

SCHOOLS BULLETIN

Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

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Additional Resources:

- [CDC Vaccines and Immunizations](#)
- [Stay Up to date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [CDPH Immunization Branch](#)
- [Shots for School](#)
- [Respiratory Viruses](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources](#)

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.

CDPH ALBUTEROL STANDING ORDER

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Office of School Health has developed a [Statewide Albuterol Standing Order](#). This [Standing Order](#) removes the requirement for schools to obtain individual physician prescriptions, instead allowing California public, charter, or private schools, school districts and county offices of education to obtain albuterol metered- dose inhalers (MDIs) and single use disposable spacers. Schools can renew their order annually and may be used at California pharmacies.

DIGITAL VACCINE RECORD

The Digital Vaccine Record is an official electronic immunization record securely generated from the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2). Learn how parents and guardians can easily access their [child's DVR to stay informed and up to date on vaccinations](#).



IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Annual immunization assessment reporting for the 2025-2026 school year is open and will close on December 5th, 2025. Early reporting is encouraged, and reports can be edited until the deadline date. Pre-kindergarten/Child Care (ages 2-5 years), TK/K, and 7th grades must be reported by this deadline. 7th grades only report Tdap not varicella beginning this 25-26 school year.

Immunization Reporting guidance:

- [California Immunization Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- Guide to Immunizations Required: [Pre-Kindergarten \(PDF\)](#) | [TK-12 \(PDF\)](#)
- Worksheets: [Pre-K \(Excel\)](#) , [Pre-K \(PDF\)](#) | [TK/Kindergarten \(Excel\)](#) , [TK/Kindergarten \(PDF\)](#) | [7th Grade \(Excel\)](#) , [7th Grade \(PDF\)](#)
- [Reporting FAQs](#)
- Online Training: [Pre-Kindergarten \(Child Care\)](#) | [TK/Kindergarten](#) | [7th Grade](#)
- School Reporting [Immunization Reporting](#)

Schools will continue to report using [CAIR Hub](#) again this year. New users need to register for a CAIR Hub account (SCRL users already have one).

Sacramento County Public Health staff are available to help schools and Child Care centers with questions concerning reporting. Please email immunize@sacounty.gov or call Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at (916) 875- 7468.

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.

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@sacounty.gov to schedule an appointment.

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 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. When a school receives a medical exemption for a newly enrolled student, staff should email medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov to request access to CAIR-ME and verify the exemption's status.

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](#).

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.

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.

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.