

Dear California Childcare Director,

As summer ends, many children starting childcare and preschool need to catch up on routine immunizations missed or delayed during the pandemic. Furthermore, some families may not realize that COVID-19 vaccine is available for their children six months of age and older.



**To protect your childcare center from future outbreaks, ensure all children are up to date with their immunizations.** Outreach to families of incoming students to remind them that students need to meet [immunization requirements](#) before the start of school. Childcare centers can let parents know which shots their children need by using the [Letter to Parents: Immunizations Needed](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) (Simplified) | [Farsi](#) | [Vietnamese](#)

Make sure parents know that COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children 6 months of age and older, and that it is safe to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or booster at the same time as other recommended vaccines.

**Additional Resources:**

- [Immunization Catch up Letter to Parents Template \(English/Spanish\)](#)
- [Don't Wait – Vaccinate!](#) toolkit
- [COVID-19 Vaccination toolkits](#) (Vaccinate All 58)
- [Resources to Promote COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens](#) (CDC)
- [Immunization Info and Timing brochure for Parents](#) | [Spanish](#)

