

Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program

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This month's newsletter highlights preparing for respiratory virus season by ordering COVID-19 and flu vaccines for everyone 6 months and older, RSV immunization for infants, the recording of our recent Pediatric Immunization Information Session for Healthcare Providers, California Immunization Registry (CAIR) reporting reminders, and upcoming vaccine campaigns, including National Immunization Awareness Month and Back-to-School.

Prepare Now for Respiratory Virus Season

Respiratory virus season is approaching—now is the time to plan and ensure your practice is ready to protect patients against influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Early preparation helps prevent severe illness, reduce hospitalizations, and keep communities healthy. Order and maintain adequate stock of vaccines and immunizations this upcoming respiratory virus season.

- [Influenza](#) – The 2024–2025 influenza season was severe across all age groups and resulted in 246 pediatric deaths. Influenza vaccines are recommended for all individuals 6 months and older to protect against severe illness and hospitalization.
- [COVID-19](#) – LAC DPH agrees with AAP and ACOG that all individuals aged 6 months and older should have access and the choice to receive currently authorized COVID-19 vaccines. CDC recommendations for the 2025-26 season are pending, however, data from last season suggested children under the age of 2 are at highest risk for severe disease from COVID-19. LAC DPH will update providers once more information is available.
- [RSV](#) – RSV immunization is highly effective at preventing hospitalization and critical illness requiring ICU admission. Either maternal RSV vaccine or RSV monoclonal antibody is given to protect infants against severe RSV disease, only one is needed in most instances.
 - Maternal RSV vaccine (abrysvo) is recommended for pregnant persons 32-36 weeks gestation (September–January).
 - RSV monoclonal antibody (nirsevimab or clesrovimab) is recommended for all infants younger than 8 months entering their first RSV season (October–March) whose birth parent did not receive an RSV vaccine during pregnancy. RSV monoclonal antibody (only nirsevimab) is recommended for children aged 8–19 months at increased risk of severe RSV.

Together, we can reduce the burden of respiratory illness this upcoming season and keep children healthy and out of the hospital.

Resources:

- [VFC Vaccine Ordering](#)
 - [LACDPH Respiratory Illness Surveillance \(Resp Watch\)](#)
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Pediatric Immunization Information Session for Healthcare Providers

Missed our last session on July 15?

The recording is now available on our [Vaccine Provider Information Hub \(ph.lacounty.gov/providers\)](#)! Catch up on the latest updates and resources at your convenience.

The session covered the latest ACIP updates, including new recommendations for Influenza, COVID-19, and RSV immunizations. The session also featured a presentation on weight management and nutrition interventions to improve health outcomes in the pediatric population.

California Immunization Registry (CAIR)

An important reminder to continue reporting all immunizations administered into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). The quality and integrity of CAIR data depends on your reporting of every immunization without exception. If you have any questions, please review [How CAIR Helps Your Practice \(PDF\)](#) and the FAQ section on [AB 1797: California's requirement to enter all vaccine administrations into CAIR](#).

For additional information regarding how to enroll in or report to CAIR, please contact LACIPinfo@ph.lacounty.gov.

Vaccine Awareness Campaigns

National Immunization Awareness Month

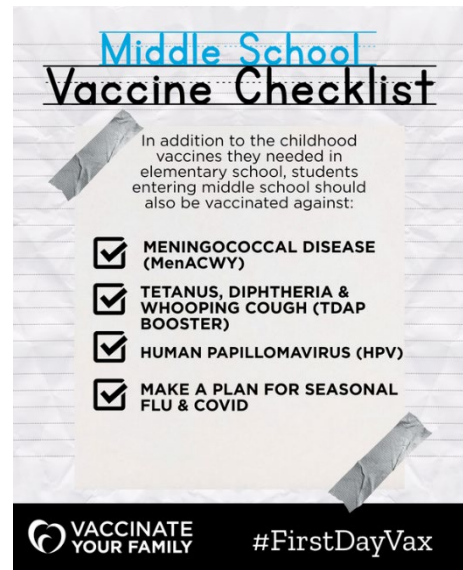
[National Immunization Awareness Month \(NIAM\)](#) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

Resources:

- [National Immunization Awareness Month Resources](#) (CDC)
- [RIZE to Immunize](#) - In honor of NIAM, RIZE to Immunize is mobilizing organizations to help reach the goal of 30 million vaccines by 2027. This year's theme: building a culture of vaccination in your workplace.

Back-to-School

As families prepare for a new school year, now is the perfect time to ensure children are up to date on their vaccinations. Routine well-child visits and back-to-school checkups offer an important opportunity to protect students before germs start to spread during the school year. Timely vaccination not only safeguards individual health but also prevents outbreaks that can disrupt learning and put vulnerable children at risk. By making vaccine assessments a standard part of every visit—especially for measles, pertussis, HPV, and annual flu shots—you help keep schools safe, healthy, and ready for a successful year.



Encourage parents to bring immunization records, discuss any concerns, and complete required school-entry vaccines ahead of deadlines. Your guidance plays a crucial role in building vaccine confidence and ensuring children are protected before the first school bell rings.

Resources:

- [Back-To-School Routine Immunization Campaign](#) (Vaccinate Your Family)
- [Ready for Back to School? Adolescent Campaign](#) (Unity Consortium)