura County Public Health

A Division of the Ventura County Health Care Agency

## Monthly Immunization Update April 2015

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your comments and questions; please email us at [immunization.program@ventura.org](mailto:immunization.program@ventura.org)

### Spring Travel? Are You Ready?

- The measles outbreak originating in Disneyland has now spread to over 130 people throughout California and 6 other states. Measles can lead to otitis media, pneumonia, encephalitis, and rarely permanent disability, or death.
- While this outbreak has quieted, Spring is a time when people travel for vacation or to visit family. Measles activity is still very high in many parts of Europe, Asia (particularly the Philippines and Vietnam), and Africa. Traveling, even cross paths with an infected person in international airports, can increase exposure opportunities to spread measles.

**NIIW 2015:** *"Immunization: Power to Protect"* is the theme of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 18 - 25, 2015 and Toddler Immunization Month (TIM) in May. With the recent measles and pertussis outbreaks in California, this is an excellent time to remind families to schedule visits for infants and toddlers to get immunized against dangerous diseases such as measles, pertussis, and influenza. This year, California local health departments, coalitions, and other partners will focus on improving immunization rates at child care centers. The [Shots for School website map](#) lists immunization rates at [child care centers](#). Search by zip code or facility/school name to view rates in your area.

### Vaccine News:

#### I) Meningococcal B vaccines

The Federal Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) met in February 2015 and voted to recommend two meningococcal serogroup B vaccines Bexsero<sup>®</sup> (Novartis) and Trumenba<sup>®</sup> (Pfizer) for patients at high risk, including persons with any of the following: [complement deficiencies](#), asplenia, exposures during outbreaks or working with meningococcal bacteria in the laboratory. Whether to expand the definition of high-risk groups to college students will be discussed at the June 2015 meeting. Bexsero<sup>®</sup> is given in a two dose series and Trumenba<sup>®</sup> is given in three doses. Both are approved for ages 10 - 25 years but can be given to high-risk persons older than 25 years. [Read more](#).

#### II) 9-Valent HPV vaccine

ACIP also voted to recommend the new 9-valent HPV vaccine (Gardasil-9<sup>®</sup> Merck) for young women ages 9 - 26 years and young men ages 9 -21 years, similar to current recommendations for the quadrivalent HPV vaccine. The 9-valent HPV vaccine is [effective](#), safe, and cost-effective for both males and females. Persons who have completed the HPV4 vaccine series are not recommended to receive additional doses of HPV9.

**IMPORTANT: VIS Updates** - Several VIS's have been updated. Make sure you have the correct one for your practice you can visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html>

## **VCF PROVIDERS:**

**Vaccine Inventory:** Make sure you have adequate vaccine inventory in your refrigerators to be ready for School enrollments.

Although vaccines may sometimes arrive within a few days of submitting your request, VFC recommends that you place your vaccine request with sufficient doses on hand to allow up to 3 weeks for the receipt of your vaccine shipment. In the event that your shipment takes the full 3 weeks to arrive, you will not run out of inventory while you wait for your shipment.

## **EZIZ users:**

Here are new and updated materials from EZIZ and CDC for your use.

- 2015 Adult Immunization Schedule
- Off to College Meningococcal Fact Sheet and Documentation (IMM-688)
- Vaccines for Teens and Preteens Fact Sheet in Spanish (IMM-1120)
- You May Be At High Risk for Pneumonia Flyer for Adults (IMM-1155)

## **VACCINE FOR CHILDREN (VFC) UPDATE**

**Presented by: Matthew Middleton CDPH VFC Field Rep**

**Friday, May 22, 2015**

**Ventura County Public Health**

### **Topics will include:**

- What to Expect During a Site Visit.
- VFC program participation requirement.
- Which vaccines are covered?
- How do I get vaccines?
- Which children are eligible?
- CHDP Program information.

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You can also view this information at <http://vchca.org/public-health/for-health-care-providers> or follow

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