

Dear California Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Participant,

The theme for this week, the third week of National Immunization Awareness Month ([NIAM](#)), is “Vaccines are not just for kids.” This is a great opportunity to promote the California VFA program and to educate your adult patients regarding the vaccines they need to stay healthy.

[All adults need vaccinations](#) to protect against serious diseases that could result in severe illness, hospitalization, missed work, and not being able to care for family. Even if your adult patients were fully vaccinated as children, they may be at risk for other diseases due to their age, job, lifestyle, travel, or health condition. Also, protection from some vaccines can wear off over time.

**As health care providers, you play a critical role in ensuring they are protected by routinely [assessing](#) their vaccine needs and [making a strong recommendation](#).**

Check out and share [Marty's story](#), a man who almost lost his life after suffering congestive heart failure and severe infections due to flu. His story reminds us that even healthy adults can become seriously ill and pass diseases on to others.

Reminder:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is sponsoring a webinar, in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Don't Wait, Vaccinate! Tips and Resources for Communicating with Adult Patients about Vaccination on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 12:00 PM ET (9:00 AM PT). This free, 1 CME credit webinar is open to all and will focus on tips, resources, and tools available to adult health care providers to encourage vaccination and to assist in implementation of immunization practice standards. This webinar will cover the importance of incorporating a strong recommendation for vaccination into routine practice, as well as effective strategies for addressing common patient questions and concerns. Continuing Medical Education credit is provided through joint providership with The

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Please see the attached webinar flyer, and [click here to register!](#)