



## Updates from Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program for Healthcare Providers

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#### Additional Resources:

- [CDC Vaccines and Immunizations](#)
- [Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [CDPH Immunization Branch](#)
- [Shots for School](#)
- [CDC Storage and Handling](#)
- [SCPH COVID-19](#)

### SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers free vaccination clinics for eligible individuals through 18 years old who meet one of the following criteria: Uninsured, Medi-Cal eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native. Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email [immunize@saccounty.gov](mailto:immunize@saccounty.gov) to schedule an appointment.

### CAHAN

Sacramento County Public Health informs partners of communicable disease outbreaks, emerging infectious diseases, and other conditions of public health concern through health alerts and advisories. Health alerts and advisories are transmitted to appropriate partners through the [California Health Alert Network \(CAHAN\)](#) and posted [here](#).

### PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PROGRAM

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) developed Perinatal Hepatitis B Post- Exposure Prophylaxis Recommendations for labor and delivery hospitals. These guidelines include reviewing the pregnant patient's hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) at the time of hospital admission or testing pregnant patients with unknown HBsAg at the time of admission and ensuring appropriate administration of hepatitis B vaccine and hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG). The complete Hepatitis B Post- Exposure Prophylaxis Recommendations can be viewed [here](#). It is important to note that

hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) and hepatitis B vaccine should be administered in different anatomical sites (e.g. in separate limbs). Document administration of HBIG in the infant's immunization record and provide the record to the parents or guardians. All vaccine doses must be entered into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). Additional information about this requirement can be found on [AB1797 Immunization Registry FAQs](#).

### DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD

The Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is an electronic immunization record from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). Individuals can obtain a link to a copy of their digital vaccine record by clicking on this [site](#).

### PERTUSSIS

[Pertussis](#), also known as Whooping Cough, is a highly contagious bacterial disease caused by *Bordetella pertussis*. It spreads through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Information from CDPH shows [1744 cases of Pertussis in California in 2024](#). To protect newborns, Tdap vaccine is recommended for pregnant women in their third trimester of every pregnancy. An additional strategy, cocooning, is immunizing those who will be in close contact with the newborn to protect infants from contagious diseases. CDC recommends vaccinating all individuals who anticipate having close contact with infants.

## FLU, COVID-19, RSV

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [recommends](#) that individuals ages  $\geq 6$  months and older without contraindications receive annual influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, and adults ages  $\geq 75$  years and those 60–74 years at increased risk for severe respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) disease receive 1 dose of RSV vaccine.

The maternal respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), [Abrysvo](#), is recommended for pregnant individuals between 32 and 36 weeks gestation September through January in most of the United States. This will help to protect newborns from severe RSV-related illnesses through the first 6 months of life.

Infants younger than 8 months of age who are born during their first RSV season, should receive [Nirsevimab](#), a monoclonal antibody that prevents severe RSV disease. The criteria for administering Nirsevimab includes if the mother did not receive RSV vaccine during pregnancy, the mother's RSV vaccination status is unknown, or the infant was born within 14 days of maternal RSV vaccination.

Do you need COVID-19 and flu vaccinations? The [Sacramento County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Team](#) provides flu and COVID-19 vaccines throughout the community. The team focuses on locations in Quartile 1 and 2 of the [Healthy Places Index](#) and areas with lower vaccination rates. Flu vaccines are available to all eligible individuals 6 months and older. COVID-19 vaccines are available for ages 6 months and older for those who are eligible through the Bridge Access Program or Vaccines for Children program. The Bridge Access Program offers vaccines to those 19 and older who do not have insurance or are under-insured (insurance that does not cover vaccines, only select vaccines, or has a high deductible). The Vaccines for Children program provides vaccines to individuals through 18 years old to those who are uninsured, have Medi-Cal, or are American Indian or Alaska Native. More information can be found [here](#) or additional clinics can be located on [myturn.ca.gov](#). Do you need a COVID-19 pop-up clinic? Please contact [immunize@sacounty.gov](mailto:immunize@sacounty.gov)

## CDPH IMMUNIZATION BRANCH PROVIDER WEBINARS

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) offers webinars, scheduled trainings, and available on-demand training resources for Providers. These resources can be viewed [here](#).

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) convened on October 23-24, 2024. The latest ACIP updates can be found [here](#). Highlights of this meeting include updates to the following:

- Pneumococcal Vaccines
- COVID-19 Vaccines
- Meningococcal Vaccines
- 2025 Immunization Schedules

## VAERS, VERP, AND MEDWATCH

To help ensure patient safety, it's necessary to report all vaccine related errors or adverse event information to the national surveillance systems. Adverse events should be reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) website. Report vaccine administration errors to the [Vaccine Error Reporting Program \(VERP\)](#). [MedWatch](#) allows health professionals, consumers, and patients to voluntarily report observed or suspected adverse events for human medical products to FDA. Adverse reactions to nirsevimab/Beyfortus should be reported through [MedWatch](#). Read more about reporting immunization adverse events and administration errors [here](#).





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