

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

Immunization Schedule: The [2017 Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years](#) has been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

- *MMWR* article: [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2017](#) (also available in [HTML format](#))
- [Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States, 2017](#) (8 pages in color; PDF format)
- [CDC child and adolescent immunization schedule web page](#), offering a variety of formats

On February 7, CDC published [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older—United States, 2017](#).

Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updates the immunization schedules to reflect current recommendations for licensed vaccines. In October 2016, ACIP approved the recommended immunization schedules for 2017. Changes in the 2017 adult immunization schedule from the previous year's schedule include new or revised ACIP recommendations for influenza, human papillomavirus, hepatitis B, and meningococcal ACWY and B vaccines. You can read about what changed in the adult schedule and footnotes in the article referenced above.

Join us by celebrating Preteen Vaccine Week: February 12-18, 2017: [Pre-Teen Events at Public Health Clinics](#).

The goal of 2017's Preteen Vaccine Week campaign is to raise awareness about California's Tdap requirement for incoming 7th grade students, immunization recommendations for 11- and 12-year-olds, and promote the preteen doctor visit through multiple avenues such as schools, providers, and the media.

ACIP currently recommends that 11- and 12-year-olds receive these vaccines:

- **Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough):** All students entering 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap booster shot before starting school.
- **HPV (human papillomavirus):** Boys and girls need 3 shots for full protection.
- **Meningococcal:** Preteens need one shot now and a booster at age 16.
- **Influenza (flu):** Flu vaccine is needed every year!

February is International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month! Make sure your pregnant patients receive influenza and Tdap vaccines: ACIP recommends both influenza and Tdap vaccines for pregnant women, but uptake continues to be far from ideal.

- **Influenza**
According to CDC, during the 2015–16 flu season, only about half of pregnant women received influenza vaccine. A study published in *MMWR* on January 17 looked at 113,730 women in Minnesota

who had delivered a live birth during March 2013–December 2014, and for whom immunization records were available. Of these women, 46% had received influenza vaccine during their pregnancy.

- **Pertussis**

The same study of Minnesota women referenced above also looked at Tdap vaccination and found that only 58% of pregnant women had received a dose of Tdap during their pregnancy.

CAIR Updates: Due to the high volume of calls during the Phase 2 transition to CAIR2

The CAIR Help Desk voicemail has been temporarily disconnected and are referring callers to their email so they can better handle the volume of questions. If you can't get through to the Help Desk by phone please send an email to CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov. Please include your name, username, Org Code, and CAIR Patient ID if possible.

- **CAIR2 Existing user training for Phase 1 users closed as of January 31st, so all remaining Phase 1 users that need training – new, existing, and inactive – must attend new user training now.**
- **New Users:** Site supervisors may add new users through the Account Update at <http://accountupdate.cairweb.org/>, **Processing account updates on a daily basis, no current backlog.**
- CAIR Users requesting Regular user access must attend a Regular training, whereas CAIR Users requesting Power or DX Power must attend both, Regular and Inventory trainings. New CAIR2 users may sign up for an online training at <http://cairweb.org/live-webinars>. A training completion email will be sent to attendees.
48-72 hours after the trainer verifies the attendance.
- **New User Training Approval process:** User account will be upgraded after completing training, if an account is Power prior to training report to HD.
- **Account Update:** At this time users can not submit a request to change their status.

CAIR2 Enrollment Applications:

- At this time there is no scheduled date when they will begin accepting enrollment applications, please use the links below to access the enrollment site. The **CA Board of Pharmacy** sent communication out informing pharmacies that they may defer their CAIR2 enrollment until the enrollment site becomes available in their region.
- CAIR2 Enrollment Site (Manual Access): <http://enroll.cairweb.org/>
- CAIR2 Enrollment Site (Data Exchange Access): <https://igs.cdph.ca.gov/cair/>
- **Help Desk:**
Continue to report issues to the CAIR Help Desk via email with screenshots.
(CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov)

To VFC Providers:

VFC Influenza Vaccine Supply

- VFC has adequate supply of flu products available for ordering through VFC's Supplemental Flu Ordering. Providers may log-in to their [MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the "Supplemental Flu Order" button to access supplemental flu ordering.
- Providers may continue to submit supplemental flu orders, as needed, throughout the flu season (as supply permits).

Reminders

- Clinics will be required to accurately report all doses of influenza vaccines received through the VFC Program and administered to VFC eligible patients. Ensure all VFC-administered doses are logged in either the VFC Program's Influenza Usage Log, in an Immunization Information System, or your clinic's own system.
- Your supplemental flu request will be shipped in full. Please ensure that your shipping hours are updated by logging into your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account. Please also ensure that you can properly store all of the doses that you request. Confirmed flu vaccine orders cannot be canceled.
- If you have any questions, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832.

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

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