



Monthly Immunization Update

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Happy New Year Providers!

This newsletter is meant to keep you updated on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily and maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues. Thank you!

Your Role in Vaccine Safety

As a healthcare provider you are essential and a longstanding partner in the safe administration of vaccines. You ensure the safety of vaccines from the time they arrive to your practice to the time they are administered to a patient.

Three key areas to recognize are: 1) storage and handling, 2) administering vaccines, and 3) reporting adverse events. Proper **storage and handling** of vaccines by healthcare providers helps to ensure vaccines remain potent so that they result in an adequate immune response in the patient. **Administering vaccines** includes assessment of

any additional vaccines needed or contraindications, and education on vaccines. **Reporting adverse events** is a key action that helps

CDC and FDA keep vaccines safe for everyone. For more information on your role as a healthcare provider and vaccine safety visit the CDC's webpage on [Vaccine Safety Information for Healthcare Providers](#).



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ACIP: Vaccine Recommendation Updates

There have been updates by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine and for the use of the Bivalent Booster Doses of COVID-19 vaccines. The updates can be found on

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC), [Vaccine Recommendations and Guidelines of the ACIP](#) webpage. Take some time to review the updates and make sure your practice is informed and compliant.

Why are there Vaccine Schedules?

As part of its mission to promote health and prevent disease, the CDC publishes [written recommendations for vaccinating](#) US children and adults. These recommendations are set to protect infants, children, adolescents, and adults against vaccine-preventable diseases.

CDC sets the [immunization schedules](#) based on [ACIP's recommendations](#). The childhood and adolescent schedules are also approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Vaccinating children according to CDC's recommend-

ed immunization schedule helps *protect them from 14 potentially serious diseases* before their second birthday.

Vaccinating children on time protects them and anyone around them with a weakened immune system. It also allows children to attend school without any interruptions for lacking required school vaccinations.

For more reasons why to follow CDC's recommended immunization schedule, visit the CDC's: [Vaccines for Your Children](#) web page.



Reminders:

*** New Requirement to Submit Immunization Data to a California Registry**

[AB 1797](#), a new California bill effective January 1, 2023, requires providers to enter immunizations they administer into a California immunization registry (CAIR in Ventura County). Please visit the [CAIR website](#) to enroll today. For additional information, see the [AB 1797 Immunization Registry FAQs](#).

*** 2023 Vaccine For Children Recertification**

The [2023 VFC Recertification](#) form will be available in your [MyVFCVaccines](#) account starting Tuesday, December 27, 2022 till January 31, 2023. Remember to complete all steps of recertification, most importantly the required lessons on the EZIZ website. If you are a VFC provider, please don't let this deadline pass.

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