

# Schools Bulletin

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH (SCPH)

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## HELPFUL CONTACTS

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Sacramento County COVID-19

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Phone: (916) 875- 5881

Website: [Electronic Disease Reporting \(saccounty.gov\)](#)

## 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 Immunization Website](#)
- [SCPH COVID-19](#)

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) Guidance for Schools and Child Care Providers, 2023-2024 is linked [here](#).

SCPH Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers Vaccines for Children (VFC) clinics for eligible individuals through 18 years old by appointment only. Please call (916) 875- 7468 or email [immunize@saccounty.gov](mailto:immunize@saccounty.gov) to schedule an appointment. SCPH IAP has California Pre-Kindergarten and School immunization Records (CSIR/Blue Card/ CDPH 286) available for schools who may need them. Please call or email to request these.

Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) sends out health alerts, advisories, and updates regarding communicable disease outbreaks, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health concerns. Health alerts and advisories are transmitted to participants through the [California Health Alert Network \(CAHAN\)](#) and posted [here](#).

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP)

The latest Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updates can be found [here](#). The [2024 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#) and the [Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule](#) are now available.

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

The [Cancer Prevention Act, Assembly Bill No. 659](#), will be effective as of January 1, 2024. This Assembly Bill requires schools to notify 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents or legal guardians about recommendations for human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV). It is important to strongly recommend HPV vaccine to boys and girls 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.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch provides information about [immunization laws and regulations](#).

The CDPH site, [EZIZ](#), provides information about trainings and webinars, temperature monitoring, and additional resources covering a variety of topics.

The [California Immunization Handbook](#) for Pre-kindergarten Programs and Schools is a helpful resource for schools and Child Care Centers.

[The California Immunization Coalition Annual Summit will be held in Sacramento, CA June 5-6, 2024.](#)

## Immunization Registry Now Required!

AB 1797 requires California providers to enter immunizations they administer as well as a patient's race and ethnicity into a California Immunization Registry (CAIR or Healthy Futures/RIDE). [Enroll in CAIR](#) today! To learn more, see the [AB 1797 FAQs](#).

SACRAMENTO COUNTY



Promote • Prevent • Protect



# Vaccines for Your Preteen

11-12 years old to help them stay healthy through adolescence and beyond



**Tdap** protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Whooping cough can cause vomiting, gasping for air, and trouble sleeping. It may last for months and is very contagious. This vaccine is required for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry in California.

**HPV** (human papillomavirus) vaccine series is recommended starting at age 9. It prevents warts and several cancers of the reproductive system, as well as throat and mouth cancer. HPV vaccine works best when given during the preteen years. Preteens who are vaccinated earlier need only two shots instead of three.

**Meningococcal** vaccines protect against bacterial meningitis, a very serious infection that can lead to brain damage, arm and leg amputations, kidney damage, and death. Preteens need to get immunized now and again at age 16.

**Flu** (influenza) vaccine is needed every year. Flu is much more serious than the common cold. Even healthy young people can get the flu. Children with chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes are especially at risk for pneumonia or even death.

**Chickenpox** vaccine protects against more than just an itchy rash. The disease can cause pneumonia or serious skin infections. Preteens need two shots before starting 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

**COVID-19** vaccine can protect against serious illness in everyone 6 months and up, including preteens. Preventing COVID-19 infection can mean less time away from school, sports, and social activities.

## TO DO:

- TDAP
- HPV
- MENINGOCOCCAL
- FLU
- CHICKENPOX
- COVID-19

## ? Ask the Doctor

- ▶ Does my child need any other catch-up shots (e.g., MMR, chickenpox, and hepatitis B)?
- ▶ Are there any side effects from these vaccines?
- ▶ Which vaccines are required for school, and can you give me the documentation I need?
- ▶ Will any other shots be needed later on?
- ▶ Can I get an updated shot record?
- ▶ Can I schedule my child's next HPV shot(s) today?

**ShotsForSchool.org**

California Department of Public Health, Immunization Branch

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