



### **Nominate your Immunization Champion for the Immunization Champion Award!**

This year the Association of Immunization Managers is hosting the Immunization Champion Award, an award program previously hosted by the CDC and known as the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award. In 2019 during which the last CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award was given, Norma Delgado of LifeLong Medical Care was the recipient from California.

Among her other exemplary contributions, Ms. Delgado improved immunization management by transforming paper medical charts in private office settings to an EHR system in a federally-qualified health organization which serves over 60,000 people in 23 locations in the San Francisco Bay area. Read more about her profile and previous award recipients on [NIIW Childhood Immunization Champion Award | CDC](#).

This program has expanded to create more opportunities to recognize local immunization efforts in California. This email highlights the updates to the award process and [nomination packet](#) and it marks the launch of the nomination period for the Immunization Champion Award. Nominations will close at 5 pm on Monday, June 27, 2022. We look forward to receiving your nominations. Please share this email with your networks.

Completed nomination forms can be sent via email to: [MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov); use Subject line: IZ Champion Award.

#### **Updated Instructions for Nomination**

Individuals can be recognized for their work in either Flu, HPV, or COVID-19 across the lifespan or routine childhood vaccination.

#### *Who is eligible?*

- Coalition members
- Parents
- Healthcare professionals (i.e., physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants)
- Community activists and leaders

*Who is ineligible?*

- State immunization program managers
- County, state, and federal government employees of health agencies
- Individuals who have been affiliated with/or employed by pharmaceutical companies
- Past awardees

Please refer to the attached nomination packet for full details on nomination guidelines and criteria. If you have any questions, please send your inquiries to [MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov), use Subject line: IZ Champion Award. Additional information can also be found at <https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/championsaward>.