VFA Program Updates and Year 7 Requirements

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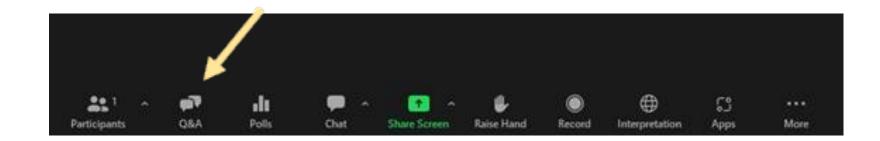


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Webinar Objectives

At the end of this webinar, participants will be able to...

- 1. Identify ways to integrate PCV20 usage into clinical practices.
- 2. Explain new pneumococcal vaccine recommendations.
- 3. Identify provider and patient education resources.



Agenda

- Guest Speaker Danicia Ormonde (Community Health Centers of the Central Coast)
- Program Updates Nisha Gandhi
- IZ Updates Dr. Caterina Liu
- Resources Terisha Gamboa
- Q&A Session

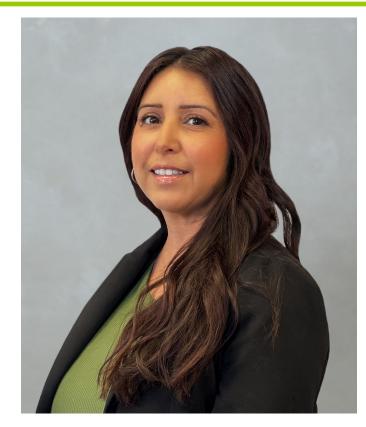




GUEST PRESENTER

Danicia Ormonde

Immunization Coordinator at Community Health Centers of the Central Coast





Danicia Ormonde Immunization Coordinator

I have had the pleasure of leading our Immunization Department here at CHC for the last near 9 years. My role includes overseeing the vaccination programs, onboarding training for Nursing/Medical Assistants, Meet and Greet with all new providers. I am the lead VFC designee assisting in all our 17 VFC Provider locations. I have planned and conducted numerous outreach events across the Central Coast. From Back-to-School Vaccinations, Influenza Vaccination, and our newest but not so new COVID Vaccinations. In the last couple of years, I have increased our collaboration with our local Public Health for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties with vaccination efforts.

Working together and making a difference in our communities.

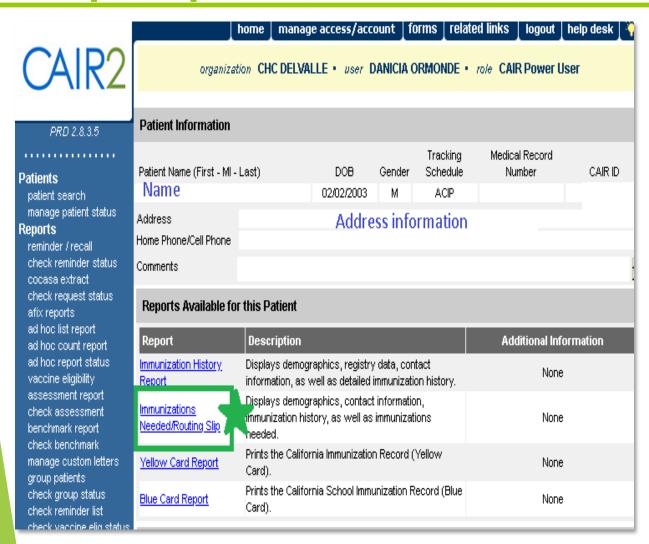


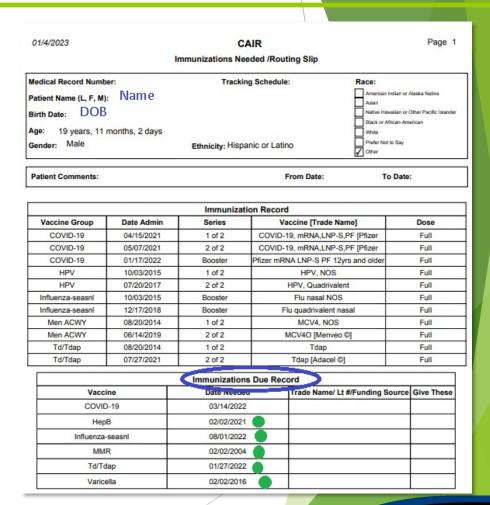
Utilize CAIR Daily

- Pre-Visit Planning:
- Our Care Teams are conducting pre visit planning by scrubbing the charts prior to the scheduled office visit.
- Care Teams are reconciling with CAIR and the EMR system to highlight the vaccines due for the upcoming visit along with identifying quality measures that still need to be met.
- Day of the Visit:
- ▶ Receptionist at check-in are printing the CAIR routing slips for the back-office staff to review as part of the intake workflow.
- ▶ Back-office staff (Medical Assistants) during the intake are providing the VIS for each vaccine the patient is due for today. Regardless if the patient agrees to the vaccination. This continues to provide an education piece that is key.
- Provider exam process then to the order placed.
- Vaccination, any follow up doses needed will be scheduled at the time of check out.



CAIR Immunizations Needed/Routing Slip Report





CAIR System Importance

By having a daily connection with CAIR and making a standard workflow that includes vaccine reconciliation for each visit and or each encounter with the chart is how we stay driven to success. Providing the patient education on vaccination. Why they are so important and why we will continue to recommend and offer vaccines at every chance we get. Just think if you have a complex patient that is seen every 3 months that is 4 times a year that you have vaccinating opportunities.

"We would not stop educating if it was not so important"



VFA Program

A very important key piece to assist in keeping our most vulnerable patients up to date with vaccines and protected from serious diseases.

A program that shows success and is worth fighting for.



Thank you for your time!

"Don't wait, vaccinate!" immunizations@chccc.org



PROGRAM UPDATES

Nisha Gandhi, MPH



Program Updates

- Recertification launched Dec 2022
 - Provider Agreement available
- Next ordering period— January 9th thru 20th
- Next VFA webinar— TBD
- Program requirements for 2023 are identical to 2022
- Inclusion of new vaccine (PriorixTM)





Year 7 Requirements

REMINDERS

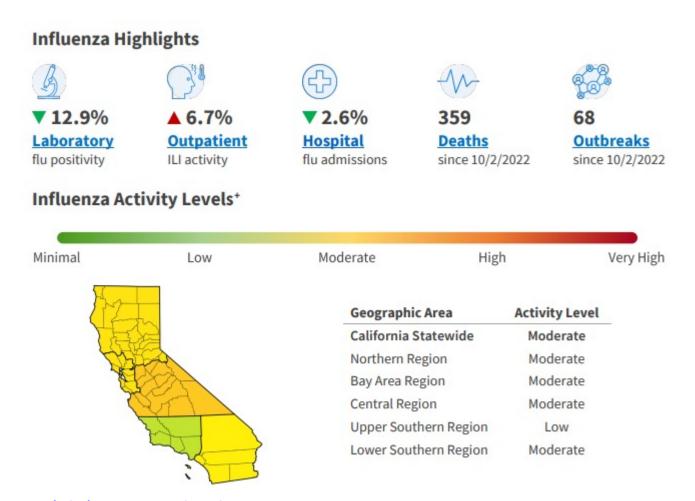
- Immunization of VFA-eligible patients will be documented in or submitted through data exchange as '317' doses to an immunization information system (CAIR2/Healthy Futures) and documented in an Electronic Health Record (EHR).
 - AB 1797 is now enacted legislation. Healthcare providers are now mandated to enter immunizations administered into CAIR or RIDE/Healthy Futures. See <u>FAQs</u> for more information.
- Review doses reported in the immunization information system (IIS) a minimum of every six months.
- Order vaccines according to the quarterly VFA order frequency; providers who have not ordered vaccines in the past calendar year may be terminated from the VFA Program.

CLINICAL UPDATE

Caterina Liu, MD, MPH



CDPH Influenza (Flu), RSV, and Other Respiratory Viruses Report (Week 52: December 25– December 31, 2022)



- Overall influenza activity remains elevated in California.
- Now is a good time to get your flu shot.
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity is decreasing in California.

CDPH Influenza (Flu), RSV, and Other Respiratory Viruses Report



5 Key Tips to Staying Healthy this Winter

From Dr. Tomás Aragón

Get Vaccinated, Boosted (and Treated)

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines continue to be your best defense to limit severe illness and death – and you can get both at the same time. If you test positive for COVID-19, contact your doctor or a <u>test-to-treat site</u> immediately to seek <u>treatment</u>. Treatments work best when started right after symptoms begin.

Stay Home if You're Sick!

It's crucial to stay home if you are feeling ill. Avoid close contact with others to protect them and take the time you need to heal. This is especially important for respiratory viruses like the flu, RSV and COVID-19, which can lead to more severe illness.

Wear a Mask

There is no vaccine for RSV, so wearing a mask can significantly slow the spread and protect babies and young children who do not yet have immunity and are too young to wear a mask themselves. Wearing a mask in indoor public places is a good way to limit the spread of germs.

Wash Your Hands

Your mom was right: Frequent handwashing, with soap and warm water – for at least 20 seconds, is an easy way to prevent getting sick and spreading germs.

Cover Your Cough or Sneeze

Remember to cough or sneeze into your elbow, your arm, or a disposable tissue to help prevent the spread of winter viruses. Just make sure to wash your hands or sanitize and dispose of your tissue after.



COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Updated (bivalent) boosters authorized and recommended for all adults
- Children down to 6 months also eligible for bivalent vaccines
- Boosters remain important to maintain protection against severe COVID-19
- For more information:
 - CDPH COVID-19 Vaccination Program
 - CDPH COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide



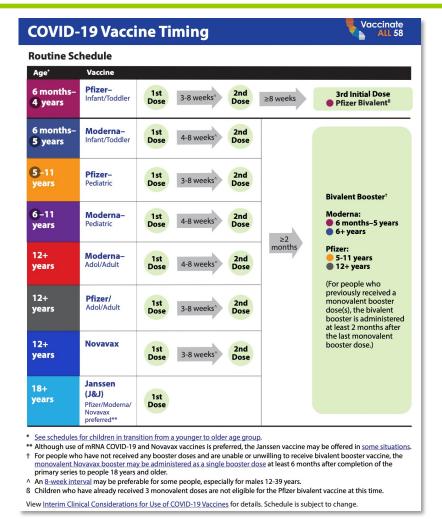
The updated booster dose is an important tool to improve protection against currently circulating variants as well as prior strains.

Find a booster at MyTurn.ca.gov

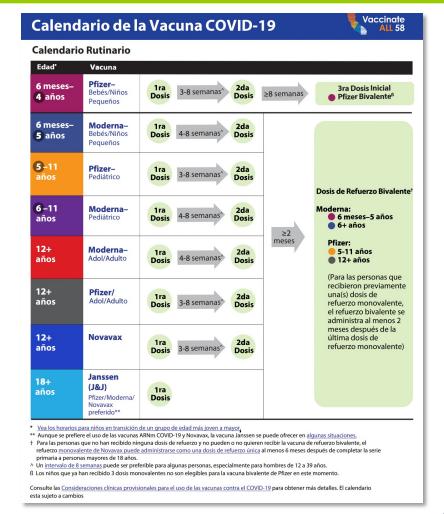




COVID-19 Vaccine Timing by Age



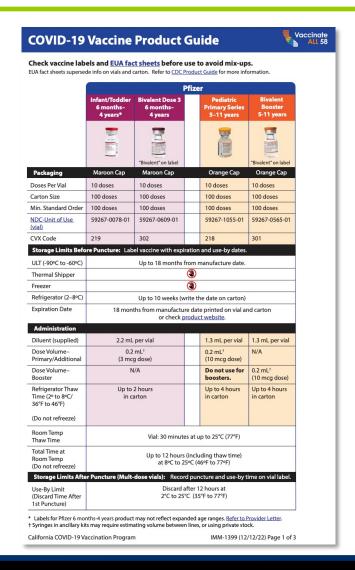
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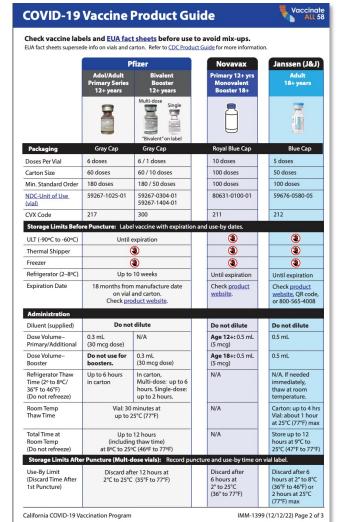


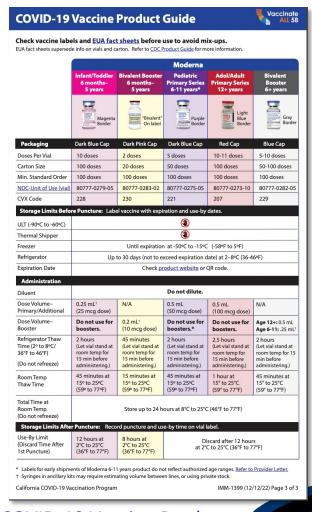
Spanish: IMM-1396S Vaccine Timing Chart (eziz.org)



COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide







Influenza Vaccine Facts

- Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor visits each year.
- While flu vaccine is not 100% effective at preventing infection, it can still help protect against severe disease and death.
- During the <u>2019-2020 flu season</u>, flu vaccination prevented ~ 7.5 million influenza illnesses, 3.7 million influenza-associated medical visits, 105,000 influenza-associated hospitalizations, and 6,300 influenza-associated deaths. Those illnesses and deaths were prevented even when flu vaccine was only 39% effective.







Co-administration: Resources to share with the Public

Getting a Flu Vaccine and a COVID-19 Vaccine at the Same Time









Pair Recommendation for Flu Vaccine with other Adult Vaccines

- Main Flu Resources Page on EZIZ
- Protect against Shingles! flyer | Spanish
- If you are 65+, You need flu and pneumonia
 shots flyer | Spanish
- COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters
 (poster for older adults- will soon be updated)

 Spanish | Tagalog | Chinese | Hmong

Visit this EZIZ.org webpage for more adult immunization materials.



Get 2-doses of the Shingles Vaccine (Shingrix®)

What are the benefits of getting the Shingles Vaccine?

- It is the best way to prevent shingles (a painful rash that can cause long-term nerve pain).
- It is 90% effective at preventing shingles, even in people who had shingles before.

Who should get the vaccine?

CDC recommends 2 doses of the vaccine, 2-6 months apart for:

- Ages 50 years and older.
- Ages 19-49 years with a weakened immune system.

Is Shingrix® covered by my health plan?

Shingrix® is covered by most private insurance, Medicare Part D, and Medi-Cal. Call your plan to confirm coverage or fees.

What should I expect after my shot?

Commonly, people have a sore arm or swelling where the shot was given. Some people have fatigue, headache, stomach ache, or nausea for a few days or less.

For more information, talk to your healthcare provider or visit CDC.gov/shingles/vaccination.html

1 out of 3 people in the U.S. will get shingles. Your risk goes up as you age.

Jim's Story

He said it felt like someone was stabbing him....

—wife of shingles survivor, Jim. See full "A Shingles Story" at ShotByShot.org

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for the shingles shot today!





Flyer for Flu and COVID-19 vaccines (and boosters)





It's easy to get vaccinated



The vaccines help you stay healthy



The vaccines protect your family

Your family and co-workers are counting on you! Get immunized against flu and COVID-19!

IMM-1310E (12/22)

Farmworkers Flyer IMM-1296 (eziz)

Protéjase y proteja a su familia con las vacunas contra la influenza (gripe o "flu") y el COVID-19



Es fácil vacunarse.



Las vacunas le ayudan a mantenerse sano(a).



Las vacunas protegen a su familia.





Spanish Version of Flyer IMM-1296



#DontWaitVaccinate Flu Campaign

Sample message:

It's not too late to get your flu shot! Flu usually peaks between December and February, but it can spread as late as May. With the flu season still going on, it is important to get a flu vaccine to protect yourself and your loved ones.



https://www.immunizeca.org/DontWaitVaccinate/

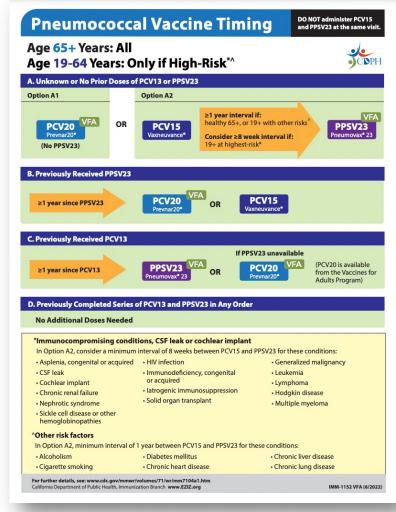


Updates from October 2022 ACIP Meeting

- COVID-19 vaccines added to VFC program and 2023 routine adult and pediatric immunization schedules
- Pneumococcal vaccine guidance for adults updated & clarified.
 PCV20 recommended for:
 - adults aged ≥19 years who previously received PCV13 only
 - adults aged 19–64 years with IC who previously received PCV13+PPSV23
 - adults aged ≥65 years who previously received PCV13+PPSV23
- Data reviewed on COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness in pregnant people and infants.
- RSV vaccine and therapeutic information reviewed



Pneumococcal Timing Guide



VFA-specific Pneumococcal Timing Guide



Priorix Recommended by ACIP

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine (Priorix) considered interchangeable with M-M-R II
- First licensed in Germany in 1997; approved in >100 countries outside the U.S.
- <u>MMR adult vaccination recommendation</u>: 1 dose if no evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, or rubella

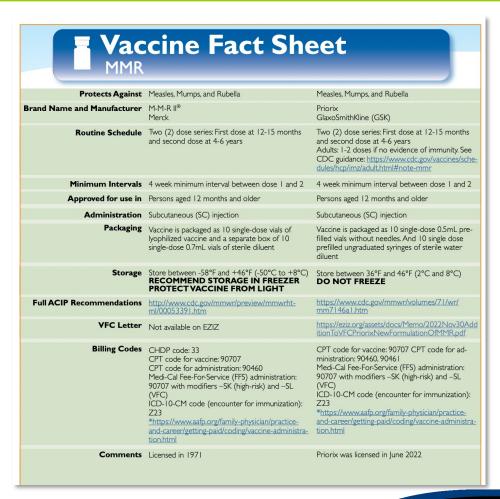
Measles, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine (PRIORIX): Recommendations of ACIP, 2022 ACIP Slides, June 2022

MMR Vaccine Fact Sheet (Updated)



Provider Resources

- ACIP Recommendations
- Priorix Letter
- Vaccine Fact Sheets (EZIZ)
 - MMR Vaccine Fact Sheet (updated with Priorix)



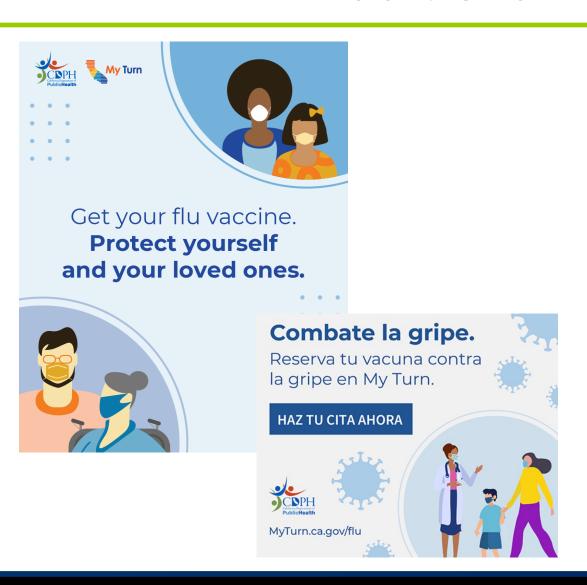


MORE PATIENT AND PROVIDER RESOURCES

Terisha Gamboa, MPH



Additional Patient Resources



- COVID-19 Vaccination Patient Resources (Vaccinate All 58)
- Fight the Flu. Get Vaccinated! toolkit (CDPH)
- Influenza Vaccination page (EZIZ)
- Adult Patient Immunization Resources (EZIZ)
- Don't Wait Vaccinate toolkit (CIC)
- Digital Media Flu Vaccination Toolkit (CDC)
- Adult IZ Resources page (CDC)



VFA Resources

- VFA Resources page (EZIZ)
- Eligibility Based on Insurance Status
- 317 (VFA) Eligibility Screening Record | Spanish
- FAQs
- Program Participation Requirements at-a-Glance

CA Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Eligibility Based on Insurance Status



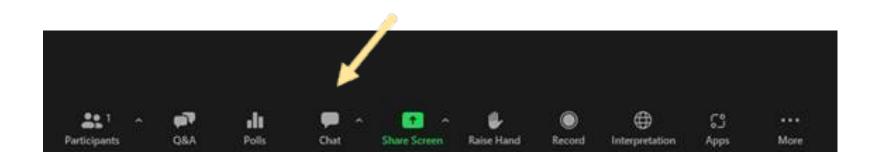
Patient Health Insurance Status	VFA (317 – Funded Vaccine) Eligibility
Uninsured/No Insurance (includes those who receive primary care through county safety net programs; these are NOT considered health insurance)	Eligible for ALL VFA vaccines
Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service/ Medi-Cal Managed Care bit.do/healthplandirectory	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines ¹
Medicare Part B (medical benefit) ² AND Part D (prescription drug benefit)	NOT Eligible for VFA vaccines
Medicare Part B Alone ²	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • Zoster • Tdap • Td if patient does NOT have a wound • Hep B if patient NOT high or medium risk • Hep A • Varicella • HPV • MMR
Medicare Part D Alone ³	Eligible for these routine VFA vaccines: • PPSV23 • PCV20 • Hep B
Insurance NOT through Medi-Cal or Medicare	Only eligible for VFA vaccines that are NOT covered by patient's private insurance plan ⁴



Share your Opinion!

What other immunization resources would be helpful in your practice?

Please answer in the chat.







QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



THANK YOU!

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Recording can be found on VFA Resources Page

Please take our quick post-webinar survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHL5TSB

