



## Update for July 2024

This month's immunization newsletter includes immunization updates from ACIP, back to school vaccination resources for providers, and more! ACIP updates include a recommendation for everyone 6 months and older to receive the updated 2024-2025 COVID vaccine and for all newborn infants to receive Nirsevimab shortly after birth if the mother did not receive the maternal RSV vaccine during pregnancy to protect them from severe RSV infection.

### Immunization Updates

#### COVID-19:

CDC recommends everyone ages 6 months and older receive an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine when these vaccines are available later this year.

- [In the 2023-2024 season, hospitalizations were highest in individuals >75 years of age, followed by infants <6 months of age. Although there are no vaccines available for newborns, maternal immunization can help protect young children.](#)
- 50% of pediatric patients who were hospitalized had no underlying conditions. In older kids, asthma was the most common underlying condition
- Only 5% of pediatric patients who were hospitalized had received 2023-2024 vaccine prior to admission
- [More children were hospitalized or died from COVID-19 than Influenza last year.](#)

#### RSV:

##### **Infants:**

- [Two reviewed studies showed that nirsevimab was 77% effective against RSV-associated ED visits and 91-98% effective against RSV-associated hospitalizations. We estimate that roughly 21% of infants in Los Angeles County were protected from RSV from either receiving nirsevimab or through maternal vaccination.](#)
- This season, we encourage all birthing hospitals and pediatric practices to administer nirsevimab shortly after birth during RSV season if they are eligible (eg no maternal vaccination)

##### **Older Adults:**

The updated recommendation for adults 60 and older is intended to simplify RSV vaccine decision-making for clinicians and the public. It is based on data about which groups of older adults are most likely to get a severe RSV illness, and the effectiveness of RSV vaccines introduced in 2023.

The best time to get vaccinated is in late summer or early fall, before RSV usually starts to spread in the community. However, eligible adults can get an RSV vaccine at any time.

- ACIP recommends adults 75 years of age and older receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.

- ACIP recommends adults 60–74 years of age who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease receive a single dose of RSV vaccine.

## Back to School

### CDC Lets Rise: Routine Immunizations on Schedule for Everyone

**Let's RISE** is a CDC initiative to provide actionable strategies, resources, and data to support getting all Americans back on-schedule with their routine immunizations to protect everyone from vaccine-preventable disease and disability.

#### Resources:

- [Don't Wait Vaccinate CDPH Resources for Providers](#)
- [CDC Renewed Call to Action Providers](#)
- [Let's RISE Toolkit for Health Care Providers](#)
- [Lets Rise Infographic](#)
- [Childhood Routine Vaccination Factsheet](#)
- [Adolescent Routine Vaccination Factsheet](#)
- [Grows Up Healthy](#) (exam room poster FQHCs and WIC clinics)

## Upcoming Webinars

### Slam Dunk Strategies for Adolescent Immunization: Utilizing Sports-Based Approaches to Increase Catch-up and Engagement

Join AIM's webinar on **July 15**, "Slam Dunk Strategies for Adolescent Immunization: Utilizing Sports-Based Approaches to Increase Catch-up and Engagement" from 1-2pm ET. Facilitated by immunization advocate Ethan Lindenberger, panelists will discuss integrating adolescent immunizations into team sports and events.

Gain insights and tools to implement effective immunization awareness programs, aiming to eradicate vaccine-preventable diseases. Register now to learn how to score big in public health! Register for the webinar [here](#).

### LA County Department of Public Health: Provider Immunization Office Hours

This webinar will include important immunization updates for providers in Los Angeles County. Pre-registration is not required. The sessions are scheduled for every other week on Wednesdays from 9-10am. **Upcoming: July 17, 2024**.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

### California Department of Public Health: Immunization Updates for Providers

This webinar providers Immunization Branch (IZB) updates, including COVID-19, RSV, Flu and other relevant vaccine and program updates. Pre-registration is required. The sessions are scheduled for every other week on Fridays from 9-10:30am. **Upcoming: July 12, 2024 and July 26, 2024**

Complete one-time registration [here](#).

## **Past Webinars**

### **LACDPH Pediatric Provider Information Session: Pediatric Immunization and Overview of Adolescent Substance Use**

This webinar occurred on July 2 and provides updates on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and Adolescent Substance Use.

If you would like to review the slides and recording of this session, please use the [SharePoint link](#). If you do not have access to the SharePoint please email [csepulveda@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:csepulveda@ph.lacounty.gov).