



Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program

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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](#)
- [Waste Water Surveillance](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (CDPH) AND WEST COAST HEALTH ALLIANCE

On September 17, 2025, California enacted [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 144](#), granting the state authority to establish its own vaccine and preventive service guidelines independent of federal standards. This authorizes the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to issue official immunization recommendations tailored to the needs of Californians, ensuring continued access to lifesaving vaccines and health insurance coverage for all residents.

In alignment with this initiative, California joined the [West Coast Health Alliance \(WCHA\)](#), a regional partnership with Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii.

Together, these states are committed to delivering evidence-based public health guidance.

The vaccine recommendations developed by CDPH and WCHA are grounded in rigorous scientific research and reflect the consensus of leading national medical organizations, including:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
- The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

As part of this collaborative effort, CDPH and WCHA have introduced updated [respiratory vaccine recommendations](#) for the 2025–2026 season, reinforcing their commitment to a proactive, science-driven public health policy.

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B

Since 2012, the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) has strongly recommended the Tdap vaccine](#) during weeks 27-36 of each pregnancy. This safe and effective immunization helps protect newborns from whooping cough, reducing the risk of infection by 78% in babies younger than two months.

More recently, the California Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) issued recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine, influenza (flu) and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) during pregnancy.

Under [Assembly Bill 144](#), these vaccines recommended by CDPH will be covered by health care insurers and regulated by the [Department of Managed Health Care](#).

The Sacramento County Perinatal Hepatitis B (PHBP) Case Management Nurse is available for guidance and education. Please call (916) 875- 7468 with any questions.

INFLUENZA RECOMMENDATIONS

For the 2025- 2026 year, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend annual routine influenza vaccines for all persons aged ≥ 6 months and older who do not have a contraindication to receive the vaccine. For most individuals, vaccinations should be offered during September or October with vaccination continuing throughout the season.

On June 26, 2025, ACIP recommended all recipients to receive single dose formulations that are free of thimerosal as a preservative. Additional specifics can be found in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) in the [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices- United States, 2025-26 Influenza Season.](#)

[Sacramento County Public Health Community Influenza \(flu\) Clinics](#) will be offered through November 2025.

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 [California Health Alert Network \(CAHAN\)](#).

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.](#)

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers weekly Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics by appointment for eligible Sacramento County residents (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 immunize@saccounty.gov to schedule an appointment.

VACCINE STORAGE AND HANDLING

To protect individuals and communities from vaccine- preventable diseases, maintaining vaccine integrity through proper storage and handling is essential. The California Department of Public Health offers comprehensive guidance and practical [job aids](#) on its [EZIZ website](#), detailing best practices for managing vaccine storage units, using digital data loggers, and monitoring temperatures effectively. The EZIZ site will move to EZIZ.cdph.ca.gov in November 2025. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides a robust [Storage and Handling Toolkit](#) to support healthcare providers in ensuring vaccine quality from delivery to administration.



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 IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY (CAIR2) COMPLIANCE REMINDER

California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) is a secure and confidential statewide system designed to record and track immunizations across California. Under Assembly Bill (AB) 1797, all healthcare Organizations are required to:

- [Enroll in CAIR2](#)
- Document every administered immunization
- Include race and ethnicity data when entering vaccination records

To remain compliant, providers must:

- Record vaccine administration in their medical system within 24 hours
- Report administered doses to [CAIR2](#) within 72 hours

Please verify that all immunization records from your Electronic Health Record (EHR) are successfully transferring to CAIR2 within 72 hours. For more details, refer to [AB 1797 FAQs](#).

CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY MEDICAL EXEMPTION (CAIR-ME)

In 2021, the California Department of Public Health launched the [California Immunization Registry Medical Exemption \(CAIR- ME\) website](#). This system streamlines the process of requesting, issuing, managing, and tracking both temporary and permanent medical exemptions for students across the state. To obtain a [medical exemption](#) through CAIR-ME, parents or guardians must first create an account on the CAIR-ME website and submit an online exemption request. They then provide the generated application number to their child's physician. If the exemption request meets the standard of care, a California licensed MD or DO logs into the system to complete the exemption, prints a copy, and gives it to the parents or guardians. This document is then submitted to the child's school or childcare facility.

UNHOUSED PEDIATRIC IMMUNIZATION PROJECT

The Sacramento County Public Health Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) has initiated the Unhoused Pediatric Immunization Project (UPIP), which delivers mobile vaccine clinics to families with children experiencing homelessness. The IAP team collaborates with schools, shelters, and community programs to review children's vaccination records, administer vaccines, and provide educational resources on immunization. For more information, contact IAP at (916) 875-7468.

“Flu—It’s Not Too Late to... **Vaccinate!**”

Getting a flu vaccine now can still protect you and your family.



**Everyone 6 months of age
and older needs flu vaccine
every year.**



*Some children 6 months - 8 years of age may need 2 doses.
Ask your health care provider to learn more.*

For more information on flu and to find a flu vaccine location
near you, go to: MyTurn.ca.gov



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“¡No es muy tarde para... **Vacunarse!**”

Vacunarse contra la influenza ahora aún puede proteger a usted y a su familia.



**Todas las personas mayores
de 6 meses de edad necesitan
vacunarse contra la influenza
todos los años.**



Algunos niños de 6 meses a 8 años de edad pueden necesitar dos dosis. Consulte a su proveedor de servicios médicos para obtener más información.

Para más información sobre la influenza o para encontrar un lugar donde puede vacunarse, visite: [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://www.myturn.ca.gov)



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