# Welcome to CDPH Immunization Branch Vaccines for Children (VFC) Afternoon TEAch Webinar: What's New with Winter Respiratory Viruses?



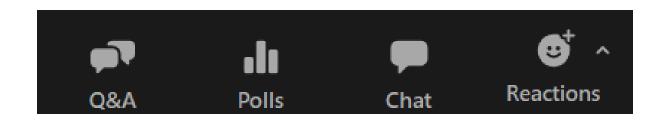
December 7, 2023 12:00PM - 1:00PM



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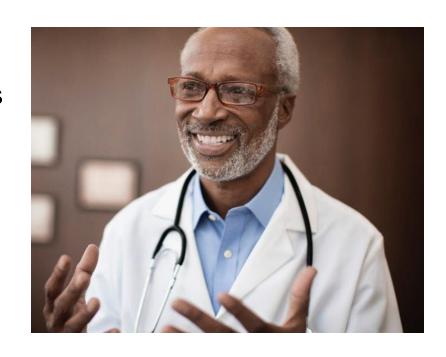
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#### Webinar Objectives:

By the end of the presentation, attendees should be able to:

- Understand the clinical recommendations on Maternal RSV vaccine
- Understand the latest vaccine storage and handling guidelines and be able to implement them
- Review Annual Vaccines for Children (VFC) recertification process and requirements for 2024
- Identify relevant patient and provider education resources

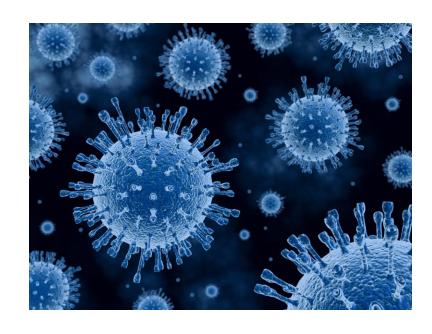




## Agenda: Thursday, December 7, 2023

| No.        | Item   | Speaker(s)                                 | Time (PM)     |  |
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| 1          | Welcome  | Diane Evans, MPH (CDPH)                    | 12:00 – 12:03 |  |
| 2          | Clinical recommendations on Maternal RSV vaccine         | Samantha Johnston, MD, MPH (CDPH)          | 12:03 – 12:15 |  |
| 3          | Vaccine storage and handling updates                     | Michele Barkus and Kelley Leung, RN (CDPH) | 12:15 – 12:25 |  |
| 4          | VFC recertification process: recommendations and updates | Christina Sapad (CDPH)                     | 12:25 – 12:35 |  |
| 5          | CAIR reporting requirements                              | Kelley Leung, RN (CDPH)                    | 12:35 – 12:40 |  |
| 6          | Resources  | Terisha Gamboa, MPH (CDPH)                 | 12:40 – 12:45 |  |
| 7          | Questions & Answers                                      | CDPH Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)         | 12:45 – 1:00  |  |
| Thank you! |  |  |               |  |





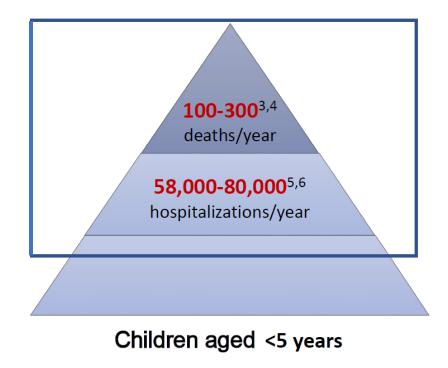
# Clinical Recommendations on Maternal RSV Vaccine

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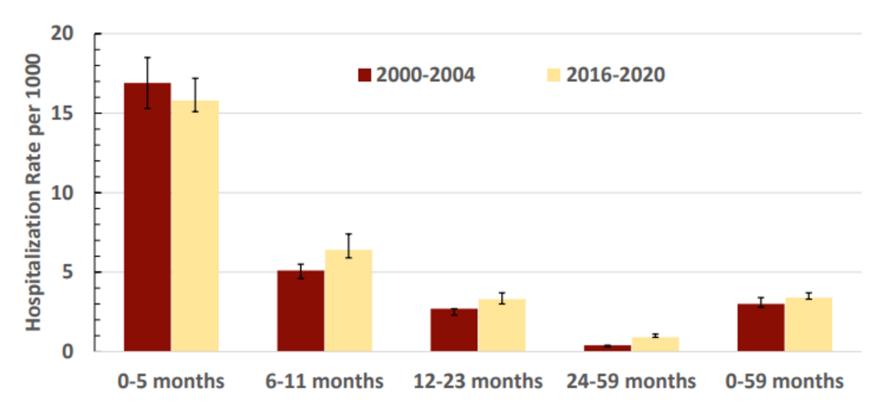
## Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- Affects all ages and usually causes mild upper respiratory tract symptoms
- In infants, young children and older adults, RSV can result in severe lower respiratory tract disease
  - Bronchiolitis
  - Pneumonia
  - Asthma, COPD, CHF exacerbations





## RSV-Associated Hospitalization Rates are Highest in Children 0-5 months of age



2000-2004: Adapted from Hall et al, NEJM 2009; 2016-2020: CDC unpublished data

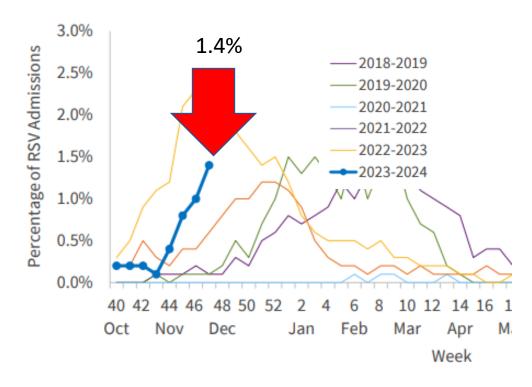


## **RSV Detections and Admissions Rising**

30% ---July 2018 - June 2019 Percentage of Specimens Tested Positive for RSV -- July 2019 - June 2020 - July 2020 - June 2021 July 2021 - June 2022 ---- July 2022 - June 2023 --- July 2023 - June 2024 Aug Jun Week

Note: Data have been shifted so that week 1 aligns across years.

Figure 13. Percentage of RSV Admissions in Kaiser Permanente N 2024 Season to Date





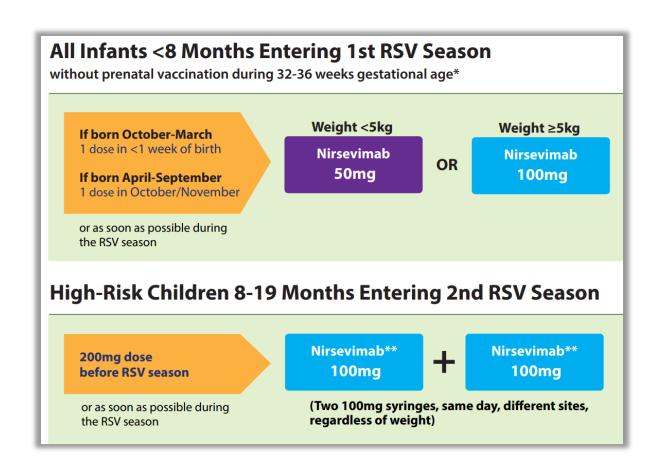
### Options to prevent severe RSV in early life

#### New options for 2023-2024

- Prenatal RSV immunization at 32-36 weeks gestational age
- Postnatal nirsevimab
  - Birth hospitals
  - Outpatient visits

#### **Ongoing options**

- Seasonal monthly palivizumab
  - For high-risk
- Breastfeeding
- Hand and respiratory hygiene, distancing, limiting visitors





#### ACIP and AAP Recommend Nirsevimab

- All infants aged < 8 months born during or entering their first RSV season, including those recommended by the AAP to receive palivizumab.
- Infants and children aged 8-19 months who are at <u>increased risk of severe RSV</u> <u>disease</u> and entering their second RSV season, including those recommended by AAP to receive palivizumab.
- Detailed information on palivizumab eligibility can be found at <u>AAP guidance on use of palivizumab to prevent RSV.</u>

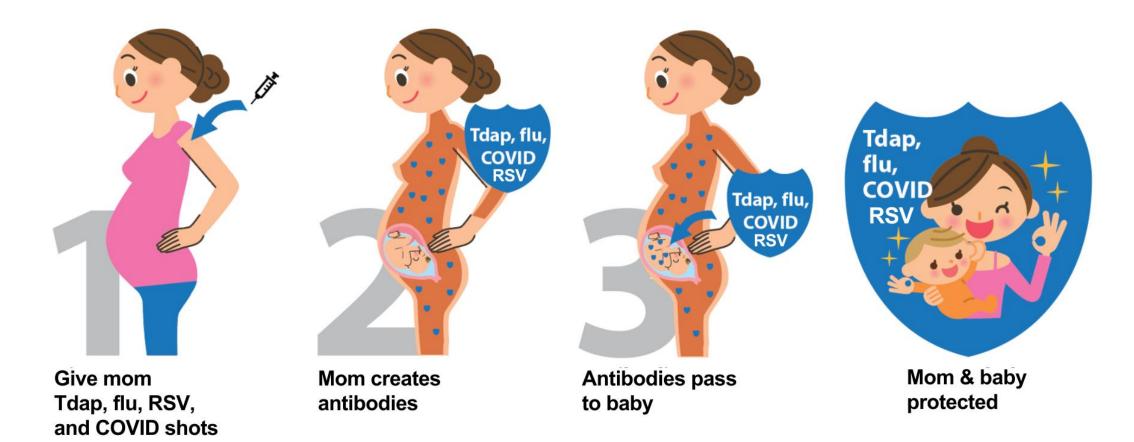


## Nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) Shortage

- Demand for nirsevimab has been high and has resulted in the current shortage
- CDC issued dosage prioritization interim recommendations October 23, 2023
- AAP FAQs in line with CDC guidance and updated periodically
- Pediatricians are encouraged to use doses of nirsevimab they have now and not try to conserve for later in the season
- Providers should encourage pregnant patients to receive RSVpreF (Abrysvo) during 32 to 36 6/7 weeks gestation
  - RSVpreF3 vaccine (Arexvy, GSK) should not be used during pregnancy
- Joint <u>ACOG, SMFM, and AAP Statement on Nirsevimab Shortage</u> encourages maternal vaccination



## Immunization During Pregnancy is Important





## Efficacy of RSV vaccines

| Product   | Population   | Reduction in severe RSV-associated LRTD      |
|---|--|--|
| RSVpreF<br>Abrysvo (Pfizer)<br>When given 32-36 weeks gestation | Infants ≤90 days old                                     | 91%  |
| RSVpreF<br>Abrysvo (Pfizer)<br>When given 32-36 weeks gestation | Infants ≤180 days old                                    | 77%  |
| Nirsevimab  | Infants born ≥29weeks gestation through first RSV season | 81% (hospitalization)<br>90% (ICU admission) |



## Coming soon to VFC!

RSVpreF (Abrysvo, Pfizer) will soon be available for ordering through VFC!

Estimated January 2024, VFC eligible pregnant patients will be able to receive vaccination if within 32-36 weeks gestation. Please stayed tuned, more information will be sent out!







# Optimizing RSV Protection for Infants with Limited Supply of Nirsevimab





#### **Prenatal Vaccination**

Administer prenatal RSV vaccine (ABRYSVO<sup>TM</sup>, Pfizer) during 32-36 weeks' gestation, September through January.

- Prenatal vaccination may be the best and only option while RSV immunization for infants (nirsevimab) is in short supply.
- Most infants born to vaccinated birth parents will not need nirsevimab.



## Nirsevimab 50mg for infants <5kg and <8mo without prenatal vaccination<sup>2</sup>

- Administer 50mg of nirsevimab:
  - Now to infants born prior to October
  - Within the first week of life to infants born during RSV season



#### Footnotes:

1. CDC Health Alert on Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States

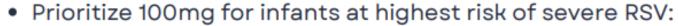
2 Infants <8 months entering their first RSV season should receive immunization if birth parent's prenatal vaccination status is: unvaccinated, unknown, or vaccinated <14 days before birth.

3 premature birth at <29 weeks' gestation, chronic lung disease of prematurity, hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease, severe immunocompromise, severe cystic fibrosis (either manifestations of severe lung disease or weight-for-length less than 10th percentile), neuromuscular disease or congenital pulmonary abnormalities that impair the ability to clear secretions.

- For infants weighing <5 kg, ACIP recommendations are unchanged
- AAP FAQs:
  - Where 50mg doses are limited, pediatricians should assess which patients are at higher risk for severe RSV disease, due to very young age (such as neonates) or due to underlying conditions (such as prematurity), and therefore should be prioritized for nirsevimab.
- Avoid using two 50mg doses for infants weighing ≥5 kilograms (≥11 pounds)



# Nirsevimab 100mg for infants > 5kg and <8mo without prenatal vaccination<sup>2</sup>



- Infants < 6 months</li>
- American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) infants < 8 months
- Infants 6 to < 8 months with certain high risk conditions.<sup>3</sup>
- For palivizumab-eligible children, follow <u>AAP</u>
   recommendations for palivizumab when nirsevimab is
   not available.

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# Nirsevimab 100mg + Nirsevimab 100mg for children 8-19mo

- For palivizumab-eligible children, suspend nirsevimab use and offer palivizumab per <u>AAP recommendations</u>.
- Offer nirsevimab (200mg in two 100mg syringes) to AI/AN children, who are not palivizumab-eligible and live in:
  - Remote regions
  - Communities with known high rates of severe RSV among older infants and toddlers

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#### **Encourage other preventative measures including:**

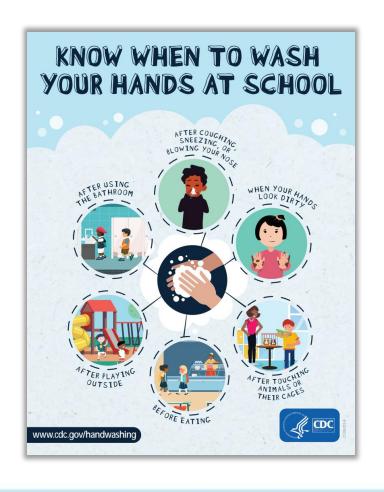
## Everybody

- Recommend everyone around infants are up to date on vaccines including flu, COVID-19, Tdap, and RSV for adults 60 years and older
- Wash hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Sick persons should stay away from infants
- · Limit number of visitors for infants

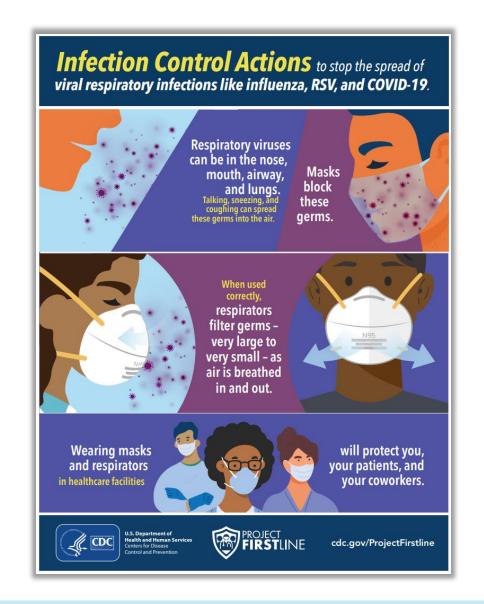


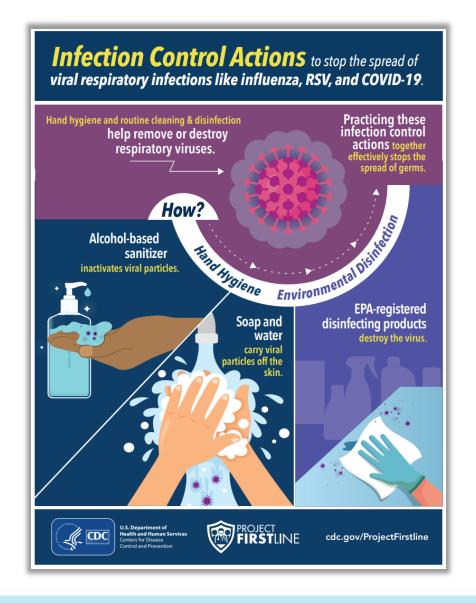
#### When and How to Wash Your Hands | Handwashing | CDC





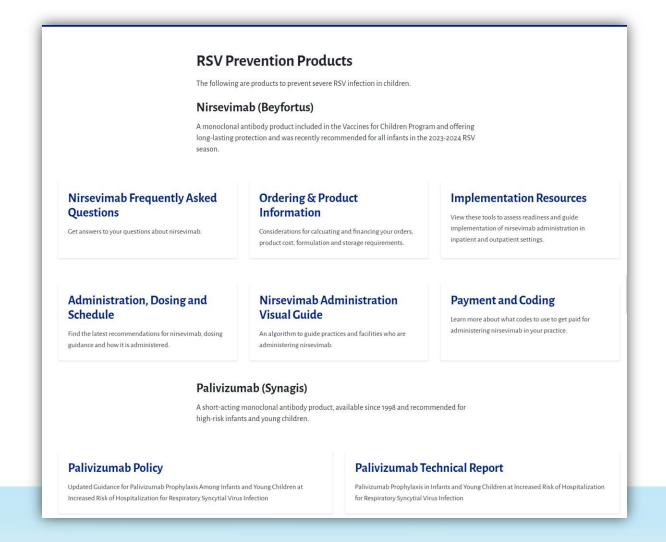








#### American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) RSV Prevention Page





#### Additional Resources

- American Academy of Pediatrics Respiratory Syncytial Virus Prevention
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Maternal Respiratory
   Syncytial Virus Vaccination Practice Advisory
- CDC RSV Immunizations Overview
- CDC RSV Immunization for Infants and Young Children
- CDC RSV Vaccine for Pregnant People
- RSV Vaccination for Pregnant People | CDC



## Vaccine Storage and Handling Updates

Michele Barkus and Kelley Leung, RN CDPH Immunization Branch



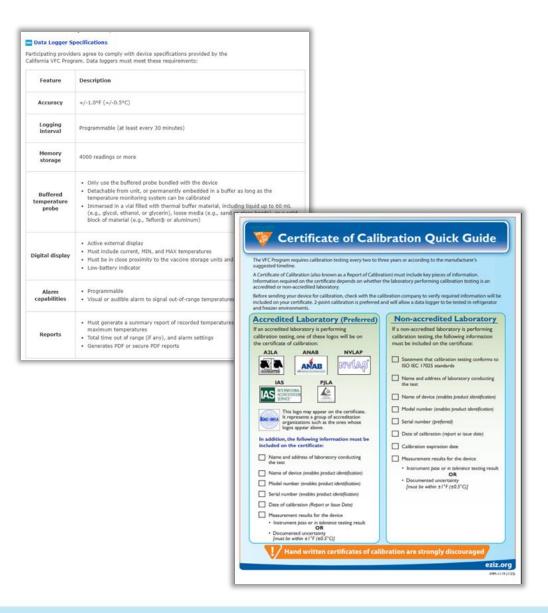
### Storage and Handling

#### Resources

<u>Data Logger Specifications</u> (EZIZ)

<u>Certificate of Calibration QuickGuide (IMM-1119)</u>

Identify and report every temperature excursion from any data logger that is recording temperatures for a unit storing VFC vaccines, to the Storage and Handling Online Triage System (SHOTS)





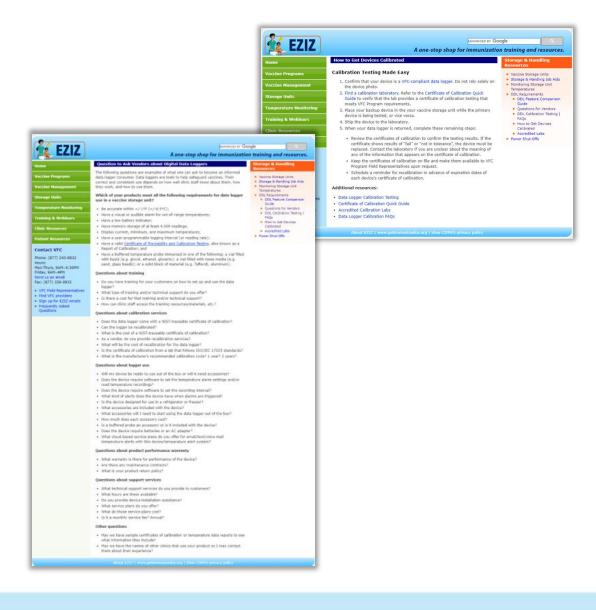
## Storage and Handling cont.

#### Preparation for Recertification

Gather certificates of calibration for your clinic's data loggers and check expiration dates

Calibration Guidance (EZIZ)
Calibration Testing

Targeted communication to providers with expired or expiring certificates of calibration coming soon





### Storage and Handling COVID Vaccine









# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Recertification Process: Recommendations and Updates

Christina Sapad

**CDPH Immunization Branch** 



#### What is Recertification?

- Annual recertification is a federal requirement to remain enrolled in the VFC Program and continue receiving federally subsidized vaccines.
- Recertification is an online process, typically launched at the end of the calendar year.
- Recertification allows enrolled providers to renew their participation in the VFC Program by:
  - updating their information,
  - completing online training,
  - updating patient profiles,
  - agreeing to the Program's federal requirements for participation "Provider Agreement",
  - and certifying adherence with all items listed in the "Provider Agreement Addendum."
- The VFC Program will suspend ordering privileges for providers who do not complete the recertification process.



#### Recertification Process

ENSURE YOUR VFC ACCOUNT IS IN GOOD STANDING

Provider accounts that are SUSPENDED due to Mandatory Corrective Actions will not be able to access the Recertification form.

GATHER INFORMATION ON THE VFC RECERTIFICATION WORKSHEET

Use the 2024 VFC Recertification Worksheet to gather information before beginning the Recertification process.

COMPLETE REQUIRED EZIZ LESSONS

Complete required EZIZ lessons in order to access 2024 VFC Recertification. Any lessons that were completed prior to December 1, 2023 will not receive credit for 2024 Recertification.

LOGIN TO THE VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM

Login with your practice's VFC PIN and ZIP Code on your MyVFCVaccines account. Then click on the "Submit Recertification Form" button.

REVIEW YOUR VFC PRACTICE PROFILE

Your VFC Practice Profile displays your current practice volume; order frequency; total vaccine doses ordered, expired, wasted, and spoiled; 2023 VFC patient estimates; and a comparison of vaccines administered with target usage.

VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR PRACTICE INFORMATION

Verify and update information about your practice, including Registry ID, delivery times, key practice staff, patient estimates, vaccine storage and data logger equipment, and health-care providers who will be administering immunizations.

REVIEW "PROVIDER AGREEMENT" AND "PROVIDER AGREEMENT ADDENDUM"

The Provider of Record must review and electronically acknowledge compliance with all items outlined in the 2024 VFC "Provider Agreement" and CA VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" on the Recertification form.

SUBMIT THE 2024 VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM

Once the 2024 VFC Recertification form has been submitted, the system will generate an e-mail confirmation of submission to all key practice staff plus the person submitting the Recertification form.



#### 2024 Recertification for VFC, 317, VFA

Target launch: mid to late December 2023

• Due date: **January 31, 2024** 

- 2024 Recertification is through myVFCvaccines for the VFC, 317, and VFA Programs
- All public and private providers must recertify yearly
  - •Even if an LHD clinic is only receiving 317 vaccine for outbreak or SGF vaccine
  - Recertification maintains the PIN's active status
- New providers that enrolled prior to December 2023 will also be expected to complete 2024 VFC Recertification.



#### Recertification Access

- Who can access the 2024 VFC Recertification site?
  - All active providers, including providers on hold, and providers that are suspended for all reasons except for mandatory corrective actions
- Who cannot access the 2024 Recertification site?
  - Providers suspended for mandatory corrective actions
- What will prevent providers from moving forward with Recertification?
  - Incomplete EZIZ trainings
  - No Registry ID (CAIR or Healthy Futures/RIDE)



## What Happens if Recertification is NOT Completed?

- If Recertification is not submitted by the deadline, account will be suspended
- When in suspended status, providers will <u>not</u> be able to:
  - Submit a vaccine order
  - Transfer in vaccines
- After several reminder and warning communications, providers who still have not Recertified will be terminated from the VFC Program
  - To re-enroll in VFC, there may be a waiting period until the next Recertification cycle
  - Termination from the VFC Program will affect a provider's status in Medi-Cal and the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)



## Required EZIZ Lessons

| ✓ = Required Lesson |   | When to<br>Start Lesson | Key Practice Staff     |                                  |                       |                                   |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                     |   |                         | Vaccine<br>Coordinator | Backup<br>Vaccine<br>Coordinator | Provider of<br>Record | Provider of<br>Record<br>Designee |
|                     | VFC Program<br>Requirements*                | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                     | ✓                                 |
| us                  | Storing Vaccines*                           | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                     | ✓                                 |
| Lessons             | Monitoring Storage<br>Unit<br>Temperatures* | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                     | ✓                                 |
|                     | Conducting a<br>Vaccine Inventory*          | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | Encouraged            | Encouraged                        |
| Review & cknowledge | Provider Operations Manual                  | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                     | ✓                                 |
| Revi                | Vaccine<br>Management Plan                  | December<br>2023        | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                     | ✓                                 |

<sup>\*</sup>Test-out option available



#### Provider Agreement, Addendum and At a Glance

#### PROVIDER AGREEMENT

To receive publicly funded vaccines at no cost, I agree to the following conditions on behalf of myself and all practitioners, nurses, and others associated with the health care facility of which I am the medical director or practice administrator or equivalent:

I will annually submit a provider profile representing populations served by my practice/facility. Iv submit more frequently if 1) the number of children served changes or 2) the status of the facility changes during the calendar year.

I will screen patients and document eligibility status at each immunization encounter for VFC eligib (i.e., federally or state vaccine-eligible) and administer VFC-purchased vaccine by such category onl children who are 18 years of age or younger who meet one or more of the following categories:

A. Federally Vaccine-eligible Children (VFC eligible)

- 1. Are an American Indian or Alaska Native:
- Are enrolled in Medicaid:
- Have no health insurance:
- 4. Are underinsured: A child who has health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-cover vaccines only). Underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccine only through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or under an approach deputization agreement.

#### B. State Vaccine-eligible Children

a) In addition, to the extent that my state designates additional categories of children as "state vaccine-eligible," I will screen for such eligibility as listed in the addendum to this agreemen and will administer state-funded doses (including 317 funded doses) to such children.

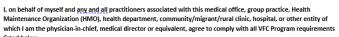
Children aged 0 through 18 years that do not meet one or more of the federal vaccine eligibility categories (VFC-eligible), are not eligible to receive VFC-purchased vaccine.

For the vaccines identified and agreed upon in the provider profile, I will comply with immunizatio schedules, dosages, and contraindications that are established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and included in the VFC program unless:

- a) In the provider's medical judgment, and in accordance with accepted medical practice, the provider deems such compliance to be medically inappropriate for the child;
- b) The particular requirements contradict state law, including laws pertaining to religious and other exemptions.
- I will maintain all records related to the VFC program for a minimum of three years and upon reque make these records available for review. VFC records include, but are not limited to, VFC screening and eligibility documentation, billing records, medical records that verify receipt of vaccine, vaccine ordering records, and vaccine purchase and accountability records.
- I will immunize eligible children with publicly supplied vaccine at no charge to the patient for the vaccine

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Provider Agreement Addendum



#### . Provider Profile

- A. Designate the on-site Provider of Record Designee, who is authorized to sign VFC Program documents and assume responsibility for VFC-related matters in the absence of the Provider of Record.
- B. Designate the on-site <u>Vaccine Coordinator and Backup Vaccine Coordinator</u> (IMM-968), who are responsible for implementing the practice's <u>vaccine management plan</u> (IMM-1122).
- C. Immediately report to the VFC Program changes to key practice staff assuming VFC roles (Vaccine Coordinator or Backup, Provider of Record or Designee); a change in the Provider of Record or Designee requires a signed "Key Practice Staff Change Request Form" (IMM-1166).
- D. Immediately report to the VFC Program changes to the practice address or account ownership, which may require additional follow-up.

#### 2. Vaccine Management Plan

- A. Maintain a current and complete <u>vaccine management plan</u> (IMM-1122) for routine and emergency situations that includes practice-specific, vaccine-management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and required EZIZ lesson completion dates for all key practice staff.
- B. Review and update the plan at least annually, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine-management responsibilities change.
- C. Designate a staff member responsible for updating the practice's management plan.
- D. Staff with assigned vaccine-management responsibilities must review, sign, and date the vaccine management plan annually and each time it is updated.
- E. Follow emergency guidelines to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any vaccine-related emergencies.
- . Store the vaccine management plan in a location easily accessible by staff, ideally near the vaccine storage units.
- For practices using mobile units to administer VFC-supplied vaccines: Mobile-only clinics or clinics with mobile
  units must maintain a current and complete "Mobile Unit Vaccine Management Plan" (IMM-1276) and keep it in
  the mobile unit.

#### 3. Training

- A. Anyone acting in VFC roles (Provider of Record and Designee, Vaccine Coordinator and Backup) must complete the required EZIZ lessons when hired and annually thereafter; staff must demonstrate competency in their
- B. Any clinician who administers VFC-supplied vaccines must be knowledgeable of and familiar with all ACIP-recommended immunizations, including schedules, indications, dosages, and new products.
- C. All staff who conduct VFC Program eligibility screening, documentation, and billing (e.g., front- or back-office staff) must be knowledgeable of all VFC eligibility categories, documentation, and billing requirements.
- D. All staff and supervisors who monitor storage unit temperatures or sign off on VFC temperature logs must complete the related EZIZ lesson when hired and annually thereafter; they must be fully trained on use of the practice? data loggers.
- E. Train staff who are authorized to accept packages to immediately notify the Vaccine Coordinator when VFCsupplied vaccines are delivered.

California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

#### 2024 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance

| Requirement                | Summary   | Resources/Job Aids  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Vaccine<br>Management Plan | Maintain a current and completed vaccine management plan (VMR) for routine and emergency situations that includes<br>practice-specific, vaccine-management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring<br>responsibilities, and completion dates of required EZIZ lessons for key practice staff.  | Vaccine Management Plan<br>(IMM-1122)                     |  |  |
|                            | Review and update the VMP at least annually, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine-management responsibilities change.   | Provider Operations Manua<br>(IMM-1248) Chapter 3         |  |  |
|                            | Designate a staff member responsible for updating the practice's VMP.   | (IIVIVI-1246) Chapter 5                                   |  |  |
|                            | Staff with assigned vaccine-management responsibilities must review, sign, and date the VMP annually and each time it is updated.   | Mobile Unit Vaccine<br>Management Plan (IMM-<br>1276)     |  |  |
|                            | Follow emergency guidelines to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any vaccine-related emergencies.   |   |  |  |
|                            | Store the vaccine management plan in a location easily accessible by staff, ideally near the vaccine storage units.   |   |  |  |
|                            | For practices using mobile units to administer VFC-supplied vaccines: Mobile-only clinics or clinics with mobile units must maintain a current and complete Mobile Unit Vaccine Management Plan and keep it in the mobile unit.   |   |  |  |
| Key Practice Staff         | Designate and maintain key practice staff in the practice's profile. Immediately report to the VFC Program changes to<br>key practice staff. A change in the Provider of Record or Designee requires a signed Key Practice Staff Change Request<br>Form.  | Vaccine Coordinator Roles &<br>Responsibilities (IMM-968) |  |  |
|                            | There are four required VFC roles:  | VFC Key Practice Staff Change Request Form                |  |  |
|                            | Provider of Record (POR): The on-site physician-in-chief, medical director, or equivalent, who signs the VFC "Provider Agreement" and the California VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" and is ultimately accountable for the practice's compliance. Must be a licensed MD, DO, NP, PA, pharmacist, or a Certified Nurse Midwife with prescription-writing privileges in California. | (IMM-1166)  |  |  |
|                            | Provider of Record Designee: The on-site person who is authorized to sign VFC Program documents and assumes responsibility for VFC-related matters in the absence of the Provider of Record.  |   |  |  |
|                            | Vaccine Coordinator: An on-site employee who is fully trained and responsible for implementing and overseeing the practices vaccine management plan.  |   |  |  |
|                            | Backup Vaccine Coordinator: An on-site employee fully trained in the practice's vaccine management activities and fulfills the responsibilities of the Vaccine Coordinator in his/her absence.  |   |  |  |
|                            | Immunization Champion (optional): A staff member who goes above and beyond their normal duties to promote immunizations to patients and in the community.   |   |  |  |
|                            |   |   |  |  |

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# CDC VFC Provider Agreement Updates

The Provider Agreement has been updated to address specific considerations related to nirsevimab. Here is a summary of the changes that were made:

#### • Under the Medical Director or Equivalent Section

Definition of "vaccine" as it is used by the VFC program: For the purposes of the VFC program, the term 'vaccine' is defined as any FDA-authorized or licensed, ACIP-recommended product for which ACIP approves a VFC resolution for inclusion in the VFC program.

#### Under the Provider Agreement Section #8

- Requirement to provide patients with an Immunization Information Statement (as opposed to a Vaccine Information Statement [VIS]) prior to administration of nirsevimab.
- Requirement to report adverse events following administration of nirsevimab to MedWatch, unless coadministered with a vaccine.
- Note: we have also updated language regarding COVID-19 EUAs fact sheets and VISs: If a COVID-19 Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) is not available, providers should provide information prior to vaccination as follows: EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients, Emergency Use Instructions (EUI), or BLA package insert, as applicable.

#### Under the Provider Agreement Added Requirements Section #9c

Added to the word recommendations to the following statement: "Refrigerator and freezer vaccine storage units and temperature monitoring equipment and practices must meet California Department of Public Health Vaccines for Children Program storage and handling recommendations and requirements;"

#### Under the Pharmacy/Specialty Provider Section

Added to the definition of "walk-in" the following statement: "Walk-in" may also include VFC-eligible newborn infants at a birthing facility.



# Key Requirement: Offer All ACIP Recommended Immunizations

- The VFC Program is a federal entitlement program in which the VFC-eligible patient is entitled to receive all ACIP-recommended immunizations.
- With the addition of new immunizations into the VFC Program, remember to order all ageappropriate immunizations for your patients!
  - Example of immunizations for all age-groups that your practice must be ordering:
    - COVID-19 vaccine (6 months and up)
    - Flu vaccine (6 months and up)
  - Note: birthing hospitals are only required to order the following immunizations:
    - Hep B
    - Nirsevimab
- Even after completing 2024 Recertification, providers who have not ordered routine immunizations in the past year will be terminated from the VFC Program

I certify that the estimates I have provided are a true reflection of my pediatric patient population according to the data source selected. 

Below are the age-appropriate ACIP-recommended vaccines that I will provide based on my patient estimates.

- If I have patients ages 1 year or younger, I will order and provide the following vaccines: DTaP, Hep B, Hib, Influenza, Polio, Pneumococcal Conjugate, Rotavirus,
- . If I have patients ages 1-6 years, I will order and provide the following vaccines: DTaP, Hep A, Hep B, Hib, Influenza, Polio, Pneumococcal Conjugate, MMR, Varicella,
- If I have patients ages 7-18 years, I will order and provide the following vaccines: HPV, Influenza, Meningococcal Conjugate, Tdap





December XX, 2023

#### 2024 VFC Recertification is Coming Soon! Start Planning Now

#### BACKGROUND

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program's Annual Recertification is almost here! The VFC Program's 2024 Recertification will be available in December/January, with exact dates to be announced in the coming weeks. Recertification is a federal requirement that must be completed annually by enrolled providers to continue receiving publicly funded vaccines. New providers that enrolled prior to December 2023 will also be expected to complete 2024 VFC Recertification. Providers will have until the end of January 2024 to complete the process once the system is available.

The following steps will help your practice get started and collect required information on the <u>Recertification Worksheet</u> ahead of time. Not completing Recertification by the deadline will lead to immediate suspension of vaccine ordering privileges and may lead to termination from the VFC Program. Multiple warning communications will be sent prior to account termination, however, once a practice is terminated from the VFC Program, termination cannot be reversed. If interested in re-enrollment, the practice must wait until the next Recertification cycle and may be subject to conditional enrollment.

#### PREPARE FOR RECERTIFICATION NOW

1. Wait Until Recertification Launch to Complete All Required EZIZ Lessons

To receive credit for the annual training requirement, only take the lessons once 2024 VFC Recertification launches; do <u>not</u> start the EZIZ Lessons until announced by the VFC Program. Key practice staff must complete or test-out of all required lessons to meet VFC's annual federal educational requirement prior to accessing the online Recertification page.

Plan ahead:

#### CALIFORNIA VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

#### 2024 VFC Recertification Process



ENSURE YOUR VFC ACCOUNT IS IN GOOD STANDING

Provider accounts that are SUSPENDED due to Mandatory Corrective Actions will not be able to access the Recertification form.

GATHER INFORMATION ON THE VFC RECERTIFICATION WORKSHEET

Use the 2024 VFC Recertification Worksheet to gather information before beginning the Recertification process.

COMPLETE REQUIRED EZIZ LESSONS

Complete required EZIZ lessons in order to access 2024 VFC Recertification. Any lessons that were completed prior to December 1, 2023 will not receive credit for 2024 Recertification.

LOGIN TO THE VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM
Login with your practice's VFC PIN and ZIP Code on your MyVFCVaccines account. Then click on

the "Submit Recertification Form" button.

REVIEW YOUR VFC PRACTICE PROFILE

Your VFC Practice Profile displays your current practice volume; order frequency; total vaccine doses ordered, expired, wasted, and spoiled; 2023 VFC patient estimates; and a comparison of vaccines administered with target usage.

✓ VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR PRACTICE INFORMATION

Verify and update information about your practice, including Registry ID, delivery times, key practice staff, patient estimates, vaccine storage and data logger equipment, and health-care providers who will be administering immunizations.

REVIEW "PROVIDER AGREEMENT" AND "PROVIDER AGREEMENT ADDENDUM"

The Provider of Record must review and electronically acknowledge compliance with all items outlined in the 2024 VFC "Provider Agreement" and CA VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" on the Recertification form.

SUBMIT THE 2024 VFC RECERTIFICATION FORM

Once the 2024 VFC Recertification form has been submitted, the system will generate an e-mail confirmation of submission to all key practice staff plus the person submitting the Recertification form.

California Department of Public Healtl VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM VFC RECERTIFICATION WORKSHEET Use this worksheet to gather information needed ahead of time to complete the online VFC Recertification Form on MyVFCvaccines.org DO NOT SUBMIT THIS WORKSHEET TO THE VFC PROGRAM. Practice Information/Shipping tice Information/Shipping Address (No P.O. Box (Closed for lunch from National Provider Title (MD, DO, NP, P Contact Information ccine Coordinator inic Title: ackup Vaccine Coordinate nic Title: itional Staff to Receive linic Title: \_\_

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### **Upcoming Recertification Communications/Resources**



IMM-1207 (12/23)

# **Targeted Communications**

### Providers with expired or soon-to-expire digital data loggers

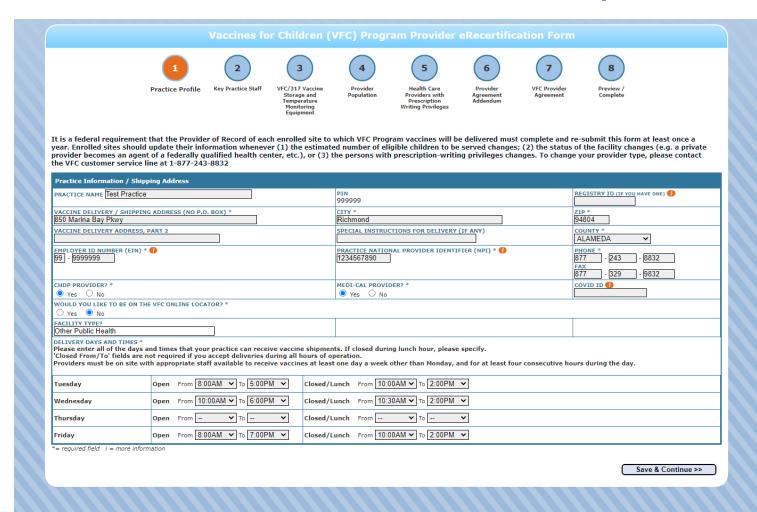
• Provider Agreement Addendum 7C: <u>Calibrate primary and backup devices</u> every two to three years or according to the manufacturer's suggested timeline (both device and probe together)—ideally by a laboratory with accreditation from an ILAC MRA signatory body.

#### Providers with no Registry ID

- Registry ID will be a required field on the 2024 Recertification Form.
- Registry ID should be specific to each location and should not be a shared ID.
- Providers without an immunization registry ID will not be able to move forward with 2024 Recertification.



# Online Recertification Form Updates

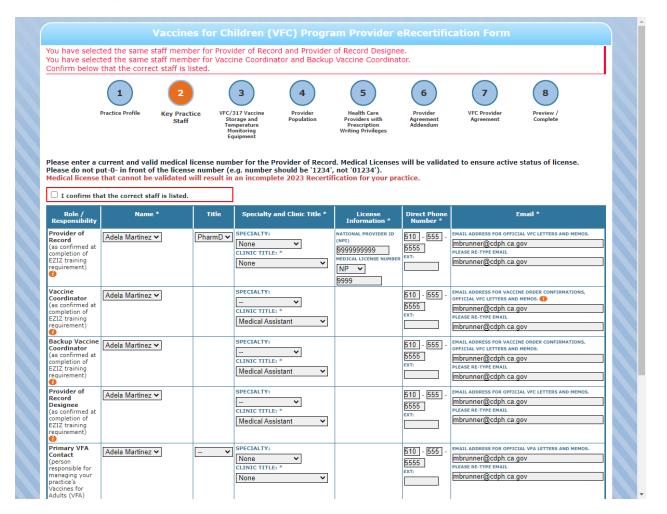


#### Page 1 - Practice Profile

- Update your practice information, including delivery dates and times.
- Registry ID will be a required field
- Option to enter myCAvax ID if practice is currently enrolled in the Bridge Access Program (BAP) or the State General Fund (SGF) Flu Program



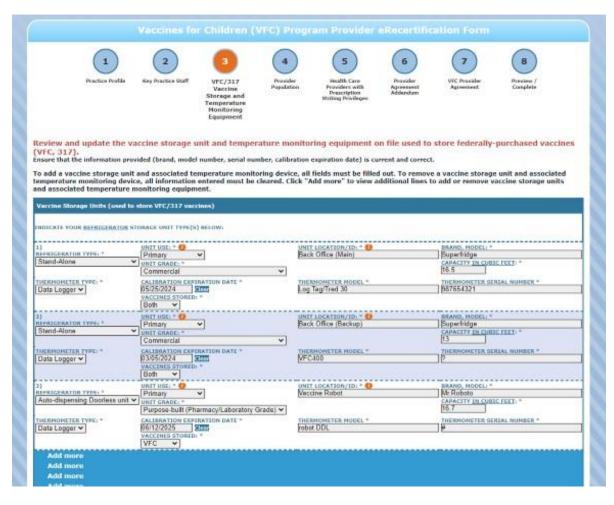
# **Key Practice Staff**



- Enter all key practice staff:
  - Provider of Record
  - Vaccine Coordinator
  - Backup Vaccine Coordinator
  - Provider of Record Designee
- Only users who have completed the required EZIZ trainings will be selectable from the drop-down.



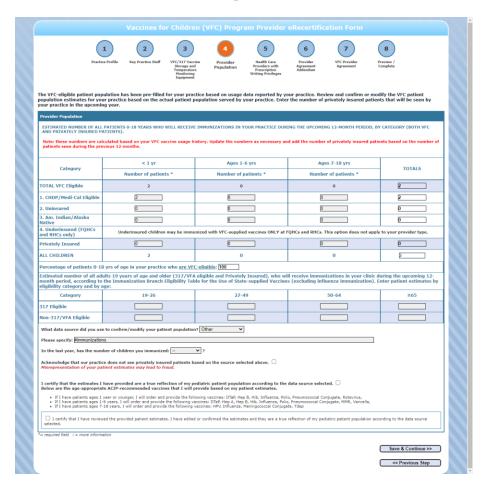
# Storage and Temperature Monitoring Equipment



- Update your vaccine storage unit and temperature monitoring equipment if needed.
- Make sure your DDL calibration expiration dates are current.
- "Ultra-cold freezer" added as an option under Freezer Type for those that have ultra-low temperature freezers for Pfizer COVID vaccine storage (not required).



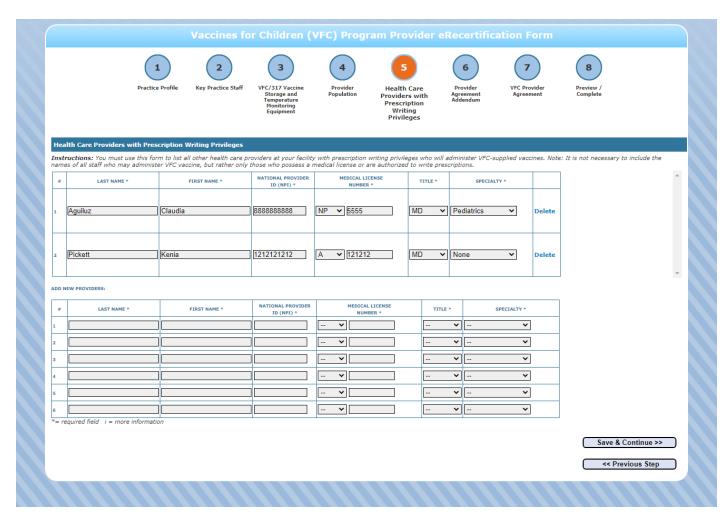
# **Provider Population**



- Actual patient population figures are needed to forecast the estimated number of VFC and non-VFC eligible children to be immunized at your practice during 2024.
- Message will display the change in patient estimates based on the number of patients they enter.
- Added COVID-19 and RSV to the required vaccines that are listed by age group in the attestation of products that should be offered for your patient population



# Health Care Providers with Prescription Writing Privileges

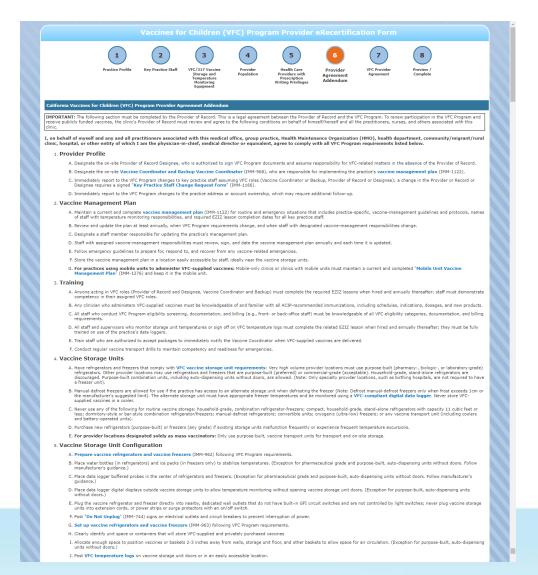


- Provider licenses will be verified. If provider license has not been verified, account will be placed on hold.
- You can verify your staff's license numbers ahead of time through the California Department of Consumer Affairs website:

https://www.breeze.ca.gov/datamart/loginCADCA.do.



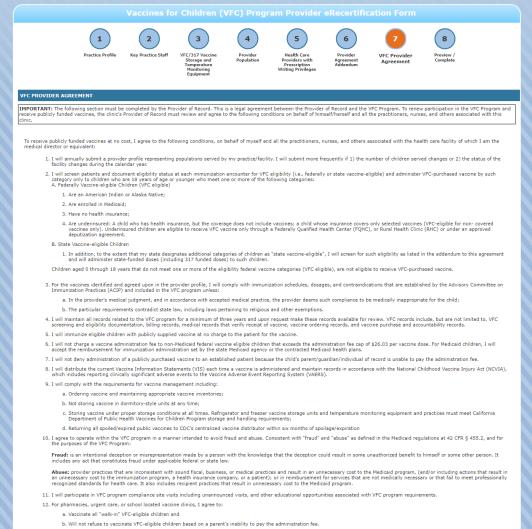
# Provider Agreement Addendum



 Review Addendum which will include updated language



# Provider Agreements



- Federal VFC Provider Agreement
- LHDs will also see the 317
   Provider Agreement
- VFA providers will also see the VFA Provider Agreement
- Provider of Record will need to electronically sign all applicable agreements



# **CAIR** Reporting Requirements

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# CAIR/RIDE Registry IDs

AB 1797, a new California bill effective January 1, 2023, requires all California providers to enter every immunization administered, as well as a patient's race and ethnicity into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) OR Healthy Futures/RIDE.

All active participants of California's VFC Program are required to enter all vaccine doses administered into CAIR or RIDE.

Providers without immunization registry IDs won't be able to move forward with 2024 Recertification.

If you're not sure if your practice is already participating in an immunization registry or have other support needs, please contact: CAIR Help Desk (<u>CAIRHelpdesk@cdph.ca.gov</u> or 800-578-7889) OR Healthy Futures/RIDE Help Desk (<u>support@myhealthyfutures.org</u> or 209-468-2292).





### CAIR/RIDE VFC Documentation Requirements

If you are already submitting doses to an immunization registry, here are a few tips and reminders:

- ✓ Doses reported as administered in your routine VFC vaccine requests should match doses reported as administered in the registry! You can run doses administered reports to verify that doses administered are being accurately recorded in the registry vs. doses you may be tracking in an administration log.
- Make sure VFC eligibility status is being recorded appropriately and submitted accordingly.

| VFC Eligible              | Vaccine Eligibility                       |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| VFC Eligible Subtotal     |   |  |
|                           | VFC Eligible Medi-Cal/CHDP                |  |
|                           | VFC Eligible Uninsured                    |  |
|                           | VFC Eligible Underinsured (FQHC/RHC Only) |  |
|                           | VFC Eligible Native American/AK Native    |  |
| Not VFC Eligible Subtotal |   |  |
|                           | Private Insurance                         |  |
|                           | Unknown                                   |  |
|                           | 317 Eligible LHD or HDAS Only             |  |
|                           | State General Funding                     |  |



### Additional Resources for Providers

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### RSV Resources

- RSV EZIZ page for patients and providers
- <u>FAQs</u> just updated!
- Nirsevimab Immunization Shortage Infographic

#### **Just Updated Prenatal and Parental Materials!**

- Immunizations for Healthy Pregnancy | Spanish
- Expecting? Protect your Baby from RSV, COVID-19, and whooping cough! | Spanish
- Parents Brochure on Immunizations | Spanish



#### Where can I get immunized?

I have a doctor.

Call your doctor and ask,

- Do you offer flu, Tdap, RSV, and COVID-19 vaccines?
- · How soon can you see me?

My doctor does NOT have the shots I need or can't see me soon enough.

Call the pharmacy where you usually pick up your prescriptions and ask,

- Do you offer flu, Tdap, RSV, and COVID-19 vaccines?
- Does my insurance cover these vaccines at your pharmacy?" (Note: If you have Medi-Cal, shots should be covered at this pharmacy.)
- · What are your immunization clinic hours?

The pharmacy I usually go to for prescriptions does not offer the vaccines I need, or my insurance does not cover them there.

Call your health plan's member services. (This number is usually on the back of your insurance card.) Ask,

- What nearby pharmacies do you cover?

  Call the nearby pharmacies and ask,
- Do you offer flu, Tdap, RSV, and COVID-19 vaccines?
- · What are your immunization clinic hours?

Vaccines.gov ImmunizationForWomen.org (800) CDC-INFO/(800) 232-4636



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IMMUNIZATIONS for a Healthy Pregnancy

<u>Immunizations for a Healthy Pregnancy (IMM-887)</u>



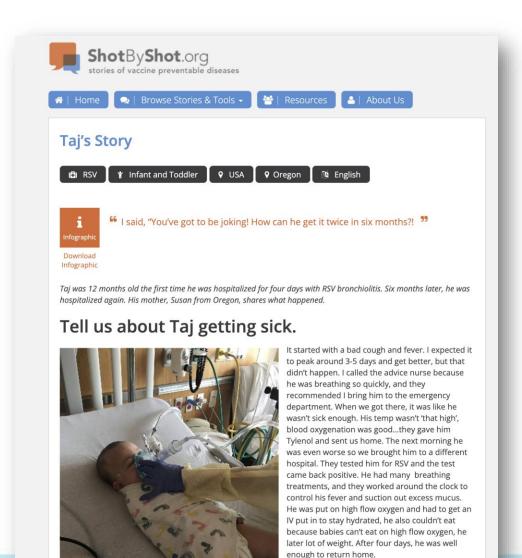
### Additional Resources

#### **General IZ Resources**

- 2024 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule (ACIP) more to come next webinar!
- Vaccines by age (0-18 years) (CDC)

#### **RSV** Resources

- RSV Immunizations General Info Page (CDC)
- RSV FAQs (CDC)
- American Academy of Pediatrics FAQs on RSV (AAP)
- <u>Taj's Story</u> (ShotbyShot)

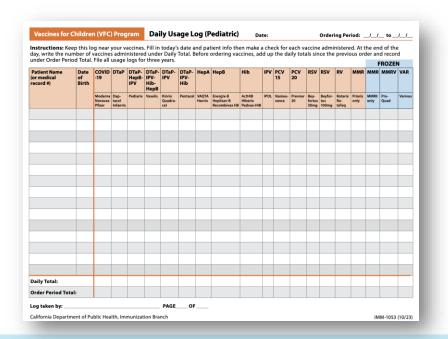


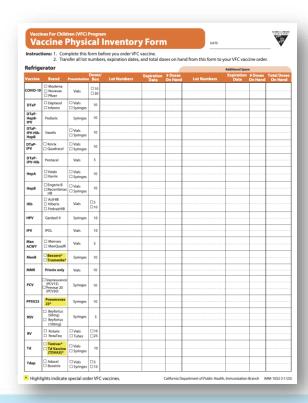


# VFC Program Updated Resources

#### **Updated with COVID-19 and RSV immunization info!**

- Vaccines Receiving Checklist (IMM-1112)
- Vaccine Physical Inventory Form (IMM-1052)
- VFC Daily Usage Log (IMM-1053)





| accine Receiving Checklist  | vicanting vicant |
|---|--|
|   | s are stored. Never reject or return a vaccine shipment.   |
| inic Name:  | Pin:   |
| ate Mckesson Vaccine Received:  | Date Merck Vaccine Received:   |
| 1. Inspect package  |  |
| If the package shows any of these problem  ☐ previously opened ☐ broken, torn, o  |  |
| 2. Open package immediately   | ,  |
| Refrigerated vaccines ship with temperature  Read the indicators to determine if vace exposed to out-of-range temperatures  If the MonitorMark index reads 3-5, re  If the FREEZEmarker indicator does not this form.  no check mark not not activated  | contes were  |
| <ul> <li>Check the packing slip's shipment date</li> <li>If the shipment arrived beyond the allowance exceeds shipping time</li> </ul>  |  |
| receiving certain vaccines. Check the packin were in transit.  Moderna (SPIKEVAX*) vaccine ships fro TagAlert.  Novavax vaccine ships with routine ref (36° to 46°F). The MonitorMark and F P Pizer vaccine ships on dry ice on ultra -60°C (-130°F to -76°F) and has a logge on shipment inspection, dry ice safety. | g timelines for routine vaccines but note differences upon<br>g silp's shipment date to determine how long the vaccines<br>szen between -50°C and -15°C (-58°F and 5°F) and has a<br>rigerated vaccines at temperatures between 2°C to 8°C<br>REEZEmarker should be included with shipment.<br>low temperature conditions (UIT) between -90°C and<br>low temperature conditions (UIT) between -90°C and<br>not storage in the corresponding units.   |
| For vaccines with diluent (6m-4y) diluent wi<br>or before vaccines arrive.  | ll be shipped separately and will arrive at the same time  |
| 3. Check for shipment discrepancies   |  |
| approved doses on your VFC order con  | e brand received and the number of doses/diluent missing   |
| 4. Store vaccines   |  |
| Store vaccines in areas designated for \ date in the front. Refer to IMM-963 and  | /FC vaccines. Store vaccines with the earliest expiration d IMM-966.   |
| 5. Report issues immediately  |  |
| Report all damage or shipment issues in     Fax this completed form and the packin     Call the VFC Call Center at (877) 243-88   | ng slip to the VFC Call Center at (877) 329-9832.  |
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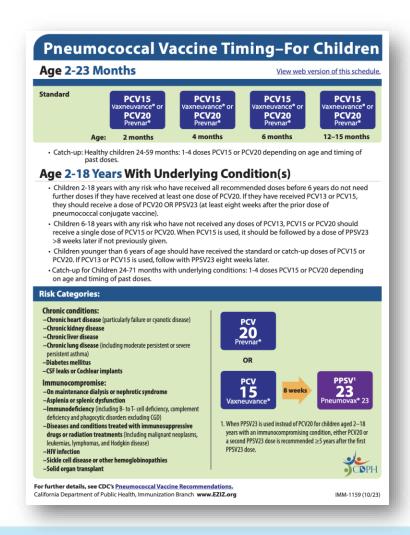


Inventory Form (IMM-1052)

Receiving Checklist (IMM-1112)

# Additional Updated Provider Job Aids

- Pneumococcal Timing Guide for Children (IMM-1159)
- MenACWY Vaccine Fact Sheet (IMM-1064)



#### Vaccine Fact Sheet: MenACWY (MCV4)



| Topic                          | MenQuadfi *  | Menveo®   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Manufacturer                   | Sanofi Pasteur <u>Detailed Prescribing Information</u>   | GSK<br>Detailed Prescribing Information   |
| Protects Against               | Invasive Meningococcal Disease caused by<br>Neisseria meningitidis A, C, Y and W-135.                      | Invasive Meningococcal Disease caused<br>by Neisseria meningitidis A, C, Y and W-<br>135.   |
| Routine Schedule               | Two-dose series at 11-12 years and 16 years  | Two-dose series at 11-12 years and 16 years   |
| Special situations<br>schedule | Details available in  ACIP Immunization Schedule and  CDPH Meningococcal Immunization for High-Risk Groups | Details available in     ACIP Immunization Schedule and     CDPH Meningococcal Immunization for High-Risk Groups                                    |
| Minimum<br>Intervals           | 8 week minimum interval between doses  | 8 week minimum interval between doses   |
| Approved Ages                  | 2 years of age and older   | 2-vial presentation approved for<br>children 2 months through 55 years.     1 vial presentation approved for 10<br>years through 55 years.          |
| Administration                 | Intramuscular (IM) injection   | Intramuscular (IM) injection  |
| Packaging                      | Vaccine is packaged as a single-dose vial in packages of 5 vials   | Vaccine is packaged as 2-vials (5 pack) and requires reconstitution before use. OR 1-vial (10 pack) and does not require reconstitution before use. |
| Storage                        | Refrigerate between 36°F and 46°F<br>(2°C to 8°C)<br>Do not freeze   | Refrigerate between 36°F and 46°F<br>(2°C to 8°C)<br>Do not freeze  |
| Full ACIP<br>Recommendations   | ACIP MCV4 Vaccine Recommendations   CDC  | ACIP MCV4 Vaccine Recommendations   CDC   |
| VFC Letter                     | VFC MenQuadfi Clinical Letter  | VFC Menveo Clinical Letter  |

MenACWY Fact Sheet (IMM-1064)

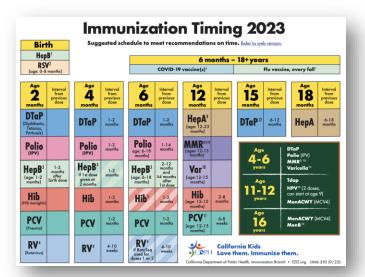


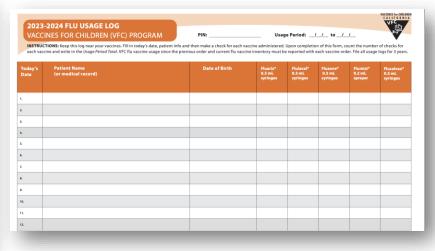
Pneumococcal Timing Guide for Children (IMM-1159)

### Additional Provider Job Aids

#### **Updated Flu, COVID-19, RSV Job Aids**

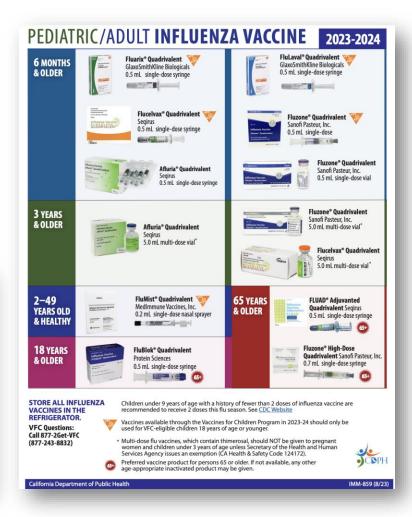
- Pediatric/Adult Influenza Vaccine Guide (IMM-859)
- VFC Flu Usage Log (IMM-1053F)
- Block Timing Schedule (IMM-395) | Spanish





Block Timing Schedule (IMM-395)

VFC Flu Usage Log (IMM-1053F)



Pediatric/Adult Flu Vaccine Guide (IMM-859)





- Late Season Flu Vaccination Campaign
- Communication Toolkit:
  - Social Media Messages
  - Template Matte Release
  - Sample Newsletter Blurb
  - Patient Reminder Messages

**December 4-8, 2023,** we will observe National Influenza Vaccination Week, a reminder for everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to get a flu vaccine this season.



### Additional Late Flu Promotional Materials









Everyone 6 months of age and older needs flu vaccine every year.



For more information on flu and to find a flu vaccine location near you, go to: MyTurn.ca.gov



Todas las personas mayores de 6 meses de edad necesitan vacunarse contra la influenza todos los años.

Recuerde—La vacuna contra la influenza aún puede proteger a usted y a su familia

¡No es muy tarde para...

Para más información sobre la influenza o para encontrar un





# Digital Vaccine Record





- To access their DVR, patients should visit the <u>Digital Vaccine Record (DVR)</u> <u>portal</u> (myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov)
- Flyers are also available in <u>Arabic</u>, <u>Simplified</u> <u>Chinese</u> and <u>Traditional</u> <u>Chinese</u>, <u>Korean</u>, <u>Tagalog</u> and <u>Vietnamese</u>.
- The DVR request form is also available in the languages listed above to support easy communication. Records are also printable in these languages! See our <u>DVR FAQs</u> for more information.

**DVR Fact Sheet** 

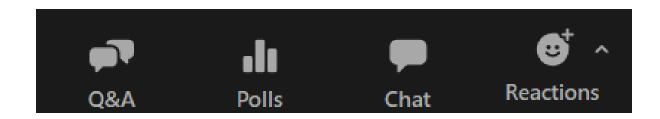
**Spanish Version** 



### Questions

During today's webinar, please use the Q&A panel to ask your questions so CDPH subject matter experts can respond directly.





Resource links will be dropped into, "Chat"





# Stay informed! Provider Resources on eziz.org







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#### Alerts!



#### 2023 COVID-19 Vaccine

- CDC Recommends Updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccines for Everyone 6 Months and Older (9/13)
- Resources

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Resources**

#### **Vaccine Information**

- COVID-19 Vaccine Access & Ordering (Infographic)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide
- COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide | Spanish

**EZIZ COVID-19 Resources** 





# Upcoming Crucial Conversations Webinar

**Topic:** Having Respectful and Caring Immunization Conversations with Older Adults in Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Communities

**Description:** Discover the current landscape of respiratory viruses for older adults and learn key messages for addressing common vaccine concerns among older adults in BIPOC communities.

Speaker: Asha Shajahan, M.D., MHSA

When: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

**Time**: 12PM - 1PM, PT

Please register **here** 





# Weekly CDPH Immunizations Updates for Providers



Register for the next session

Friday, December 8, 9AM-10:30AM



#### **Special Thanks to Today's Presenters:**

Samantha Johnston
Michele Barkus,
Christina Sapad, Kelley Leung
Terisha Gamboa



Thank you for joining CDPH for Afternoon TEAch!



