

Monthly Immunization Update

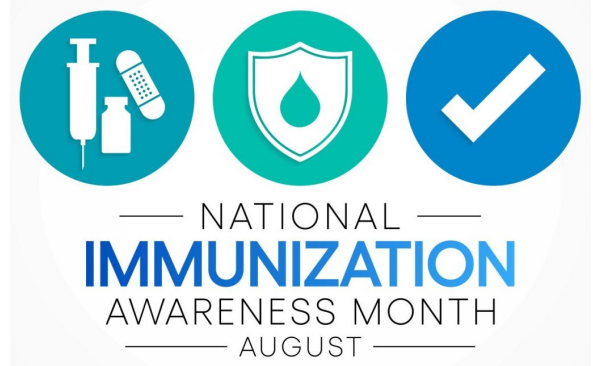
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Dear Schools and partners ,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our schools and partners in a variety of vaccine settings, and maintain our connection with all of you. We welcome your questions and comments. Please feel free to share this newsletter with all of your colleagues. Thank you !

National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August from **August 1-31, 2025** to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.



For Healthcare Professionals

All staff in healthcare practices, including non-clinical staff, play important roles during NIAM:

- Engage in learning opportunities with CDC's [Immunization Education and Training](#) courses.
- Make your practice a supportive space that welcomes [vaccine questions and concerns](#) from patients and parents.
- Use [proven strategies](#) to encourage parents and patients to stay up to date on vaccinations.
- Make [immunization schedules](#) easy for parents and patients to find by displaying them [on your website](#).
- Use tools like [PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App](#) to help you make vaccine recommendations.
- Share clear and accurate information about the latest vaccine recommendations, including [COVID-19 vaccines](#) and [RSV vaccines](#).



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Five reasons to vaccinate your child:



Vaccines are one of the greatest success stories in public health.

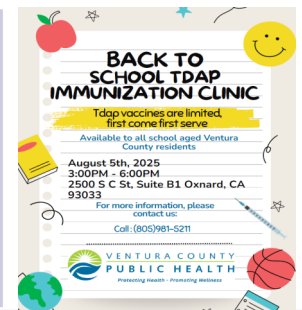
Here are the top reasons why keeping your child up to date on their vaccines is the most important thing you can do to protect their health.

1. **Vaccinations can save your child's life.** Vaccines are safe, affordable, and effective. They are the best way to protect your child against harmful diseases. The vaccine schedule gives your child the best protection at the right time. Vaccines are recommended before your child is most at risk for a disease, and when their immune system will work best with the vaccine.
2. **Vaccines help keep your child in daycare or school.** It's important to keep your child up to date on all childhood vaccines, not only those required for school. Delaying recommended vaccines leaves your child vulnerable to harmful diseases and complications that can take them out of daycare or school.
3. **Vaccines are safe.** Vaccines are rigorously tested for safety in clinical trials. A team of experts at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) review the data from the clinical trials to determine whether the vaccine is safe and effective. This team includes doctors, chemists, microbiologists, clinical study site inspectors, manufacturing and facility inspectors, and many others. Vaccines are continuously monitored after they are approved for as long as they are on the market.
4. **Sticking with the vaccine schedule can help your family avoid missing work.** The time you spend taking your child to vaccine appointments is much less than the time you would spend away from work if your child were to get sick. Most health insurance plans also cover the cost of childhood vaccines. Even if you do not have insurance, there are ways to get childhood vaccines for free or at a lower cost. The [Vaccines for Children program](#) can help.
5. **Keeping up to date with vaccines helps keep vaccine-preventable diseases in the past.** Diseases that once killed or disabled many people in the United States are less common today. Some diseases no longer exist in our county because of vaccines. For example, your child no longer needs to get the smallpox vaccine because vaccines wiped out that disease worldwide. Keeping your child up to date on childhood vaccines bring us closer to leaving other harmful diseases in the past.

Announcements:

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program will be hosting a free Tdap event open to **all school aged Ventura County residents** on the following date:

- Tuesday, August 5th, 2025 at the South Oxnard Public Health Center from 3:00PM-6:00PM South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93033



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