



**Protect Their Health  
for the Years Ahead**  
**Preteen Vaccine Week**  
**Feb 27 – March 5, 2022**

## **Did you know that the largest decline in wellness visits during the pandemic was observed in adolescents?**

Wellness visits are essential for many reasons, including getting recommended routine vaccinations. In California, the pandemic has resulted in large deficits in adolescent immunizations. It's estimated that we currently have a 12% deficit in Tdap doses, 19% deficit in meningococcal doses, and 18% deficit in HPV doses in 11-to-13-year-olds compared to pre-pandemic vaccination levels.\*

Preteens need vaccines against whooping cough (Tdap), HPV, and meningitis (MenACWY) when they are 11-12 years old. The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for those 5 and older to protect themselves against COVID-19. Incoming 7th graders must also provide proof of having received the whooping cough shot and two doses of chickenpox vaccine before starting school.

Please use every opportunity to provide immunizations to preteens. Consider reaching out to your adolescent patients who are due or overdue for a wellness visit or routine vaccinations.

Join us in observing Preteen Vaccine Week from February 27 – March 5. You can find [social media messages](#), infographics, web banners, and educational resources at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/Campaigns.aspx#>. Check it out!

\*Source: California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) data

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