



Back to School Immunizations

The new school year is just around the corner and now is the time to get pediatric patients caught up on vaccinations! During the pandemic, many children missed routine checkups and immunizations. Children need to catch-up to meet school immunization requirements and to stay protected against vaccine-preventable diseases such as whooping cough and measles



Please offer your patients 6 months and older the COVID-19 vaccine (or refer them for vaccination) if they haven't already been vaccinated. Check out [6 Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children!](#)

Strategies to Consider:

1. Use the [immunization registry](#) and your EHR to identify children who missed well-child visits and/or recommended vaccinations.
2. Reach out to schedule in-person appointments using a [Robocall Script](#) or [Letter](#).
3. Plan back-to-school immunization catch-up clinics at convenient times for working parents, including weekends.
4. Administer needed vaccines at all visits, not just well-child checks.
5. Use effective communication techniques. Talk openly with parents about vaccine safety and concerns. Educational materials should supplement, not replace, conversations. Personal accounts are persuasive and memorable; share the reasons why you support vaccines!

Resources:

- [Immunization Requirements for Pre-K \(Child Care\) \(CDPH\)](#)
- [Immunization Requirements for K-12th Grade \(CDPH\)](#)
- [Guidance for Routine and Influenza Immunizations during COVID-19 \(CDC\)](#)
- [Immunization Timing Schedule 2022 \(CDPH\)](#)
- [Don't Wait – Vaccinate Toolkit \(CDPH\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens Resources \(CDC\)](#)



Thank you for keeping California healthy!