



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

National Safety Month: June is National Safety Month, injuries are a leading cause of disability for people of all ages — and they are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 1 to 44. The good news is everyone can get involved to help prevent injuries. Make a difference: Spread the word about ways to reduce the risk of injuries. Encourage communities, workplaces, families, and individuals to identify and report safety hazards. This June, we encourage you to learn more about important safety issues like

- Prescription painkiller abuse
- Transportation safety
- Emergency preparedness
- Slips, trips, and falls.

Everyone can get involved in reducing the risk of injuries. Together, we can share information about steps people can take to protect themselves and others. <http://www.healthfinder.gov/NHO/JuneToolkit2.aspx>

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: The Pink Book – 13th Edition (2015)

CDC is offering Webinar Series for Pink Book. The webinar series will provide an overview of the principles of vaccination, general recommendations, and immunization strategies for providers, and specific information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them. This is a live, 15 week, online series intended for providers of state and local immunization programs. Each event in the series will last approximately 1 hour and cover topics as noted in the schedule.

Each event will present summaries of the relevant sections of the 13th edition of “Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases” (The Pink Book). For schedule and registration go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/webinar-epv/index.html>

Update on SB 277 Bill: Many of you have heard already that On Tuesday, June 9, Senate Bill 277 (Pan/Allen) advanced toward a full vote by the Assembly after a five hour hearing which ended in a 12-6 vote in favor of removing the personal belief exemption option from California's school immunization statute. The following link will direct you to the process the bill needs in order to get to the governor's desk. <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bil2lawx.html>

Immunization Catch-up Schedule: When do you use the catch-up schedule?

- You'd use it when the patient is in your office and is either more than one month delayed on the routine vaccination schedule to help you determine if a vaccine dose can be administered today or not and also to determine when the next dose is due.
- You will need to know the current age of the patient for the vaccine in question; the dates of prior vaccine doses if any and the ages at which those doses were administered. You would also need to know the health status of the patient.
- One important point to remember is that once the patient is caught up we recommend that you return to using the routine vaccination schedule.

- The Td and Tdap footnote was also updated. There were no changes to the recommendations but we did harmonize the language more with the pediatric schedule.
- As had been recommended, adults vaccinated with one dose of Tdap vaccine do not need another dose unless they are pregnant. And a dose received since age 11 would count towards the adult dose.
- Pregnant women however are recommended to receive one dose of Tdap vaccine during each pregnancy.
- Information on Td boosters have been included in all of the adult immunization schedules and figures. But some of the language was inadvertently dropped from some prior versions in the footnotes.
- This language was now added back. Again there's been no change in recommendation and again the language is harmonized with the pediatric schedule.
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

VFC's Providers:

VFC providers "Gardasil 9, Nine-Valent HPV Vaccine, is Now Available if you did not received the official letter you can view it at the following link. Please click on the highlighted text to view the June 2015 VFC letter, "[Gardasil 9, Nine-Valent HPV Vaccine, is Now Available from VFC](#)"

Vaccine Tips: Does your practice have new staff?

Notify the VFC Program if you have a new Provider of Record, Vaccine Coordinator, or a Back-Up Vaccine Coordinator. New staff also need to take the required VFC training on EZIZ.org and print the certificates to document that the training is completed. Toll Free Phone: 877-2GET-VFC (877-243-8832) Information and materials to help providers, schools and parents are now available at www.ShotsForSchool.org New staff may also need CAIR access and training. For information contact Monica Hernandez 805-981-5118 or email at monica.hernandez@ventura.org

Flu Vaccine: VFC will be sending notification for your flu reservation by the end of the month make sure to check EZIZ for updates and information.

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org

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

us on:  

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