



Too many children have fallen behind on receiving recommended vaccines due to COVID-19 disruptions in routine well-child care. The recent [case of paralytic polio](#) in an unvaccinated New Yorker reminds us of the ongoing importance of routine childhood immunizations. Now is the time to ensure that all of your patients are protected. **The steps you take today to improve vaccination coverage in your patients are essential to preventing additional cases of paralytic polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases.**

Intensify efforts by:

- Regularly generate a list of patients who are due or overdue for vaccines, and recall those patients via [calls](#), texts, or [patient portals](#).
- Never miss an opportunity to vaccinate! Review charts before the start of each day to check for needed immunizations.
- Use prompts/flags to remind clinicians when patients are due.
- Encourage MAs to use routing slips or other reports to remind physicians of when patients are due.
- Make it easy for patients to come in; offer immunization-only, drive-up, weekend or evening appointments.
- Schedule any next dose(s) due before patients leave the clinic.
- Providers should assess immunization status of adult patients as well! Many adult patients are behind on routine immunizations and can benefit from the strategies listed above.

Thank you for all you do to keep Californians safe and healthy!

Resources

- [Don't Wait – Vaccinate! campaign](#) (CIC)
- [Polio Vaccination](#) (CDC)
- [Resources for Encouraging Routine Childhood Immunizations](#) (CDC)
- [Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#) (CDC)
- [Child and Adolescent Catch Up Immunization Schedule](#) (CDC)
- [What Adults in the U.S. Should Know About Polio flyer](#) (CDC)
- [Vaccine Safety flyer](#) | [Spanish](#)