



This month's immunization update includes the updated adolescent immunization schedule (HPV vaccine now recommended at age 9), important information about increasing RSV activity and updated CDC recommendations for Nirsevimab due to limited supply, and more guides and resources for immunization recommendations this fall.

HPV Vaccine Now Recommended Starting at Age 9

The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) modified the [adolescent immunization schedule](#) in 2022 to state that HPV vaccination can begin at 9 years old, in addition to the routine recommendation for 11-to-12-year-olds.

CAIR will now forecast initiation of the HPV vaccine series starting at age 9. This will show as an alert stating, "Patient is eligible for Earliest Date option for HPV Vaccine", for 9- and 10-year-old patients in CAIR. There are no changes in CAIR to the earliest valid dose of HPV vaccine (9 years) nor the age at which HPV vaccine is due (11-12 years) or considered overdue (13+ years). For more information, please refer to [CDPH EZIZ Announcement on October 17th](#).

Resources on HPV Vaccine for Providers:

- [CDPH HPV Vaccine Timing Schedule for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [AAP Letter of Support for HPV Vaccination Starting at Age 9](#)

Remember to enter all immunizations administered into the [California Immunization Registry](#) (CAIR), this is a requirement of [AB 1797](#) that went into effect January 1, 2023. If your organization provides vaccinations but is not currently reporting to CAIR, please contact CAIRhelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov for assistance.

RSV

RSV activity is [increasing and upward trending](#) in Los Angeles County. It is critical for healthcare providers to acquire and administer RSV products this fall.

On October 23rd, the [CDC issued a Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Advisory](#) to provide options for clinicians to protect infants from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in the context of a [limited supply of Nirsevimab](#) including:

- o Prioritizing available Nirsevimab 100mg doses for infants at the highest risk for severe RSV disease: young infants (age <6 months) and infants with underlying conditions that place them at highest risk for severe RSV disease.
- o Recommendations for administering Nirsevimab 50 mg for infants <5kg remain the same. All newborns <5kg born to unvaccinated birth

mothers should receive Nirsevimab prior to or shortly after discharge from the hospital during RSV season.

- o Recommending that providers suspend using Nirsevimab in [palivizumab-eligible children](#) aged 8–19 months for the 2023–2024 RSV season. These children should receive palivizumab per [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\) recommendations](#).
- o Please refer to the [CDC HAN Health Advisory](#) for more information.

LAC DPH publishes a weekly *Influenza Watch*, a summary of influenza and other respiratory disease surveillance. To view the full report visit the [website](#) or subscribe to LAC DPH Viral Respiratory Illness Surveillance Updates by emailing “Subscribe” to influenza@ph.lacounty.gov.

We will provide more information once it becomes available through our GovDelivery communication. If you would like to receive these updates, please [Click here to subscribe](#).

If your practice is encountering barriers with providing respiratory immunizations, please connect by email ip@ph.lacounty.gov or attend the LA County Department of Public Health Provider Immunization Office Hours Information. Every other Wednesday from 9am-10am - Next meeting: 12/6/23. [Click here to join the meeting](#).

If you have clinical concerns or require guidance regarding a specific patient, please email Dr. Nava Yeganeh, NYeganeh@ph.lacounty.gov.

Resources

[CDPH Fall/Winter Immunizations 2023-2024](#)

[CDPH Nirsevimab \(Beyfortus\) Guide: Prevent Severe RSV in Infants and Toddlers](#)

[CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#)

[LACDPH New Formulation for COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[CDC COCA Call: Protecting Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#)

[LACDPH RSV Vaccine Information Webpage](#)

If you are not administering vaccine or need to refer out, below are tools to assist patients in locating where to get vaccinated:

- A list of [free and low-cost clinics](#) to refer your families to.
- [Interactive county map](#) to locate free and low-cost vaccine clinics.
- [LACDPH Vaccines](#) website for patients and their families to get more information on vaccines.

Patient Resources:

- [COVID Test Kits Ordering](#) for residential households in the U.S.

Fact Sheets:

- [LACDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet](#) for additional resources/languages visit our [website](#).
- [LACDPH RSV Fact Sheet](#)
- [CDC Parent Guide for Flu Vaccine](#)

Social Media Posts Templates:

- [CDC Wild to Mild Social Media](#)
 - [Flu Social Media Templates](#)
 - [CDC Flu Vaccine Video](#)
 - [COVID-19 Social Media Templates](#)
 - [Seasonal vaccine social media sample posts in English and Spanish](#)
 - [CDPH Communication Resources: Video Tools and Social Media Posts](#)
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LA County Department of Public Health Provider Immunization Office Hours Information

Wednesday, December 6th at 9:00 am. The meeting has been expanded to discuss COVID-19, Mpox, Flu and RSV vaccines and occurs every other Wednesday. Pre-registration is not required.

- [Click here to join meeting](#) (Microsoft Teams)

CAIR Training for Providers

LACDPH hosted a CAIR Training (California Immunization Registry) to discuss AB1797 requirements on November 1, 2023. To access the webinar recording and slides, please visit:

- <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/trainingsconferences.htm>

IEA Children and Family Health Webinar: RSV Immunizations and Pediatric Vaccinations

IEA's back-to-school series on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10am PST/ 1pm EST as we prepare for the winter holiday season.

- To register, please go to https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_wGweCUTtRX-S5xFGZ8fIA.