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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

Where can children who are uninsured, have Medi-Cal insurance, and/or are American Indian or Alaska Native receive immunizations?

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers free vaccination clinics for eligible individuals through 18 years of age by appointment. Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email immunize@saccounty.gov to schedule an appointment.

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

Sacramento County has a Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program 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. A very important part of follow through for babies exposed to Hepatitis B at birth is the completion of blood work after vaccination. HBsAg and anti-HBs testing should be performed 1-2 months after completion of the vaccine series, but not before 9 months of age. Additionally, the California Department of Public Health provides [Guidelines for Pediatric Providers](#).

If the vaccine series has been completed on schedule, testing should occur at 9-12 months of age. Testing performed at 13-18 months of age is still acceptable, but there may be a higher occurrence of false negative anti-HBs results. Post-vaccination serologic testing should not be performed before age 9 months to avoid detection of passive anti-HBs from HBIG administered at birth and to maximize the likelihood of detecting late HBV infection. If testing is done before age 9 months, it will need to be repeated. Please call (916) 875- 7468 and request to speak to the Sacramento County Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Manager. The latest Sacramento County Public Health Advisory: Preventing Perinatal Hepatitis B is linked [here](#).

POLIO

Oral polio vaccine (OPV) doses given on or after April 1, 2016, should not be counted towards the polio requirement. Doses administered on or after this date are typically bivalent vaccines, rather than trivalent vaccines. Read more about routine polio vaccinations [here](#).

COVID- 19 VACCINE INFORMATION

On August 22, 2024, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved and authorized updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccines. The 2023- 2024 COVID-19 vaccine formulation is no longer authorized. The updated 2024- 2025 COVID-19 vaccine provides better protection against the current strains.

Do you need COVID-19 Vaccinations? The [Sacramento County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Strike Team](#) provides up to date 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. 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 you can go to myturn.ca.gov to locate clinics. Do you need a COVID-19 pop- up clinic? Please contact Immunize@saccounty.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 found [here](#).

SCHOOL VACCINATION CONTRACTORS

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is working with medical providers for the 24-25 school year to offer additional immunization clinics located at various school sites within Sacramento County.

INFLUENZA RECOMMENDATIONS

Annual influenza (flu) vaccination of all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications is recommended. For individuals who need only one dose of influenza vaccine for the season, vaccination should ideally be offered during September or October. However, vaccination should continue after October and throughout the influenza season as long as influenza viruses are circulating, and unexpired vaccine is available. Individuals with [certain health conditions](#), are at a higher risk of serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated. Please see the attached Sacramento County Flu Clinics.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP)

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) includes qualified medical and public health experts who develop recommendations on immunization practices to reduce morbidity and mortality of vaccine preventable diseases. The latest ACIP updates can be found [here](#).

DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD

The Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is an official electronic immunization record from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). Individuals can obtain their digital vaccine records [here](#).

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) is pleased to share our [Annual Report](#) for Fiscal Year 2023-24, which highlights some of our division-wide initiatives as well as the successes of each of our programs. This year's report includes a focus on the power of collaboration, which we know is instrumental to the work we all do to keep our communities healthy and safe. We hope you will take a moment to learn more about SCPH and celebrate some of our highlights from the past year.

HPV Vaccine Facts

for boys and girls

Every year **34,800** people in the U.S. develop HPV-related cancer.

The HPV vaccine protects against **6 kinds of cancer**.

HPV causes more mouth and throat **cancers** than smoking.

HPV vaccine is very safe and can prevent over **90%** of all HPV cancers.

79 million Americans are infected with HPV. Most infections go away on their own, but sometimes they can lead to cancer.

9-12 years is the optimal age for the vaccine because the vaccine works much better during the preteen years than when given later.



source: www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/about-hpv.html

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