SCHOOLS BULLETIN

Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF SCHOOL HEALTH HUB

Is there an online resource that helps guide school personnel on new health resources and medical care?

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Schools Hub provides resources and guidance to promote safe, in- person learning in TK-12 schools and reduce the spread of communicable diseases. Click on the link to navigate through the Health Resources offered. These resources not only include flu prevention but also include other seasonal topics like heat and climate guidance, wildfire smoke safety, and school guided activities.

THE SCHOOL HEALTH HUB ALSO PROVIDES CDPH'S EPINEPHRINE STANDING ORDER

The CDPH Epinephrine Standing Order authorizes a California school district, county office of education, or charter school to obtain epinephrine autoinjectors for elementary, junior high, middle, and high schools. Please be aware of these important changes for 2025:

- The previous Epinephrine Standing Order expired December 31, 2024.
- New this year: Returning users will be asked to provide data on any standing-order autoinjectors administered in the past year. If you do not have access to this information, you will still be able to complete a renewal form
- CDPH has additional information regarding this topic. E-mail SafeSchoolsTeam@cdph.ca.gov to be added to the CDPH Safe Schools e-mail list and receive webinar invites.

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B

What exactly is Hepatitis B?
It is an infectious liver disease that may be acute or chronic. Chronic infections can lead to cirrhosis, liver cancer, and premature death. Though asymptomatic, 90% of infants who are infected with HBV will develop chronic infection and 25% will die prematurely from liver cancer or cirrhosis. HBV is transmitted through contact with infectious blood or body fluids or from a person who is infected (HBsAg+) to their newborn during delivery. 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.

Please call (916) 875- 7468 and request to speak to the Sacramento County Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Manager.

CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION COALITION

The 2025 California Immunization Coalition Summit, **Building Trust, Strengthening Vaccine Confidence** will take place in Riverside April 29-30th. Register here today.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN'S GUIDE TO RETRIEVING THEIR CHILD'S VACCINATION RECORD

The Digital Vaccine Record (DVR) is an official electronic immunization record from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR). For instructions on how parents/ guardians can obtain their child's immunization record, this link will direct them to the site.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)?

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus that is spread through skin-to-skin contact and can cause cancer. Gardasil 9 is a vaccine that decreases the risk of these cancers by 90% if the person completes the vaccination series. The vaccination was authorized in 2014 and is safe and effective and protects against nine HPV types including types 16 and 18 that cause most HPV cancers. HPV can be given at age 9 years old and is a two-dose series when started at 9 years old.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENT TO INFORM FAMILIES ABOUT HPV VACCINE (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 659)

The Cancer Prevention Act, Assembly Bill No. 659, was effective as of January 1, 2024. This Assembly Bill requires schools to notify 6th grade parents or legal guardians about recommendations for human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV). It is important to strongly recommend HPV vaccine to all individuals to prevent cancers that can be caused by HPV. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has created a template that schools may choose to use to provide this education to parents/ guardians.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SCPH Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics for eligible individuals (e.g. uninsured, Medi- Cal eligible, American Indian or Alaska Native) through 18 years old by appointment only. Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email immunize@saccounty.gov to schedule an appointment.

CALIFORNIA IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) is a confidential, secure, statewide immunization information system. AB 1797 requires organizations to enroll in CAIR and enter all immunizations administered. Race and ethnicity must also be included when entering the administered vaccinations. Providers are required to document vaccine administration in the medical record systems within 24 hours of administration and report doses administered to CAIR or RIDE/Healthy Futures within 72 hours. To learn more, see AB 1797 FAQs. Ensure all vaccines from the Electronic Health Record (EHR) are transferring to CAIR.

PERTUSSIS

Pertussis (whooping cough) cases continue to rise in California and throughout the nation. Pertussis 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 2192 cases of Pertussis in California in 2024 through the end of October. Tdap vaccine is routinely recommended for the following groups: pregnant women in their third trimester of every pregnancy, adults every ten years, adolescents aged 11 or 12 years, and infants and young children should receive DTaP vaccines starting at 2 months through 4- 6 years of age. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) published a communication entitled, As Whooping Cough Cases Increase, CDPH Encourages Tdap Vaccination.

COVID- 19 AND FLU VACCINE

Do you need COVID-19 or flu vaccine? The Sacramento County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Strike Team provides up to date COVID-19 and Flu vaccines throughout the community. The team focuses on locations in Quartile 1 and 2 of the Healthy Places Index and those individuals' facing barriers to accessing health care. COVID-19 vaccines and flu 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 one can go to myturn.ca.gov to locate clinics.

Are you interested in collaborating with our team for a COVID-19 and flu clinic?
Contact Immunize@saccounty.gov to arrange a clinic at your school. Clinics will be available through the end of April 2025.

POLIO

Did you know that 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. To become more informed, please read more about routine polio vaccinations here.