



Monthly Immunization Update

May 2026

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 !

Hepatitis Awareness Month

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month. This observance serves as a time to raise awareness about hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C while encouraging testing, vaccination, and timely treatment. Viral hepatitis is a major public health threat and worse, hundreds of thousands of people in the United States don't know they are infected. Work with us to remind everyone that hepatitis A and hepatitis B can be prevented, and hepatitis C can be cured.

Why it's important?

Hepatitis A and hepatitis B are vaccine preventable and hepatitis C can be cured.

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A infection usually causes a mild, short-term illness. Vaccination is the best way to prevent infection.

Hepatitis B and hepatitis C

Most people with hepatitis B or hepatitis C do not look or feel sick. Getting tested is the only way to know if you have either virus and get treatment, which can prevent serious health problems including liver damage, liver cancer, and even death.

Although there is no cure for hepatitis B, treatments are available that can delay or re-duce the risk of developing liver cancer.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C, but curative treatments are available. Most people with hepatitis C can be cured with just 8–12 weeks of well-tolerated oral-only treatment. Testing is the first step.

The purpose of Hepatitis Awareness Month is to educate health care practitioners and the public about the importance of vaccination against hepatitis A and hepatitis B and the importance of testing and treatment for hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

May 19th is [National Hepatitis Testing Day](#). The goal of National Hepatitis Testing Day is to help raise awareness about viral hepatitis and to encourage more individuals to learn their status. All adults aged 18 years and older are recommended to be screened at least once in their lifetimes for hepatitis B and C. For more information please [click here](#).

Inside this issue:

<i>Hepatitis Awareness Month</i>	1
<i>National School Nurse Day</i>	2
<i>School and Child Care Roster Lookup</i>	2
<i>Announcements</i>	2

National School Nurse Day

National School Nurse Day on the Wednesday of National Nurses Week honors all school nurses who care for children in the schools every day. School nurses promote learning through healthy children. Make sure to give a big thank you to all your school nurses and happy National Nurses Week!



**HAPPY
School
Nurse Day!**

School and Child Care Roster Lookup (SQRL)

The [School and Child Care Roster Lookup \(SCRL\)](#) is a tool that can determine whether or not a student meets all immunization requirements to enter school or child care. SCRL (we like to call it squirrel) looks at immunization data in the [California Immunization Registry \(CAIR\)](#) to determine a student's immunization status. SCRL makes immunization record checking of children easy for schools and child care facilities.



For more information on School and Child Care Roster Lookup please [click here](#).

Announcements:

Please join us virtually for our **Immunization Skills Institute** on **Wednesday, May 27th, 2026**, from **11AM-12PM**.

Ventura County Public Health's Immunization Program has partnered with CDPH to present on best practices on vaccine storage handling, and strategies to optimize vaccine utilization.

This training will be available online for any clinical staff involved in vaccine administration and will also be recorded for those who cannot attend live. Please feel free to share this flyer with any colleagues that might benefit from attending.

To register for this year's Immunization Skills Institute please see [attached flyer](#).



In collaboration with CDPH Immunization Branch, we invite you to participate in this year's

IMMUNIZATION SKILLS INSTITUTE 2026

Agenda:

- Best practices on vaccine storage and handling
- Strategies to optimize vaccine utilization
- Q&A with speakers

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Live and will be recorded. Only online - Not in person.

REGISTER NOW

Questions? Call (805) 981-5211

Ventura County Public Health Immunization Program

Email: immunization.program@ventura.org

Phone: (805)981-5211

Fax: (805)981-5210



We are on the web!

<https://vchca.org/immunization-program>

or follow us on

