





Monthly Immunization Update

July 2025

Dear Providers and Partners,

The purpose of this newsletter is to deliver quick and meaningful updates to support our providers 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 your colleagues. Thank you!

World Hepatitis Day

World Hepatitis Day, observed on July 28th every year, aims to raise global awareness of Hepatitis — a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis $\underline{A}, \underline{B}, \underline{C}, \underline{D}$ and \underline{E} — and encourages prevention, diagnostics and treatment. Viral hepatitis affects more that 300 million people worldwide and leads to more than 1 million deaths each year. Despite effective vaccines, prevention strategies, and medications, deaths from hepatitis are increasing globally. CDC, the World Health Organization, and other organizations around the world recognize World Hepatitis Day by raising awareness about viral hepatitis across the globe, and actions people can take to prevent future transmission.



Resources:

World Health Organization

Check out the World Hepatitis Alliances WHD website for customizable campaign resources in variety of languages and ideas for ways you and your organization can get involved. Inside this issue:

CDC

For people looking for general information on viral hepatitis, see:

- Hepatitis A Basics
- Hepatitis B Basics
- Hepatitis C Basics
- Hepatitis D Basics
- Hepatitis E Basics

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Announcements

For more information please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage.

Practice your Vaccine Storage Emergency Plan Now!

Power outages can create emergency conditions that damage your valuable vaccine inventory. For this reason, every site that stocks vaccine needs an emergency plan. Every VFC site is required to have one.

If your office does not have an up-to-date plan, follow CDC's <u>Vaccine Storage</u> and <u>Handling Toolkit</u> to create one. Plans only work when staff are trained. This month is a good time to do that. Build redundancy, flexibility, and communication into your plan. Consider:



- Equipment backup options
- Alternate storage options
- Vaccine transport plans

Your plan should specify at least one facility where current staff are willing to receive and properly store your vaccine inventory if it must be relocated. CDC's guide provides detailed instructions on monitoring temperatures during a power outage and what to do once proper storage conditions are restored. Keep a printed copy of your plan on or near your storage unit before the power goes out!

Prevent avoidable vaccine waste by training your staff on emergency procedures, including after –hours roles and responsibilities. Then run an exercise to check understanding. For more information please see CDC's <u>Vaccine Storage and Handling toolkit</u>.

Announcements:

- In collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, we invite you to participate in our Annual Immunization Update 2025 on Tuesday, August 19th from 8:30AM-12:30AM. This training will be available both in-person and online. For more information contact the Immunization Program
- 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 at South Oxnard Public Health clinic from 3:00PM-6:00PM 2500 South C Street, Oxnard, CA 93033



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