

Schools Bulletin

Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH (SCPH)

OCTOBER 2024

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Sacramento County
Immunization Assistance Program

Email: immunize@saccounty.gov

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Sacramento County COVID-19

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Communicable Disease Control

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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](#)
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- [Shots for School](#)
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- [CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Resources](#)

IMMUNIZATION REPORTING

Annual immunization assessment reporting for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! The deadline is December 13, 2024. Early reporting is encouraged, and reports can be revised until the deadline date.

[California Health and Safety Code Section 120375 and California Code of Regulations Section 6075](#) requires all

child care facilities and schools (including home schools) to review student immunization records and report annually on the immunization status of their students attending pre-kindergarten/child care (ages 2-5 years), TK/K, or 7th grade.

Immunization Reporting guidance can be found [here](#).

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

CDPH website offers [free online trainings](#) for schools TK–12th grades and Child Care. These interactive modules are designed to support your efforts in implementing school immunization requirements.

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

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](#).

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](#).

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B

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. The latest Sacramento County Public Health Advisory: Preventing Perinatal Hepatitis B is linked [here](#).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES

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](#).

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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

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SCPH Immunization Assistance Program (IAP) offers additional back-to school 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 to schedule an appointment.

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. Please contact your School Health Coordinator for additional information.

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.

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