

Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program

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The Latest Immunization Updates & Announcements.

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Quarterly Vaccine Provider Newsletter

As a valued member of our Vaccine Provider Network, we appreciate your continued commitment to protecting public health through immunization. Together, we can raise awareness, support one another, and encourage community members to talk with trusted messengers about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

This newsletter aims to keep our partners informed and prepared and includes important immunization updates and resources for all vaccine partners/providers.

The CalREDIE Provider Portal is now live!



Online Provider Reporting AVAILABLE NOW

Effective September 1, 2026, providers in Los Angeles County can begin submitting case reports online.

- **Individuals who still need to register:**
 - Complete the account authorization form at redcap.link/CalREDIEProviderPortal
 - **Learn more about the provider portal:**
 - publichealth.lacounty.gov/clinicians/report/ProviderPortal.htm
 - **For questions or issues:**
 - Email LAC_PPSupport@ph.lacounty.gov
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- Case reporting requirements have not changed.
 - For a searchable list of all human diseases and conditions that must be reported to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, see the LAC DPH [Reportable Diseases and Conditions](#) webpage.

2026–2027 Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Recommendations

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the West Coast Health Alliance (WCHA) issued [2026–2027 Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Recommendations](#). These recommendations are informed by trusted national medical organizations, including the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) (AAP) (PDF), the [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#) (ACOG) and the [American Academy of Family Physicians](#) (AAFP).

Immunization is the best protection available against respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. Seasonal immunization is a critical public health tool to reduce serious illness, community transmission, and health care systems strain.

This season’s recommendations highlight the importance of protecting people most impacted by these respiratory viruses. This includes the youngest and oldest individuals; other individuals at higher risk for complications, including people who are pregnant; individuals living in congregate settings; and those who live or work with people at higher risk. This season the importance of protecting our healthcare workers from serious illness as they care for our communities has been added to the immunization recommendations against respiratory viruses. As the 2026–27 respiratory season approaches, providers are encouraged to prepare for increased demand for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccination. To monitor uptake of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccinations in LA County, visit the LAC DPH [Respiratory Vaccine Dashboard](#).

[Consensus WCHA](#) 2026–2027 Respiratory Virus Season Immunization Recommendations

Age/Condition	COVID-19	Influenza	RSV
Children	- All 6–23 months - All 2–18 years with risk factors or never vaccinated against COVID-19 - All who are in close contact with others with risk factors¹ - All who choose to reduce risk of severe illness	All 6 months and older²	- All younger than 8 months³ - All 8–19 months with risk factors
Pregnancy	All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or postpartum	All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant or postpartum	All who are 32–36 weeks gestational age^{3,4}
Adults	- All 65 years and older - All 19–64 years with risk factors - All who are in close contact with others with risk factors¹ - All who choose to reduce risk of severe illness	All	- All 75 years and older⁴ - All 50–74 years with risk factors¹
Healthcare Workers	All	All	All who meet criteria above

1. COVID-19 vaccine is available for persons 6 months and older.

2. Two doses given at least 4 weeks apart are recommended for ages 6 months–8 years who are getting flu vaccine for the first time.

3. Protect infants with either prenatal RSV vaccine or infant dose of nirsevimab or clesrovimab.

4. RSV vaccination during pregnancy or for adults is currently recommended once rather than annually

Influenza Immunization Recommendations for the 2026–27 Season

[Influenza activity in Los Angeles County is increasing](#) and indicates that flu season is starting early. Providers are encouraged to vaccinate early (preferably by the end of October), while continuing to offer influenza vaccine throughout the entire respiratory season.

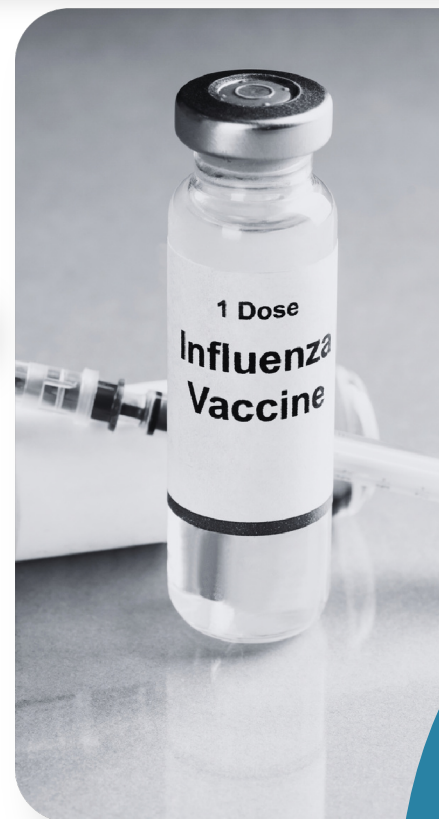
Influenza vaccine recommendations:

- Everyone ages 6 months and older should receive an age-appropriate seasonal flu vaccine every year.
- Adults aged 65 years and older should preferentially receive an enhanced influenza vaccine (e.g., recombinant, adjuvanted, mRNA or high-dose influenza vaccines).
- New mRNA influenza vaccine, [mFLUSIVA](#), is approved for use in persons 50 years of age and older. It does not contain preservatives, adjuvants, or human- or animal-derived material.
- Special Populations such as solid organ transplant recipients and other high-risk individuals should receive appropriate high-dose or adjuvanted options per annual schedule.
- Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) may only be given to non-pregnant healthy individuals aged 2 to 49 years old. Those receiving LAIV should avoid close contact with severely immunosuppressed patients (e.g., stem cell transplant recipients) for at least 7 days after vaccine administration.
- Healthcare Personnel (HCP) in any healthcare setting, including students and volunteers, [should receive annual influenza vaccination](#).

References

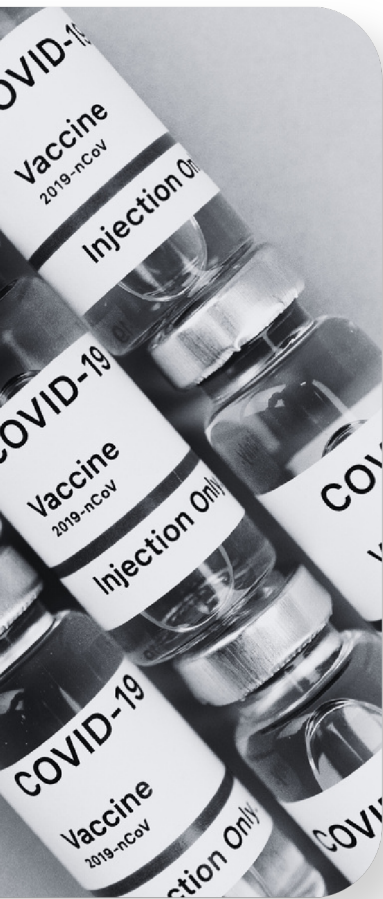
- 2026-2027 Influenza Vaccination Recommendations from [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#).
- Fall Immunization Recommendations from [American Academy of Family Physicians \(AAFP\)](#).

For more information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/flu vaccine



COVID-19 Immunization Recommendations for the 2026–27 Season

COVID-19 activity remains elevated during the late-summer surge.
FDA has approved the 2026-27 COVID-19 formula.



CDPH recommends vaccination against COVID-19 for the following persons:

- All children ages 6-23 months
- All children 2–18 years with risk factors or never vaccinated against COVID-19
- All persons who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, or postpartum
- All 19–64 years with risk factors
- All adults 65 years and older
 - A second dose of updated COVID-19 vaccine recommended 6 months after the initial dose to help maintain protection as immunity wanes over time
- All persons who are in close contact with others with risk factors
- All persons who choose to reduce risk of severe illness
- All healthcare workers

For more information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/COVID19vaccine

RSV Immunization Recommendations for the 2026–27 Season

What's New for Preventing RSV in Infants During the 2025–27 Respiratory Season?

1. Maternal RSV vaccination period extended through March 1
2. Expanded RSV immunization recommendations for children ages 8–19 months

ABRYSVO (Pfizer) is the only RSV vaccine recommended during pregnancy.

Administer **one dose at 32 weeks 0 days through 36 weeks 6 days of gestation** during the seasonal vaccination period, which has been **extended through March 1**.

Maternal RSV vaccination is a one-time vaccination and is not repeated during subsequent pregnancies. If ABRYSVO was received during a previous pregnancy, the infant should receive a long-acting RSV monoclonal antibody.

Expanded RSV immunization recommendations for children ages 8–19 months

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has expanded the list of [high-risk conditions](#) for children ages 8–19 months entering their second RSV season.

High-risk conditions now include:

- Prematurity <32 weeks and 0 days' gestation, regardless of the need for medication or other support (*NEW*)
- Chronic lung disease attributable to prematurity or other significant neonatal conditions who required medical support during the 6 months before the second RSV season
- Hemodynamically significant congenital heart disease (*NEW*)
- Anatomic pulmonary abnormalities or neuromuscular disorders (*NEW*)
- Severe immunocompromise
- Children with Down syndrome or other chromosomal differences (*NEW*)
- Severe cystic fibrosis or weight-for-length below the 10th percentile
- American Indian or Alaska Native children

Eligible children should receive one dose of nirsevimab (BEYFORTUS™).

Clesrovimab (ENFLONSIA™) is not recommended for children ages 8–19 months.



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RSV Immunization Recommendations Continued

Additional RSV Reminders

For infants younger than 8 months, nirsevimab (BEYFORTUS™) or clesrovimab (ENFLONISIA™) is administered when the birthing parent did not receive RSV vaccine during the current pregnancy, vaccination status is unknown, or the infant was born <14 days after maternal vaccination. Most infants do not need both maternal vaccination and an RSV monoclonal antibody.

RSV monoclonal antibody administration is generally recommended October through March; however, CDPH may extend the administration period based on RSV activity in California. Providers should monitor CDPH guidance and Los Angeles Health Alerts ([LAHAN](#)) for updates.

For adults, a single RSV vaccine dose is recommended for all adults ≥75 years and adults ages 50–74 years at [increased risk](#) for severe RSV disease. Additional RSV vaccine doses are not recommended at this time.

Health care personnel should not be vaccinated based on occupational exposure alone. Health care personnel should receive RSV vaccine if they meet the applicable age- or risk-based eligibility criteria.

For more information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/RSVImmunizations

Stay Up to Date on Respiratory Virus Activity & Vaccine Uptake This Season

Providers should monitor:

- [RespWATCH](#) (LAC DPH) for current COVID-19, influenza, and RSV activity in Los Angeles County.
- [Respiratory Vaccine Dashboard](#) (LAC DPH) for uptake of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccinations in Los Angeles County.
- [Respiratory Virus Resources for Healthcare Professionals](#) (CDPH) for current guidance, health alerts, and updates.



Vaccine Program Management

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Pre-book (Flu and RSV mAB)

- **If you pre-booked:** you do NOT need to submit a vaccine order to receive your initial shipments.
- **If you did not pre-book:** doses will be allocated based on available supply.
- CDPH is automatically processing a portion of pre-booked orders.
 - Flu: Orders of 100 doses or less have been processed in full.
 - The VFC Program aims to auto-ship 50% of approved pre-book orders for all flu products, except FluMist, for which the program will auto-ship up to 75% due to having shorter expiration dates.
 - RSV mAB: Providers that didn't have an order processed in August should have had a portion processed on September 9 or September 23. Providers will be notified if an order is processed.
 - After automatically processing the initial portion of pre-booked orders, CDPH will add the remaining pre-booked amount to your allocation for you to order as needed.
 - For a complete breakdown of the percentage of orders processed, review recent email communications from MyVFCVaccines@cdph.ca.gov.
- Subsequent shipments for the remaining balance of pre-booked vaccine will be processed once supplies become available.
- Log into myCAvax to review your total pre-booked amount and what portion has been processed.
 - Select 'Prebook' from the menu (it may be hidden under the 'More' button).
 - Select your VFC program location from the drop-down menu.
 - Identify the 2026-2027 allocation period from the list and select 'view prebook'.
 - From this page, select the 'Related' button next to details you will be able to view all of the products your location pre-booked and how many of those doses you've received to date.
- Newly enrolled VFC providers that missed the pre-book window may request to have Flu and/or RSV mAB doses allocated to their account.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Now Available Through the VFC and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program

- The updated 2026-2027 COVID-19 vaccines are now available for order through the VFC and VFA Programs.
 - You may place your orders in myCAvax at this time.
 - If this is outside of your clinic's routine order frequency, you can submit a supplemental order by selecting "Seasonal Vaccines" as the reason why you are ordering vaccines sooner than your regular schedule.
- After your 2026-2027 COVID-19 vaccines have arrived, please remove any remaining doses of the 2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccine products from your inventory.
 - Use the myCAvax returns and waste form to report them as spoiled and complete the return. You can review the Recording Returns and Waste job aid [here](#) (myCAvax login required).

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VFA Quarter 4 Order Window

- VFA vaccine ordering is now open and will close on October 16, 2026.
- After this date, you will not be able to place an order until the next ordering period projected for January 2027. The VFA Program does not offer supplemental orders.

State General Fund (SGF) Flu

- The SGF recertification period closed on September 30, 2026.
- If you missed the recertification window or have not previously enrolled and would like to participate in the program, please email VaccineReq@ph.lacounty.gov.
- Vaccines are still arriving at McKesson from the manufacturer, so we may approve orders for Flublok and Fluzone at a reduced amount. If this occurs, please submit subsequent orders and use the comments and doses administered fields to demonstrate demand you are experiencing. We will do our best to support requests for all providers until more supplies become available.

Storage Unit Warning Sign Reminder

- Clearly label the fuse and circuit breaker for each storage unit so the appropriate coordinator can be alerted if power is interrupted. Warning signs serve as visual reminders that vaccine storage units must always remain connected to power.
- Each sign is available in both English and Spanish and is intended to prevent accidental power interruption.
- The Field Representative must have access to the circuit breakers during a site visit to verify compliance with VFC requirements. Before your scheduled VFC compliance visit, arrange with your building staff to be able to have access to circuit breakers.
- **Signage:**
 - [Do Not Turn Off Circuit Breaker Warning Sign](#)
 - [Do Not Unplug the Refrigerator or Freezer Warning Sign](#)

Resources

- New web-based CDC [Storage and Handling Toolkit](#)
 - [Key updates](#) to the toolkit
- CDPH Provider Webinar for Immunization Updates - [Register Here](#)
 - Next session: Friday, October 23 (9:00 am-10:30 am)
- VPDCP Provider Newsletter (quarterly) - [Subscribe Here](#)
- CDPH immunization listserv - [Subscribe Here](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions: Vaccine Program Management Edition



Question: Would it be acceptable to store vaccines at an alternate location for 2-3 weeks?

Answer: We do not recommend storing vaccines at an alternate location for an extended period unless necessary. If you have vaccines that are approaching expiration, we recommend transferring those doses to another VFC provider that can use them prior to the expiration date.

Question: Which fields are we required to submit to CAIR?

Answer:

- CAIR (IIS) ID
- Lot number
- NDC
- [Vaccine funding source](#)
- [Vaccine eligibility category](#)
- Patient race and ethnicity

If the SGF eligibility or funding codes are not available in CAIR, contact your [Local CAIR Representative](#). It is recommended that providers run a doses administered report in CAIR to review that entries are reaching CAIR correctly.

Please work with your EHR vendor, Local CAIR Representative, and/or CAIR Data Exchange Specialist to identify and resolve reporting issues as soon as possible. Refer to the steps on CAIR documentation improvement guide [here](#).

Question: Will insurance cover 2026-2027 respiratory virus vaccines?

Answer: Yes. CDPH-recommended vaccines will continue to be covered by health care insurers regulated by the State of California ([AB144](#)).

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Webinars & Events

Afternoon TEAch with CDPH: *A Smooth Respiratory Season Starts Here: Strategies and Tools to Get You Prepared*

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
12:00-1:00PM

Join a panel of experts from CDPH and other partners in a webinar series hosted to update California providers. Always held at noon for approximately an hour, these free online webinars cover a variety of immunization topics to help in your daily immunization work.

[Register Here](#)

Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County (ICLAC) & Trusted Messenger Program (TMP) Webinar 2026

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
12:00-1:00PM

As vaccine hesitancy and misinformation persist in the face of strong science, the importance of trusted, skilled messengers continues to grow. Join ICLAC for a practical session on navigating mRNA vaccine conversations during respiratory season, featuring evidence-based communication strategies from the Trusted Messenger Program.

INTENDED FOR: Pharmacists, physicians, PAs, nurses, public health professionals,
& community members

FREE to attend

[Register Here](#)