



Monthly Immunization Update

April

Greetings 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!

National Public Health Week April 4th - 10th

If a seatbelt has saved your life, if you enjoy clean running water, if you have sidewalks in your neighborhood, you can thank Public Health.

Public Health has made great strides to promote and protect the health of people and communities. Immunizations are just one of the great contribution by Public Health. Vaccinating children and adults to help prevent the spread of disease, and

control vaccine preventable diseases, has improved the quality of life for those who would have fallen to grave illness.

During this week, we take time to recognize the many contributions Public Health has made in improving health where we work, play and live. This includes the importance of vaccines during childhood and throughout our lifespan.

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National Infant Immunization Week April 24th - 30th

Ventura County Public Health Clinics invite you in the observation of *National Infant Immunization Week*, April 24th through the 30th. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) uses this week to highlight the importance of immunizing babies against vaccine-preventable diseases. If you would like to participate in the observation of this week, please reach out to the Immunization Program for guidance or materials you may need. You may also visit the CDC website at

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html.



National Infant
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CAIRweb and Shots for School Website is Moving

That's right, the websites we have come to rely on for many of our day to day responsibilities, is moving! Shots for School and CAIRweb will become part of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website. Links and URLs will change. The first phase will start with the school pages and due to

go live in **April**. When one goes to the Shots for Schools website you will be redirected to the CDPH Immunization Branch website. The details for the CAIRweb page move is still to be determined. We will make sure to keep you updated as the project comes together.

Immunization Program Training Update

We are excited to share that Ventura County Immunization Department will be **hosting a training for current and future VFC and COVID providers on May 16th** with our wonderful guest, Steven Vantine, from CDPH. We will be reviewing vaccine storage and handling,

vaccine administration, and COVID vaccine organization. We will hold a Q&A session, and we would appreciate your feedback in what topics you would like covered. Email us at immunization.Program@ventura.org and we will be sure to add it into our training.



Kids Vax Grant

The State of California is offering a grant exclusively for Vaccine for Children (VFC) program providers.

If you are a VFC provider, not yet enrolled in myCAvax, you could receive \$10,000 to support the enrollment and launching of your COVID-19 vaccination efforts. If you are a VFC provider, already enrolled in myCAvax, and are thinking about expanding operating hours to assist with the surge of children getting the COVID-19 vaccine, you could be eligible to receive \$15,000.

The California Department of Public Health is investing approximately \$10 million to fund this grant. The grant is being administered by Physicians for a Healthy California (PHC). The application portal launch is April 1st, 2022. For more information, you can visit their website at www.phcdocs.org/Programs/CalVaxGrant.

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