



## Monthly Immunization Update August 2016

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)

### **Ventura Flu Order from Dr. Robert Levin – Ventura County Health Officer:**

- Mandatory Influenza Vaccination or Masking of Health Care Workers During Influenza Season - **August 3, 2016**

You can also view this information on (<http://vchca.org/public-health/for-health-care-providers> )

**August is National Immunization Awareness Month:** An observance that highlights the importance of immunizations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/events/niam.html> and California Department of Public Health. Each week of NIAM focuses on a different stage of the lifespan.

- Adults (Aug. 1-7)
- Pregnant women (Aug. 8-14)
- Babies and young children (Aug. 15-21)
- Preteens and teens (Aug. 22-28)

You can assess all the information at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/ed-resources.html>.

**Vaccinations Before Back-to-School:** SB 277 changed immunization requirements for children entering child care or school and went into effect January 1, 2016 and will have an impact on children enrolling or advancing to a check point grade. Please review the following links.

- [SB 277 FAQ](#)
- [Governor's Signing Message](#)
- [Text of SB 277](#)
- [Template Letter from Schools to Parents on SB277 | Spanish](#)
- [No Shots? No Records? No School. poster | Spanish](#)
- [Vaccine Education Materials for Parents and Providers](#)
- [Information on Medical Exemptions](#)
- **Immunization Requirements for school:** Visit [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) to get up to date information on school entry requirements.
- [Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry](#)
- [SB 792, Mendoza. Day care facilities:](#) All information pertaining to SB792 will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

- 1) **Encourage adult patients—or parents of your young patients—to get caught up on recommended for vaccinations.** Hand out the CDC's [easy-to-read adult immunization schedule](#) or refer adult patients to their [interactive online personal vaccine scheduler](#).
- 2) **Share this CDC flyer** [Do You Know What Adult Vaccines You Might Need?](#)

**Register your flu clinic** at <http://flushot.healthmap.org> (if you intend to offer flu and/or other adult

**VIS Update:** Updated editions of the hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and polio vaccine VISs have been posted [Vaccine Information Statements](#). These VISs are now final, as opposed to interim, editions. While we encourage providers to begin using these VISs immediately, stocks of the previous editions may still be used until exhausted.

**CAIR Update: To all CAIR Users and Data Exchange Sites:** You received a notification on your email to register for CAIR2 training. You only have a few days left to register for the September trainings. To access CAIR2, [Regular and Power](#) users are required to take training before using CAIR2. Read-only users do not need to take any training but are encouraged to view short videos to walk you through some of the different features and new look and feel of CAIR2.

If you have already registered for CAIR2 training, you should have received an email confirming your registration. If you have not yet registered for training, please register as soon as possible. Training is starting soon, in September.

If you need further assistance or have any questions regarding [your upcoming move](#) to the *bigger, better and faster* CAIR2, contact the CAIR help desk at 1-800-578-7889 or by email at [CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov).

**VCF PROVIDERS:**

Vaccine Inventory Reminders – Do a physical inventory at least once a month and before placing vaccine orders. Inventories help you monitor the vaccine supply necessary to meet your patients' needs. Excessive stock may lead to vaccine wastage. Not enough vaccine means you can't protect patients. Clearly label and separate VFC vaccine from private stock to avoid inadvertent administering to non-eligible patients. More info at: [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org) for helpful resources.

**2016 – 2017 Influenza Vaccine Update:**

The deadline for confirming your Primary VFC 2016-2017 flu vaccine allocation was Friday, August 12, 2016. If you have not done so already, please log-in to your MyVFCVaccines account to confirm your flu allocation.

Please refer to the 2016-2017 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Ordering Instructions and the Order Confirmation Quick Guide for more information A few reminders about vaccine expiration:

- Different vaccines expire on different days. Check our inventory regularly. Put short dated vaccine in front.
- Remove expired vaccine from the storage unit so you don't accidentally use it on a patient.
- If a vaccine's expiration lists only the month and year (and not a day), you can use it through the last day of that month.
- Report all expired vaccine doses through MyVFCVaccines.

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)

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

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