



SacVax Bulletin

Immunization Updates from Sacramento County Public Health

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HELPFUL CONTACTS

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\(saccounty.gov\)](#)

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](#)

FLU CDC HEALTH ADVISORY

On December 14, 2023, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), issued an advisory stating that there is an urgent need to increase immunization coverage for influenza, COVID-19, and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and use of authorized/approved therapeutics in the setting of increased respiratory disease activity during the 2023 – 2024 winter season. Additional information regarding the advisory can be found [here](#).

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) IMMUNIZATIONS

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common contagious seasonal respiratory virus that typically causes mild, cold- like symptoms that tend to last one to two weeks. However, RSV can cause severe symptoms and hospitalization in infants and older adults. [Vaccines are available to protect older adults from severe RSV illness. Monoclonal antibody products are available to protect infants and young children from severe RSV illness.](#)

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

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.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program staff continue to host additional immunization clinics for eligible individuals through 18 years old. Please email immunize@saccounty.gov or call Sacramento County Immunization Assistance Program at (916) 875- 7468 with immunization related questions.

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](#). The latest SCPH RSV health advisory is [linked](#).

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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](#).



Older adults who get an RSV vaccine can use V-safe to tell CDC how they feel after vaccination

Adults 60 years and older can now register for [V-safe](#) after receiving a [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#) vaccine to tell CDC how they feel after vaccination.

Using a computer, smartphone, or tablet, they can go to [vsafe.cdc.gov](#) to complete confidentially and easily share with CDC how they feel after getting vaccinated (for example, if they are experiencing injection site pain or a fever). The data collected through V-safe help CDC monitor potential vaccine side effects and inform the public about what to expect following vaccination.



V-safe, one of [several systems](#) CDC uses to closely monitor the safety of vaccines, will soon be available for pregnant people who receive a maternal RSV vaccine and for people ages 6 months and older who receive an updated COVID-19 vaccine.

Help promote V-safe:

- Ask your patients to sign up for V-safe at [vsafe.cdc.gov](#).
- Share [V-safe factsheets](#) with instructions on how to register and complete health check-ins.
- Hang a [V-safe poster](#) near vaccination areas.

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