



Update for December 2023

Respiratory viruses are increasing and upward trending in Los Angeles County for Flu, RSV, and COVID-19, therefore it is critical to continue to recommend all three of these vaccines. Infants under 6 months old on Medi-Cal or uninsured can get a FREE RSV immunization at some Public Health clinics. This month's immunization update includes information on the new CDC Childhood/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules, COVID-19 vaccine fact sheets, and RSV immunization recommendations.

Immunization Updates



2024 Immunization Schedules Now Available!

Have you heard? CDC released the latest U.S. Childhood/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules. View and use the [schedules here](#).

*** Earlier availability of the 2024 Immunization Schedules is part of CDC's efforts to better support immunization professionals and improve timely implementation of new recommendations. These schedules are effective immediately.*

Fall-Winter 2023-2024 Immunization Sheets (CDPH)

- [CDPH Fall-Winter 2023-2024 Immunizations \(English\)](#)
- [CDPH Fall-Winter 2023-2024 Immunizations \(Spanish\)](#)

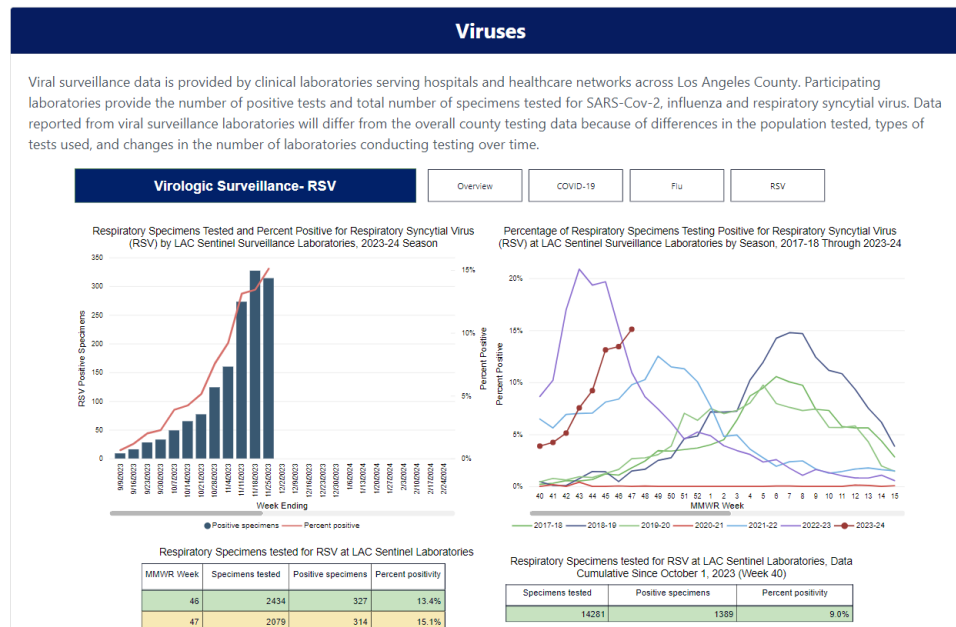
CDPH developed a [Flu and Covid-19 communication toolkit](#) to share out with patients.

COVID-19 Vaccine Sheets (CDPH)

CDPH developed COVID-19 vaccine sheets that include billing codes (private and public patients), product info from manufacturers, and more, see below by age category:

- [CDPH Vaccine Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Vaccine Infant/Toddler \(6M-4Y\), 2023-2024 Formula](#)
- [CDPH Vaccine Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Vaccine Pediatric \(5-11Y\), 2023-2024 Formula](#)
- [CDPH Vaccine Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Vaccine Adolescent/Adult \(12Y+\), 2023-2024 Formula](#)

We expect that multiple respiratory viruses will spread this winter, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. The best defense against severe illness is prevention: stay home if sick, consider wearing a [high quality mask](#) indoors, and get the updated COVID-19 and flu [vaccines](#). Some people may also be eligible for [RSV Immunizations](#), including infants, pregnant persons, and adults 60 years and older. For more information on vaccines and to find a vaccination site, visit the [LACDPH Vaccine Webpage](#).

RESP WATCH: Viral Respiratory Surveillance for LA County**RSV**

Infants who are VFC eligible (Medi-Cal, uninsured or underinsured) should receive Nirsevimab from their pediatric provider. If their pediatric provider does not have doses available, they can be referred to DPH clinics:

www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vaccines or call 1-833-540-0473.

**FREE RSV
IMMUNIZATION
Available Now!**

Babies under 6 months on Medi-Cal or uninsured can get the RSV immunizations at our **Public Health clinics for FREE.**

Call 1-833-540-0473 or visit publichealth.lacounty.gov/vaccines for more information.

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Nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) Ordering

- **Vaccine for Children (VFC) providers SHOULD place [new or additional orders](#) for both 50 mg and 100 mg formulations.** If your VFC orders have not arrived, you can refer VFC eligible infants under 6 months to get Nirsevimab at our Public Health clinics for FREE. Direct parents to visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vaccines or call 1-833-540-0473 for more information.
- **[CDC and FDA Expedite the Availability of Additional Doses of New RSV Immunization for Infants.](#)** On November 16, CDC announced the release of more than 77,000 additional doses of Beyfortus™ (Nirsevimab-alip (100 mg). These additional doses will be distributed immediately to physicians and hospitals through the VFC Program and commercial channels – improving the availability of Nirsevimab-alip for parents seeking to protect their eligible children, particularly those at highest risk of severe illness. We expect that additional doses will be made available through the commercial market and to VFC providers in the upcoming weeks.
- **Please make sure that administered doses are appropriately entered in the California Immunizations Registry (CAIR) as Nirsevimab.**
- **Do NOT administer RSV vaccine products (Abrysvo or Arexvy) to pediatric patients.** Please contact us with any inadvertent administration.

For more information, please refer to the following CDC resources:

Vaccine Administration

- [Vaccine Administration Protocols | CDC](#)
- [Vaccine Administration: Preventing Vaccine Administration Errors \(cdc.gov\)](#)

RSV Immunizations

- [RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\) Immunizations | CDC](#)
- [RSV Infographic Shortage](#)
- [Healthcare Providers: RSV Immunizations for Children 19 Months and Younger | CDC](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Immunization with Monoclonal Antibody for Children 19 Months and Younger | CDC](#)
- [RSV Vaccination: What Parents Should Know | CDC](#)
- [ACIP and AAP Recommendations for Nirsevimab | Red Book Online | American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [Health Alert Network: Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States-Interim CDC Recommendations for Protecting Infants from RSV During the 2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season](#)
- [RSV Shortage Infographic](#)
- [Standing Orders for Ordering Nirsevimab](#)
- [Standing Orders for Abrysvo](#)
- [Standing Orders Templates](#)
- [LAHAN: Prevent Severe RSV in Infants with Maternal or Infant Immunization - October 6, 2023](#)
- [LAHAN: Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States--Interim CDC Recommendations to Protect Infants from RSV during the 2023-2024 Respiratory Virus Season - October 23, 2023](#)
- [LAC DPH Vaccines Webpage](#)
- [RSV Webpage](#)

ShotByShot RoundUp Fall: Infant RSV Stories

ShotByShot is excited to share new RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) stories! First debuted during *National RSV Awareness Month* in October, [Emily's Story](#) depicts the journey of a young mom whose baby becomes ill with RSV. Consider using this story to promote both infant and maternal RSV immunization. Contributed by [the](#) new National Coalition for Infant Health.

They also launched two RSV stories from our long-time partner, the American Lung Association (ALA). These included [Taj's Story](#) about a 12-month-old who caught RSV and was hospitalized.

Once infant and maternal RSV immunization is more widespread, we expect to see less RSV circulating.
