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Updates from Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program for Healthcare Providers

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### **Additional Resources:**

- <u>CDC Vaccines and</u> Immunizations
- Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines
- <u>CDPH</u>
  <u>Immunization</u>
  <u>Branch</u>
- Shots for School
- CDC Storage and Handling
- SCPH COVID-19
- Waste Water
   Surveillance

#### **MEASLES**

As of June 23, 2025, a total of seventeen measles cases have been confirmed in California in 2025. Sacramento County Public Health has confirmed one case of measles in Sacramento County. The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is effective, and two doses of MMR provide 97% protection against measles. Remain alert for potential measles cases. If measles is suspected or there has been a known exposure, immediately isolate the patient to prevent further transmission. The (CDC) offers guidance via the Be Ready for Measles Toolkit. Consider using this CDC PDF that outlines Preparing for Questions Parents May Ask

### VACCINE STORAGE AND HANDLING

about Vaccines.

To maintain vaccine effectiveness, all vaccines must be stored within the temperature ranges. The California Department of Public Health provides detailed guidance and job aids on the EZIZ website covering best practices for vaccine storage units, digital data loggers, and temperature monitoring.

#### **PERINATAL HEPATITIS B**

What are the differences between Hepatitis A, B, and C? These are all viral infections that affect the liver, but they differ significantly in their modes of transmission, prevention strategies, and clinical outcomes.

Hepatitis A is transmitted via the fecal- oral route, often through close contact or contaminated food and water. This causes acute illness. Hepatitis A vaccine is safe and effective.

Hepatitis B is spread through contact with infected blood and body fluids, including perinatal transmission. This can cause both acute and chronic liver disease. Chronic (long-term) infection is a major risk factor for developing liver cancer, according to the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). An effective vaccine is available to protect against this virus.

Hepatitis C is transmitted through blood. This can lead to chronic infection. Chronic (long-term) infection is a major risk factor for developing liver cancer, according to the <a href="Mailtonal">American Cancer</a>
Society and the National

<u>Institutes of Health (NIH).</u> No vaccine is available, but curative treatments exist.

### PERINATAL HEPATITIS B (CONTINUED)

Sacramento County has a Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBP) for infants born to mothers who are carriers of hepatitis B. This program coordinates the testing and immunizations of susceptible family members and household contacts and assists families to stop the spread of perinatal hepatitis B.

The PHBP Case Management Nurse is available for guidance and education. Please call (916) 875- 7468 and request to speak to the Sacramento County Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management Nurse.

### CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY REMINDER

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) is a confidential and secure statewide system used to record and track immunizations. Assembly Bill (AB) 1797 requires healthcare organizations to enroll in CAIR2 and record all immunizations administered. The law also mandates that race and ethnicity must be recorded in CAIR2 when entering the administered vaccinations. Providers are required to document vaccine administration in the medical record system within 24 hours of administration and report doses administered to CAIR2 within 72 hours. To learn more, see AB 1797 FAQs. Please take a moment to verify that all immunization records from your Electronic Health Record (EHR) are transferring to CAIR2.

### UNHOUSED PEDIATRIC IMMUNIZATION PROJECT

Sacramento County's Immunization Assistance Program Team attended the California Immunization Coalition (CIC) Summit in Riverside, California in April to present their Unhoused Pediatric Immunizations Project, an initiative focused on increasing vaccine accessibility for unhoused pediatric residents in Sacramento County. Through this project, eligible children receive free vaccines via the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, helping to close immunization gaps in vulnerable communities. From October 2024 to May 12, 2025, the Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) staff have conducted 20 unhoused mobile clinics in Sacramento County, SCPH IAP has administered 345 vaccines to 84 unhoused pediatric residents. In 2025, 23% of the clients at our stationary clinic have been identified as experiencing homelessness and 338 vaccines have been administered to these pediatric residents.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) develop recommendations on immunization practices to reduce morbidity and mortality from vaccine preventable diseases. ACIP meetings are open to the public via live webcast.



#### **COMBINATION VACCINES**

Can combination vaccines be given to someone who is catching up? Yes, combination vaccines can be used for children who have fallen behind. All vaccines must be indicated, and no vaccines can be contraindicated. Minimum intervals must be maintained.

### CDPH IMMUNIZATION BRANCH PROVIDER WEBINARS

Does your staff need California
Department of Public Health
immunization updates for providers?
California Department of Public Health
(CDPH) offers webinars, scheduled
trainings, and available on- demand
training resources for Providers.

### CALIFORNIA HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (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 <u>California Health Alert Network</u> (CAHAN).

# SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics by appointment for eligible individuals (e.g. uninsured, Medi- Cal eligible or enrolled, American Indian or Alaska Native) under 19 years of age. Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email <a href="mmunize@saccounty.gov">immunize@saccounty.gov</a> to schedule an appointment.

#### PATIENT SAFETY AND VACCINATIONS

To promote patient safety, all vaccine errors and adverse events should be promptly reported 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 voluntary report observed or suspected adverse events for human medical products to FDA. Adverse reactions to nirsevimab/Beyfortus should be reported through MedWatch. Learn more about reporting immunization adverse events and administration errors.

### PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)

Pertussis cases continue to rise in California and throughout the nation. Pertussis is a very contagious respiratory disease and can cause serious illness in infants (younger than one year) and individuals with underlying health conditions. It typically follows a pattern with peaks in cases every 3-5 years. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) determine that pertussis cases increase in both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals since protection from vaccinations fades over time. In the first four months of 2025, 70 cases have been identified in Sacramento County, Upholding recommended vaccination timelines is important for individuals and community protection.

#### **DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD**

The Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is an official electronic immunization record generated from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). Discover more about how your clients can access their DVR.

People of all ages need WHOOPING COUGH VACCINES



### **DTaP** for young children

- $\checkmark$  2, 4, and 6 months **√** 15 through 18 months
- √ 4 through 6 years

## Tdap for preteens

**√** 11 through 12 years

## Tdap for pregnant women

**✓** During the 27-36th week of each pregnancy

## Tdap for adults

✓ Anytime for those who have never received it

www.cdc.gov/whoopingcough