



Dear EZIZ Users,

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). Join CDC, CDPH and other partners in educating and bringing awareness to the importance of getting caught up on healthcare appointments and routine vaccinations. **This week's spotlight is on adolescent vaccinations!**



Many adolescents fell behind on receiving routine vaccinations during the pandemic. As your patients return to school, sports and other in-person activities, routine immunizations are critical to keeping them healthy. Do your part to help them catch up on checkups and recommended vaccines! See [these CDC resources](#) for encouraging childhood vaccinations.

To protect against many serious vaccine-preventable diseases, adolescents should receive:

- **Tdap vaccine** to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (pertussis).
- **HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine** to protect against cancers caused by HPV.
- **Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)**; Teens and young adults may also be vaccinated with a **serogroup B meningococcal** vaccine.
- **Flu vaccine** every year to protect against influenza.
- **COVID-19 vaccine** for teens 12 and older.

This week we are also celebrating **California HPV Vaccine Week** with the California HPV Vaccination Roundtable by encouraging parents of preteens aged 9-13 years to get their kids vaccinated against HPV. Register to attend one of the Roundtable's [webinars this week](#), including a training on the using the announcement approach to recommend HPV vaccine and best practices for HPV vaccination.

Share a Personal Story:



[Watch Matthew's story](#): Matthew's life completely changed when he found out his dad was battling throat cancer caused by HPV. Matthew had to consider what life would be like without his dad.

Caption it: **Preteens aged 9 and older can get their HPV vaccine today to protect against 6 types of cancers caused by HPV!** #CaliforniaHPVFree #caHPVvaxweek #DontWaitVaccinate

Resources for Parents:

- [Adolescent Vaccine Schedule for Parents](#) (CDC)
- [Preteen Vaccine Checklist | Spanish](#) (CDPH)
- [How Important is HPV Vaccine for Preteens and Teens](#) flyer | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#)
- [Factsheet on Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccines](#)

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