



August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Dear EZIZ Users,

August is [National Immunization Awareness Month](#) (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the efforts of healthcare providers to protect patients of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination.



This year, NIAM serves as an important reminder to catch up on routine visits and vaccinations that may have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Check out the available resources in the CDPH [Don't Wait – Vaccinate toolkit!](#)

Each week of NIAM will have a different focus: this week it's on adolescents. Compared to other age groups, adolescents have experienced the largest decrease in wellness visits due to the pandemic. As a result, routine vaccine coverage rates also decreased significantly among adolescents. In California, there is still a deficit of approximately 15-20%!

Make sure all of your adolescent patients are protected and up to date on vaccinations against serious vaccine-preventable diseases:

- **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**, now recommended for kids ages 6 months and older. Kids 5 years and older should get a booster shot.

Remember that all of the above vaccines can be [safely administered](#) on the same visit!

Adolescent HPV Vaccination in California: Where Do We Go From Here?

Join us on Wednesday, August 3, at 12:00 PM for a special webinar, “[Adolescent HPV Vaccination in California: Where Do We Go From Here?](#)” This webinar will provide an update on best practices and strategies for improving vaccination rates for adolescents and ensuring that the HPV vaccination is initiated and completed. Co-hosted by the CA HPV Vaccination Roundtable and California Immunization Coalition, the webinar is part of [California HPV Vaccine Week](#), an observance dedicated to encouraging parents of preteens aged 9-13 years to get their kids vaccinated to protect against cancers caused by HPV. Register for the webinar using [this link](#).

Post on Social Media:

California teens and tweens are behind on their #HPVvaccines – which means they are behind on their #CancerPrevention. Is your child up to date? Here’s what parents need to know:

<https://youtu.be/ckOaNQsNrhU> #CaliforniaHPVFree

#caHPVvaxweek



Resources for Parents:

- [Adolescent Vaccine Schedule for Parents](#) (CDC)
- Protect Your Preteen/Teen with Vaccines flyer ([English](#) | [Spanish](#))
- How Important is HPV Vaccine for Preteens and Teens flyer ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Russian](#))
- [Factsheet on Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccines](#)