

TO: EZIZ Users

FROM: CDPH

SUBJECT: Protect pregnant women and infants from serious diseases

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Dear EZIZ users,

The theme for this week, the second week of National Immunization Awareness Month ([NIAM](#)), is “**Pregnant Women: Protect yourself and pass protection on to your baby.**”

To protect your prenatal patients and their infants, make a strong recommendation (and referral, if necessary) to receive **Tdap vaccine at the earliest opportunity between 27-36 weeks gestation during EACH pregnancy and influenza vaccine as early as possible during the flu season EVERY year.**

Have you seen the recent CDPH and Department of Health Care Services’ [letter](#) with the latest policies that support prenatal vaccination and [steps for providing a strong recommendation and/or referral?](#)

If not, please review it at: <http://eziz.org/assets/docs/CDPH-DHCSletterPrenatalTdap.pdf>!

Here are two additional ways you can promote maternal immunizations this week and all year round:

- Promote [EZIZ](#) and the [CDC](#)’s maternal Tdap and influenza vaccination resources with your patients, clients, and professional networks.
- Check out and share [London’s story](#), a story about a 7-week old infant who developed pertussis, and other personal stories at [ShotByShot.org](#).