

Monthly Immunization Update

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Dear Providers and Partners,

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!



Hepatitis Awareness Month

The month of May is designated as Hepatitis Awareness Month in the United States, and May 19th is Hepatitis Testing Day. During this time, CDC and public health partners work to shed light on the impact of these hidden epidemics by raising awareness of viral hepatitis while encouraging testing and vaccination. Hepatitis Awareness Month activities help to improve everyone's understanding of viral hepatitis transmission and risk factors and to decrease social stigma against the disease.

Viral Hepatitis key facts:

- There are several different viruses that can cause hepatitis; the most common types of viral hepatitis are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.
- Chronic hepatitis B and hepatitis C are leading causes of liver cancer in the United States.
- Both hepatitis A and hepatitis B are preventable with safe and effective vaccines, and hepatitis C is curable with prescribed treatment.
- For more information on Hepatitis Awareness Month visit the [CDC's website](#).

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Vaccine Tips

All providers are required to document vaccine information into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). If you haven't done so, [enroll in CAIR](#) now!

- Refer to [CAIR User Guides](#) to learn how to properly use all CAIR functionalities.
- Follow [4 steps in Data Exchange](#) to submit your vaccine documentation from your electronic health record system (EHR) to CAIR.

Administration errors and adverse vaccine effects sometimes occur, but do you know where and how to report these? Click [here](#) to learn more about how to comply with these requirements.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, a month dedicated to recognizing the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and the contributions they have made to the United States. California is home to many of the largest AAPI communities in the U.S.! This month is a good reminder to meet the [health needs](#), of our AAPI community by promoting vaccination and addressing [health disparities](#) around hepatitis B. The AAPI population includes more than half of Americans with chronic [hepatitis B](#), yet only about 6% of the entire population. Many first-generation [immigrants from China, Korea, Vietnam, and the Pacific Islands have been highly impacted by the virus](#) as it has been circulating for thousands of years and passed down to generations.

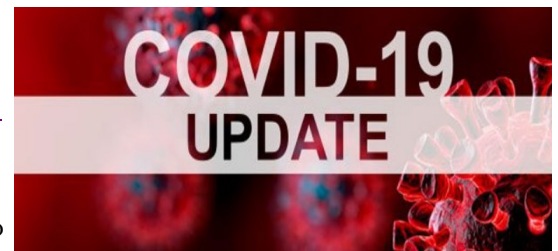


Protect your patients by:

- [Screening for hepatitis B](#) virus (federal recommendations include all adults)
- Providing [education about hepatitis B](#)
- Vaccinating ([updated ACIP recommendations](#) for all adults 19-59 years of age)
- Arranging follow-up care for anyone who is chronically infected

COVID-19 Updates

Ventura County Public Health's, Immunization Program has created a COVID-19 Rapid Update. To access the video clip, you can click [here](#). CDPH has also updated the [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide](#) with guidance for immunocompromised persons. For more information, feel free to reach out to us and our IZ Program nurses will be happy to assist.



Announcements And Reminders:

- Please join the Immunization Program for our [Immunization Skills Institute 2023](#) on Wednesday, June 14th. This training will be available both in-person and online for any clinical staff involved in vaccine administration. Click [here](#) for more information.
- US FDA approves GSK's Arexvy, the worlds first respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine for older adults. For more information click [here](#).
- Remember to take every opportunity to educate and administer the Tdap vaccine as it is required for 7th grade entry.

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