



Monthly Immunization Update

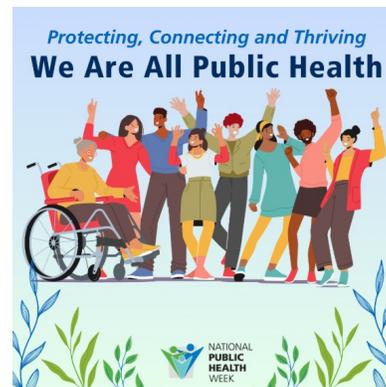
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Dear Providers and Partners,

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!

National Public Health Week

Each year during the first week of April, communities across the country join APHA in observing **National Public Health Week**. It's a moment to celebrate the impact of public health and spotlight priority issues that can improve our nation's well-being. Ready. Set. Action! is this year's theme. As we celebrate, take a moment to recognize how public health has improved our daily lives, safeguarded our families, expanded our life spans, and strengthened our communities. This week is also a chance to honor the public health workers who show up for us every day — and to advocate for policies and practices that promote good health for all. For more information please visit the [American Public Health Association website](#).



Adolescent Immunization Action Week

Adolescent Immunization Action Week (AIAW) will be held April 6-10, 2026, to highlight the importance of vaccines for preteens and teens. Vaccines are a simple way to protect adolescents today and in their future. Careful and extensive research worldwide shows that vaccines are much safer than the diseases they target. We want healthcare providers and parents or guardians to make sure preteens and teens get the shots they need to stay healthy. Vaccinating on time is crucial. It protects over 8 million teens in California from getting sick and missing out on school, sports, and other activities they love. Learn more about the vaccines your preteen or teen needs at go.cdph.ca.gov/teen-vaccine. For more information on Adolescent Immunization Action Week please click [here](#).

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National Infant Immunization Week

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is a yearly observance held in April, highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend that children stay on track with their well-child appointments and routine vaccinations. On-time vaccination is critical to provide protection against potentially life-threatening diseases.

Are You a Healthcare Professional?

All staff in healthcare practices, including non-clinical staff, play important roles during NIIW. To highlight childhood immunizations this NIIW, learn [tips for talking with parents](#) about childhood vaccines.

Find more [actionable strategies, resources, and data](#) to support getting all Americans back on-schedule with their routine immunizations to protect everyone from vaccine-preventable disease and disability.

Keep Measles Out of Your Center!

There are measles outbreaks in [California](#), in [the U.S.](#), and in [other parts of the world](#). Measles spreads easily and can be very serious, especially for people who are not protected by the vaccine.

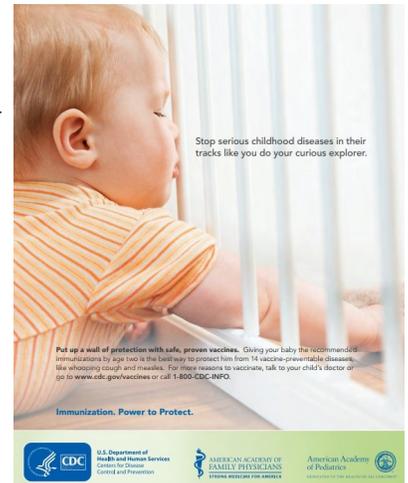
- **The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine is effective.** Two doses provide 97% protection against measles.
- **Measles is very contagious.** Measles spreads when someone infected speaks, coughs, sneezes or breathes. It can linger in the air up to two hours after the infected person has left.
- **Unvaccinated people are at high risk.** Roughly 90% of those unvaccinated and exposed to measles will contract the disease.

Why is Vaccination Important?

Measles can be very serious, especially in unvaccinated young children and pregnant people. Measles can cause:

- Pneumonia
- Encephalitis (brain swelling)
- Hospitalization
- Sometimes death

Usually, high levels of immunity in the general population limit measles outbreaks. However, measles does spread in communities with lower coverage



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1 out of 5 people
who get measles will
be hospitalized.

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