



Monthly Immunization Update

January 2023

Happy New Year Ventura County Schools!

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!

School Immunization Assessment Reporting DUE

As we are all aware, immunization reports for CA schools and child care centers are **due** by **Tuesday, January 31st, 2023**. Every year it is the goal for 100% of schools and centers to report, with the additional aim of the rates of those schools and child care centers to be at or above 95% up-to-date on required immunizations.

As of the first week of January 2023, 33% of child care facilities have reported, 39% of schools with kindergartens have reported, and 34% of schools with 7th grade have reported. Please reach out to us if you have questions or concerns regarding reporting for your school or facility. The [reporting site](#) can be accessed on the CDPH [Shots for School](#) website.

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January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is a great opportunity to remind patients and parents that HPV vaccination can prevent many oral and anogenital cancers, including (but not just) cervical and penile cancer. Although HPV vaccine has been given safely to tens of millions of adolescents over more than 15 years, rates of HPV vaccination in California still lag those for Tdap and other preteen vaccines.

HPV, or Human Papillomavirus, is a common virus that can cause 6 types of cancer. While there is no treatment for HPV, there is a vaccine that can prevent it. You can learn more about the HPV vaccine at the [American Cancer Society](#) website. Please visit the site for more information and refer your students and their families to talk with their medical provider.



Need to Find a Free Vaccine for a Child?

The [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#) program provides vaccines to eligible children at no cost. This program provides free vaccines to children who are Medi-Cal-eligible, uninsured, underinsured, or American Indian/Alaska Native. Check out the [program's requirements](#) and have your student's family talk to their child's doctor or nurse to see if they are a VFC provider. You can also find a VFC provider by visiting the [EZIZ](#)

[website](#). From there, you can click on the "Find other VFC provider offices in your area" button. From here you can enter an address or a zip code and find VFC provider locations nearest you within a 5 to 50 mile radius.

For a printer friendly flyer version of this information you can share with your school families, please click [here](#) for the English version or [aquí](#) for the Spanish version.

Computerized School Immunization Records

Schools, school districts, and pre-kindergarten (childcare or preschool) facilities may computerize their immunization record-keeping systems. The computerized systems must contain at a minimum the information outlined in regulation section 6070. Please con-

tact ImmunizationBranch@chdp.ca.gov if you need assistance.

Schools can also use [CA's Immunization Registry \(CAIR\)](#) to find students' shot information, fill out the "blue card" and identify children with missing shots. Ask us for more information.

Thank you!

Ventura County Public Health - Immunization Program has been visiting the different school districts to meet with the district nurses and their staff. We want to thank you for making time for us and reviewing the importance of follow-up on students who are *conditional* or *overdue*. We continue to conduct these visits, even if it is virtual, to make sure no district is missed. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding these visits. Thanks again!

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