

March 27, 2025

Still a Few More Days to Administer Nirsevimab this Season, MMR Vaccine Reminder, Continue Ordering Flu Vaccine, McKesson Updates, myCAvax Order Form, and Call Center Closures

Administer RSV (Nirsevimab) through the End of March

- ACIP recommends RSV immunization of eligible infants between October and March for most of the continental US, including California.
- Providers with unexpired nirsevimab inventory on hand after March 31, 2025, can store the product through its expiration date for use next season.
 - To minimize vaccine loss/wastage, providers should not order nirsevimab doses at the end of the vaccination season for the purpose of using these doses during the next season.
 - Please return expired nirsevimab doses after their expiration date.
- New thresholds for nirsevimab will be implemented for the 2025 – 2026 season. Details will be available closer to next season.

MMR Vaccine

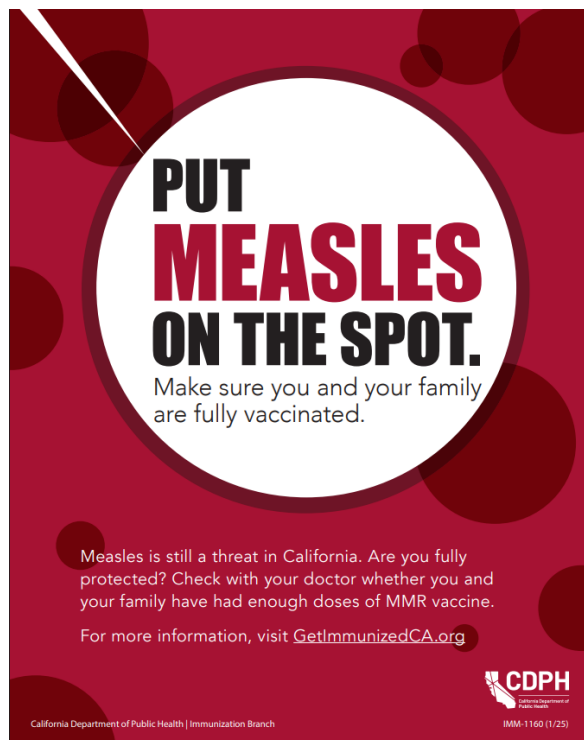
On March 7, 2025, CDC issued a [health advisory](#) regarding the expanding measles outbreak in West Texas and guidance for the upcoming travel season. As a reminder, MMR vaccine is recommended starting at age 6 months prior to international travel or during an outbreak, and such use is covered by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program

for VFC-eligible children. At this time, [California](#) has not declared any outbreaks in the state. Infants who receive this early dose are still recommended to then receive a routine 2-dose series.

Per [VFC resolution](#) 10/17-3, both M-M-R II and Priorix are available through the VFC program. VFC supplies of Priorix may be given to any VFC-eligible child:

- 12 months through 18 years of age for routine immunization.
- As young as 6 months of age in an outbreak or prior to international travel.

For more details, please refer to the letter sent on March 21, [“Reminder: Early MMR for infants prior to travel is covered by VFC.”](#)



Influenza Vaccine

- According to recent [respiratory virus reports](#), influenza activity is moderate. Please ensure your patients are protected by ordering flu vaccine and vaccinating at each opportunity.
- Continue to order the remaining balance of flu vaccine your practice pre-booked or were allocated for the 2024-2025 season.
- If you need additional VFC flu vaccines and have already ordered all doses pre-booked or were allocated, you can request more doses on your VFC order form or by reaching out directly to the VFC Program.

McKesson Depot Change



- Starting this month VFC's national vaccine distributor, McKesson, is transitioning from the Aurora, CO depot to a new Clermont depot in Shepherdsville, KY.
- Key changes:

- Distribution activities at the Clermont depot will expand to include both refrigerated and frozen non-direct ship vaccine.
- Pre-paid shipping labels sent to your VFC Program Location after submitting a return form in myCAvax will reflect the new Clermont depot's address.

McKesson Shipments and New Temperature Monitors

New temperature monitors (TagAlert) are now being used in refrigerated shipments from McKesson. The new TagAlert temperature monitors inside McKesson vaccine shipments are similar to the ones currently used for frozen Moderna COVID-19 vaccine shipments. The TagAlert monitors for both warm and cold excursions during transit.

- Upon opening the box, **providers should immediately press the blue Stop and Start Button until the Stop Icon appears and then read the indicator status to determine if the appropriate temperature was maintained during transit.**
- Each shipment includes a [flyer with unpacking steps, TagAlert instructions, and cooler return instructions](#) to assist staff responsible for receiving the vaccines.
- The EcoFlex coolers **must** be returned so that they can be reused.
 - The return shipping label to return the cooler is located on the inside flap of the EcoFlex box.
- The KoolTemp coolers do **not** need to be returned to McKesson and can be discarded.
- TagAlert temperature monitors do **not** need to be returned to McKesson and can be discarded.

EcoFlex Cooler Please return (label located on inner flap of the box)	KoolTemp Cooler Please discard
	

- If there are any questions around the new temperature monitor or shipment, providers can contact the VFC Program at 877-243-8832. Immediately report any vaccine shipment incidents through your myCAvax account.

VFC Afternoon TEAch Webinar – April 9, 2025

Join us for our next Afternoon TEAch webinar! This webinar will review 2025 ACIP Schedule and additional pediatric immunization updates, measles, Adolescent Immunization Action Week (April 7-11), and celebration of 30 years of the California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program!

When: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (PT)

[Register here!](#)

IIS Data Now on the myCAvax Order Form

Updates to the myCAvax order form allow for your clinic to see how well you have been reporting vaccine administration data in the IIS as required by law, but this information will not affect how your order will be approved at this time. Information is provided for awareness purposes on accurate reporting of vaccine administration doses to the IIS according to program participation requirements and AB1797. If you notice a variance, we recommend you confirm that doses reported to your IIS are timely, complete, and contain required reporting elements, including the correct funding source/eligibility code and product NDC code:

- New CAIR administration data columns, 'IIS Qty Used Since Last Order' and '% Doses Submitted to IIS' have been added under the Doses Administered section.
- Step 2 of vaccine ordering page includes new columns and new section, 'Order & Inventory Reporting Details.'
- Step 3, the 'Order Confirmation' page, now includes new columns and a new 'Doses Administered' section.
- When viewing a batch order, a new column, 'IIS Doses Administered,' has been added in the Accountability Records.
- When viewing a Batch Order beyond the 'Submitted' status, two new columns: 'IIS Qty Used Since Last Order' and '% Doses Submitted to IIS' have been added to the 'Doses Administered' section

Customer Service Center Closures

The VFC Customer Service Center experienced heavy static on our phone lines earlier this week, which made it difficult for our Call Center Representatives to hear incoming callers. This prompted our phone lines to close temporarily with callers redirected to reach out to the VFC Program at MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov. The issue has since been resolved. For future reference, if you cannot reach us by phone, our Call Centers can also respond electronically to inquiries.

- For VFC, email MyVFCvaccines@cdph.ca.gov
- For Provider Call Center, email ProviderCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov or chat via myCAvax

- For CAIR, email CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov

In addition to the unplanned closure mentioned above, we will be closed on the following day:

- Monday, March 31, 2025 (Cesar Chavez Day Observed)

Orders will continue to be received during call center closures. Normal business hours will resume after each event. For any questions, please call the VFC Program at (877) 243-8832 or visit our [website](#) for important VFC Program communications and information.

Thank you,



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