

## Welcome to LEA Workgroup's May 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Immunizations in Schools

The recently enacted State Plan Amendment now allows LEAs to claim reimbursement for vaccines given by school personnel. This webinar covers how to implement this program within your LEA. Given that vaccine compliance for required immunizations is down by up to 20% in California and there is a possibility that COVID vaccines may be required for students, this webinar will describe the resources that are available, how schools can access vaccines, how to report vaccinations on the statewide vaccine registry, and who can administer and under what conditions.

We will begin shortly

#### **AGENDA:**

#### **Vaccines for Children: How to Access Free Vaccines**

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### California Immunization Registry (CAIR): Using the State Reporting System to Post Vaccines

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#### Who Can Administer Vaccines?

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# OVERVIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

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### SESSION OBJECTIVES



Provide a high-level overview of the VFC Program



By the end of this training session, participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key VFC Program requirements
- Identify eligibility requirements for patients in the VFC Program
- Be familiar with the VFC Enrollment Process

### **TOPICS**

- VFC Program Background
- VFC Vaccines
- VFC Eligibility
- VFC Program Requirements
- VFC Provider Enrollment
- VFC Resources
- COVID Vaccine Program Enrollment

### VFC PROGRAM BACKGROUND



### **Vaccines for Children**

Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 will:

prevent **419 million** illnesses
(26.8 million hospitalizations)



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help avoid **936,000** deaths greater than the population of Seattle, WA

save nearly \$1.9

trillion in total
societal costs
(that includes \$406 billion in direct costs)



more than \$5,000 for each American

Updated 2016 analysis using methods from Benefits from immunitation during the Woodnes for Children Program Eq.—Linked States, 1994-2013\*



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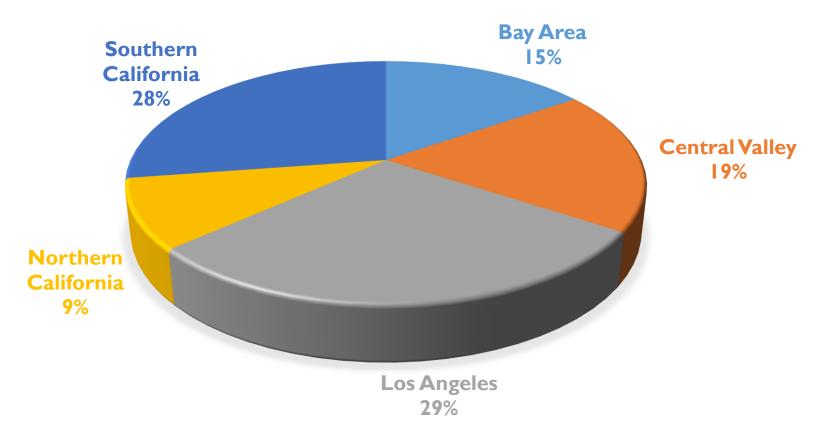
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#### **VFC Fast Facts**

- VFC benefits an estimated 40 million children
- Approximately 39,000 enrolled health care providers
- 61 VFC state, local, and territorial immunization program awardees
- Approximately 79 million
   VFC vaccine doses
   distributed in 2017

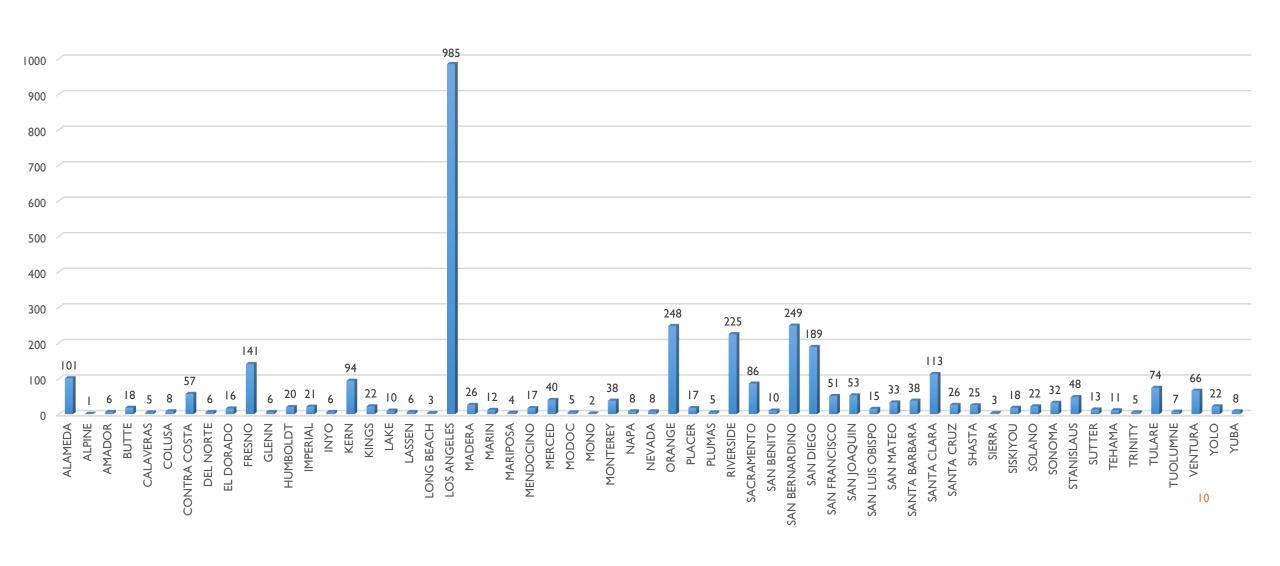
### PARTICIPATION BY REGION

### **2021 VFC ENROLLMENT BY REGION**





### 2021 Active VFC Providers in CA by County





### VFC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program created by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 as an entitlement\* and a required part of each state's Medicaid plan
- The program was officially implemented in October 1994
- It provides public-purchased vaccine for eligible children at no charge to VFC-enrolled public and private providers
- Covers vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
  - VFC resolutions

<sup>\*</sup>An entitlement is a guarantee of access to benefits based on established <u>rights</u> or by <u>legislation</u>.VFC is an entitlement to the eligible child.

### **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

- CDC's National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) administers the program nationally
- In CA, the Program is administered by the CDPH, Immunization Branch
- State's responsibility for the administration of the program include:
  - provider recruitment & enrollment
  - administrative accountability procedures
  - maintaining program integrity
  - conducting Compliance Site Visits and Unannounced Storage and Handling Visits
  - program evaluation
  - integration of VFC activities into existing immunization programs and systems

### **VFC VACCINES**

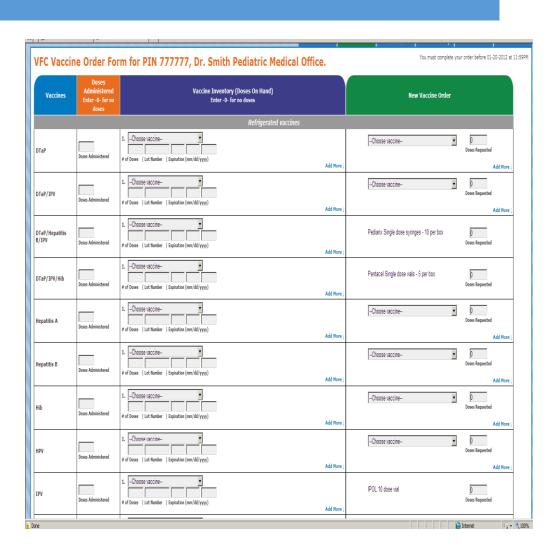
### VFC PROGRAM REQUIREMENT: VACCINE AVAILABILITY

VFC entitles children to all ACIP vaccines VFC Providers agree to comply with immunization schedules, dosages, and contraindications that are established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the vaccines identified and agreed upon in the Provider Agreement and Provider Profile UNLESS:

In the VFC Provider's medical judgment, and in accordance with accepted medical practice, the VFC Provider deems such compliance to be medically inappropriate for the child;

### VACCINES AVAILABLE THROUGH VFC

- The VFC Program includes all ACIP-recommended vaccines
- New vaccines are quickly incorporated into the program
  - After the negotiation of a federal vaccine price contract
  - An official vote from ACIP and
  - A VFC Resolution
- CA makes all product, brands and presentations available to enrolled providers.



### BILLING, REIMBURSEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION FEES

- The federal Vaccines For Children (VFC) program supplies vaccines to enrolled physicians at no cost.
  - Providers CANNOT bill or charge for the cost of VFC-supplied vaccines.
- Providers may bill for the administrative cost of administering a dose of vaccine, AKA the "Vaccine Administration Fee"
  - The administration fee is per vaccine and not per antigen within the vaccine (combination vaccines).
  - Vaccine administration fees not to exceed a regionally set fee cap of \$26.03 per dose may be charged to non-Medicaid eligible patients
  - For Medicaid VFC-eligible children, the reimbursement for immunization administration fees (set by the state Medicaid agency) must be billed to the Medicaid program and NOT the patient.
- Billing or reimbursement processes are between the enrolled provider and the patient or the enrolled provider and the state's Medicaid Agency.

### **VFC ELIGIBILITY**



- 0-18 years of age and meets one of the following:
  - Medical/CHDP eligible
  - Uninsured
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - Underinsured (at a FQHC or RHC only)

- American Indian or Alaska Native: As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)
- **Underinsured:** A child who has commercial (private) health insurance but the coverage does not include vaccines, a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only), or a child whose insurance caps vaccine coverage at a certain amount. Once that coverage amount is reached, the child is categorized as underinsured.
- No other factors can be considered when screening children for eligibility for participation in the VFC program (e.g. residency status or family income)
- Eligibility Parent self reported.

### VFC ELIGIBILITY: INSURED EXCEPTIONS

- American Indian/Alaska Natives are eligible to participate in the VFC program regardless of insurance coverage.
- Insured children with Medi-Cal as a secondary insurance are covered by VFC
  - Private vaccines may be administered and billed to the primary insurance or
  - VFC vaccines may be administered and Medi-Cal will pay the claim for the administration fee and seek reimbursement from the primary insurance

### NOT VFC ELIGIBLE

- Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for VFC vaccines
  - even when a claim for the cost of the vaccine and its administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan's deductible had not been met.

- Patients with Health Savings Accounts
  - Individuals covered by medical savings accounts or health savings accounts must also have high deductible health plan coverage. Therefore, such individuals are insured.

### VFC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### VFC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Requirements for participation in the VFC Program are set by CDC and clearly outlined in the Program's "Participation Agreement"
- Initially and on an annual basis, providers must agree with set requirements in order to renew participation in the program (AKA Recertification)
- Failure to meet recertification requirement leads to suspension of ordering privileges and eventual termination from the program

State of California—Health and Human Services Agency

California Department of Public Health

#### VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

#### PROVIDER AGREEMENT

To receive publicly funded vaccines at no cost, I agree to the following conditions, on behalf or myself and all the practitioners, nurses, and others associated with the health care facility of which I am the medical director or equivalent:

- I will annually submit a provider profile representing populations served by my practice/facility.

  I will submit more frequently if 1) the number of children served changes or 2) the status of the facility changes during the calendar year.
- I will screen patients and document elig eligibility (i.e., federally or state vaccine category only to children who are 18 yes following categories:
- A. Federally Vaccine-eligible Children (\)

  1. Are an American Indian or Ala
- Are enrolled in Medicaid;
- Have no health insurance;
- Are underinsured: A child who vaccines, a child whose insurar covered vaccines only). Under through a Federally Qualified I under an approved deputization
- B. State Vaccine-eligible Children
- In addition, to the extent that m "state vaccine-eligible", I will so agreement and will administer schildren.
- Children aged 0 through 18 years that d categories (VFC eligible), are <u>not</u> eligible For the vaccines identified and agreed u immunization schedules, dosages, and c Committee on Immunization Practices (
  - a) In the provider's medical judgr the provider deems such comp
     The particular requirements co and other exemptions.
- I will maintain all records related to the request make these records available for screening and eligibility documentation vaccine, vaccine ordering records, and v levil immunize eligible children with p records.
- I will not charge a vaccine administration that exceeds the administration fee cap accept the reimbursement for immunizathe contracted Medicaid health plans.

California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

#### Provider Agreement Addendum



I, on behalf of myself and any and all practitioners associated with this medical office, group practice, Health
Maintenance Organization (HMO), health department, community/migrant/rural clinic, hospital, or other entity of
which I am the physician-in-chief, medical director or equivalent, agree to comply with all VFC Program requirements

#### 1. Vaccine Management Plan

- A. Maintain a current and completed vaccine management plan (IMM-1122) for routine and emergency situations that includes practice-specific, vaccine-management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and required EZIZ lesson completion dates for all key practice staff.
- B. Review and update the plan at least annually, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine-management responsibilities change.
- C. Designate a staff member responsible for updating the practice's management plan.
- D. Ensure staff with assigned vaccine-management responsibilities review, sign, and date the vaccine management plan annually and each time it is updated.
- E. Store the vaccine management plan in a location easily accessible by staff, ideally near the vaccine storage units.

#### 2. Training & Staffing

- A. Designate an on-site Provider of Record Designee authorized to sign VFC Program documents and assume responsibility for VFC-related matters in the absence of the Provider of Record.
- B. Designate fully trained, on-site Vaccine Coordinator and Backup Vaccine Coordinator as detailed in "<u>Vaccine Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities</u>" (IMM-968).
- C. Ensure Provider of Record and Designee, Vaccine Coordinator and Backup, and other key practice staff comply with federal VFC educational requirements, such as annual EZIZ trainings; ensure staff demonstrate competency in their assigned VFC reponsibilities.
- Ensure that staff are knowledgeable of and familiar with all ACIP-recommended immunizations, including schedules, indications, dosages, and new products.
- E. Ensure staff, including supervisors and new employees, are properly trained on temperature monitoring including proper use of the practice's digital data loggers and the required corrective actions for out-of-range temperatures.
- Ensure staff authorized to accept packages are trained to immediately notify the Vaccine Coordinator when vaccines are delivered.
- G. Conduct regular vaccine transport drills to maintain competency and readiness for emergencies.
- H. Immediately report to the VFC Program any changes in key practice staff who have immunization-related responsibilities; a change in the Provider or Record or Designee requires a signed "Key Practice Staff Change Request Form" (IMM-1166).

#### 3. Vaccine Storage Units

A. Use only refrigerators or freezers that comply with VFC <u>vaccine storage unit requirements</u>; Very high volume providers must use purpose-built (pharmacy-, biologic-, or laboratory-grade) refrigerators. Other providers may use refrigerators and freezers that are purpose-built (preferred) or commercial-grade (acceptable). Household grade, stand-alone units are discouraged. Purpose-built combination units, including auto-dispensing units without doors, are allowed.

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### 2021 VFC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

 VFC participation requirements are summarized in the 2021 VFC
 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance. California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

#### 2021 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance

Requirement	Summary	Resources/Job Aids
Vaccine Management Plan	Maintain a current and completed vaccine management plan (VMP) for routine and emergency situations that includes practice-specific, vaccine-management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and completion dates of required EZIZ lessons for key practice staff.	Vaccine Management Plan
	Review and update the VMP at least annually, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine-management responsibilities change.	Provider Operations Manual
	Designate a staff member responsible for updating the practice's VMP.	(IMM-1248) Chapter 3
	Staff with assigned vaccine-management responsibilities must review, sign, and date the VMP annually and each time it is updated.	Mobile Unit Vaccine Management Plan (IMM- 1276)
	Follow emergency guidelines to prepare for, respond to, and recover from any vaccine-related emergencies.	1270
	Store the vaccine management plan in a location easily accessible by staff, ideally near the vaccine storage units.	
	For practices using mobile units to administer VFC-supplied vaccines: Mobile-only clinics or clinics with mobile units must maintain a current and complete Mobile Unit Vaccine Management Plan and keep it in the mobile unit.	
Key Practice Staff	Designate and maintain key practice staff in the practice's profile. Immediately report to the VFC Program changes to key practice staff. A change in the Provider of Record or Designee requires a signed Key Practice Staff Change Request Form.	Vaccine Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities (IMM-968)
	There are four required VFC roles:	VFC Key Practice Staff Change Request Form
	Provider of Record (POR): The on-site physician-in-chief, medical director, or equivalent, who signs the VFC "Provider Agreement" and the California VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" and is ultimately accountable for the practice's compliance. Must be a licensed MD, DO, NP, PA, pharmacist, or a Certified Nurse Midwife with prescription-writing privileges in California.	(IMM-1166)
	Provider of Record Designee: The on-site person who is authorized to sign VFC Program documents and assumes responsibility for VFC-related matters in the absence of the Provider of Record.	
	Vaccine Coordinator: An on-site employee who is fully trained and responsible for implementing and overseeing the practices vaccine management plan.	
	Backup Vaccine Coordinator: An on-site employee fully trained in the practice's vaccine management activities and fulfills the responsibilities of the Vaccine Coordinator in his/her absence.	

### APPROPRIATE VACCINE STORAGE UNITS

- Vaccine storage units must be reliable, maintaining adequate temperatures at all times to protect vaccine supply.
  - Go to <a href="http://eziz.org/vaccine-storage/">http://eziz.org/vaccine-storage/</a> for more specific information on vaccine storage requirements.



### ROUTINE ORDER FREQUENCY

Provider category	# Doses received per year	Order frequency	
Very high volume	>10,000	Monthly (or more frequently if approved by the VFC Program)	
High volume	2,000 - 10,000	Monthly	
Medium volume	500 - 2,000	Every 2 months	
Low volume	< 500	Every 3 months	

### VFC PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

### **ENROLLMENT IN VFC**

#### Who can enroll in the VFC program?

 Health care providers authorized to prescribe vaccines under state law providing primary care services to children birth though 18 years of age



#### Requirements

- Enrolled providers must agree to follow a set of federal and state requirements to participate in the VFC program
- Must have appropriate vaccine storage equipment
- Must complete a set of educational modules
- All providers must have an initial VFC enrollment visit





### ENROLLMENT IN OTHER STATE PROGRAMS

- CHDP
  - Participation in VFC is a pre-requisite for enrollment in CHDP
- Medi-Cal
  - Participation in VFC is necessary for enrollment in Medi-Cal
    - Providers are reimbursed for vaccine administration costs only.
    - Medi-Cal will not reimburse for the cost of provider-purchased vaccines also available through VFC program
- Participation in Medi-Cal or CHDP is NOT a requirement for VFC enrollment.

## VFC ENROLLMENT WEBSITE AND WORKSHEET

- https://eziz.org/vfc/enrollment/
- https://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM-1243.pdf

State of California - Health and Human Services Agency

Practice Information/Shipping

California Department of Public Health

Contact Person

#### VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM

#### PROVIDER ENROLLMENT WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to gather information needed ahead of time to complete the online VFC Enrollment Form on http://eziz.org/vfc/enrollment/

#### DO NOT SUBMIT THIS WORKSHEET TO THE VFC PROGRAM.

Practice information/Shipping Address (No P.O. Box)					γ	Registry ID
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Vaccine Coordinator		Specialty Clinic Ye	r tie:			Direct Phone Number:
Backup Vaccine Coordinator		Specialty	r			Direct Phone Number: Email:
Provider of Record Designee		Specialty	r			Direct Phone Number:

### **ENROLLMENTS – KEY STEPS**

Provider applies for Enrollment online at https://eziz.org/vfc/enrollment/

Central Office verifies information for submitted Enrollment application

Field Rep conducts New Enrollment Site Visit and Approves provider to receive vaccine

Once Approved, Central Office creates a New Provider Account

### VFC RESOURCES



### **Vaccines for Children Program**

**Provider Operations Manual** 







### The VFC Program

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### EZ-IZ: ONE EZ STOP FOR LOTS OF IZ RESOURCES!



Platform for provider education, communication and completion of program requirements

# How to Enroll in the CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program



# Providers Participating in the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)

- Enrollment is separate from the VFC Program
  - VFC providers will need to enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, complete a federal participating agreement, and provide clinic information.
  - Vaccine orders will be submitted in a different system.
  - A call center is available for Providers in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.



#### CA COVID-19 Vaccination Program

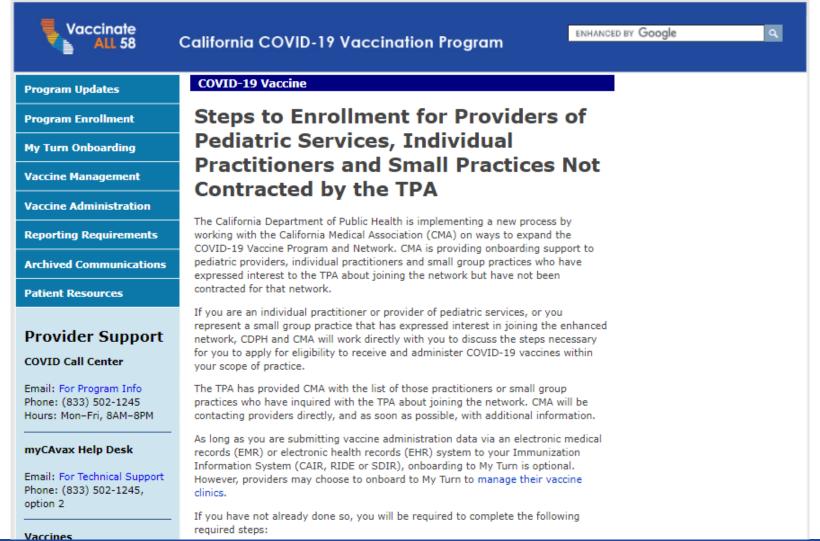
#### Where we are now:

- Launched in mid-November
- Over 6,000 approved Providers in the program
- Program participants include Local Health Departments, large health systems, Federally Qualified Health Centers

Now we are ready to enroll Providers who have patient populations 12-to-18-years-old.



# https://eziz.org/covid/enrollment/pediatric/





#### Before You Enroll

- ✓ Step 1: Review Program Requirements including CDC Provider Agreement
- ✓ Step 2: Immunization Information System (IIS)
- √ Step 3: Storage & Handling Guidelines
- ✓ Step 4: Enrollment Worksheet
- ✓ Step 5: Responsible Officers
- ✓ Step 6: Complete Required Training
- ✓ Step 7: CDC Provider Agreement in myCAvax
- ✓ Step 8: Blue Shield's TPA Agreement\*
- ✓ Step 9: Onboard to My Turn\*

#### https://eziz.org/assets/other/IMM-1295.pdf

#### **Provider Enrollment: Before You Enroll**



California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Providers with an active license in California and who possess and administer vaccines are eligible to enroll in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program. To receive State doses, local providers, medical groups, health systems, multi-county entities, pharmacies, and HRSA community health centers will enroll in myCAvax. Your application will be reviewed and verified by CDPH prior to approval.

#### Section A: Provider Requirements & Legal Agreement

Organization Coordinator is the Point of Contact who enrolls the provider organization in myCAvax. This role will complete Section A, identify affiliated locations (under the same CEO) who are to receive or administer COVID-19 vaccines, register with VaccineFinder and determine whether Organization or Locations will report inventory daily, and monitor all program communications.

Who signs? Organization's Chief Medical Officer (or equivalent medical official) and Chief Executive Officer (or chief fiduciary/legal official) must agree to the conditions of program participation and DocuSign the CDC Provider Requirements & Agreement on behalf of your Organization.

#### **Section B: Provider Profile Information**

Each location must have an **on-site** primary and backup **Location Coordinator**, typically filled by vaccine coordinators. This role will enroll the provider location in myCAvax; receive vaccines, monitor temperatures, and manage vaccine inventory; receive emails regarding allocations, shipments, and temperature monitoring; may be delegated to report inventory to VaccineFinder; and may transport vaccines for mass vaccination clinics. The Location Coordinator completes Section B and submits the application to CDPH for review.

Who signs? Medical or Pharmacy Director (or Vaccine Coordinator) responsible for location's adherence to CDC Provider Agreement terms must DocuSign Section B.

#### **Step 1: Review Program Requirements**

Review CDC Provider Agreement to ensure your facility can meet all program requirements. Go to Program Enrollment to review Steps to Participation (in the TPA Network) to ensure you are willing to participate in order to receive vaccine. (Providers of pediatric services may opt out.)

#### **Step 2: Enroll in IIS**

Each vaccination location must be enrolled in the California Immunization Registry (CAIR) and have their own unique IIS Registry ID (e.g., CAIR Org Code); locations may not share the Organization's IIS ID. If your facility is not currently enrolled, please enroll in your local registry now. If your location is already enrolled in CAIR2/SDIR/RIDE and has its own unique IIS ID, do not enroll again; use your existing CAIR Org Code.

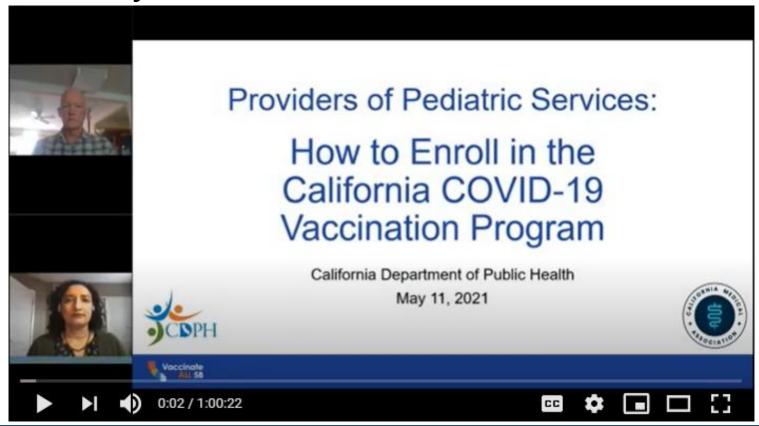
California COVID-19 Vaccination Program

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## Recorded COVID-19 Vaccine Program Enrollment Webinar

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCNFJ4HmqYo





# Where can I go for support?

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#### **Description**



COVID-19 Call Center for Providers/LHJs

The COVID-19 Call Center for Providers is dedicated to medical providers in California and their COVID-19 response, specifically addressing questions about State program requirements, enrollment, and vaccine distribution.

- Email: <a href="mailto:covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov">covidcallcenter@cdph.ca.gov</a>
- Phone: (833) 502-1245 (Monday through Friday from 8AM–8PM)



CMA Enrollment Support

To receive assistance with the enrollment process, contact CMA:

- Email: <u>VaccineNetwork@cmadocs.org</u>
- Phone: (800) 786-4262



myCAvax Help Desk

Dedicated staff provides up-to-date information and technical support through myCAvax help desk: myCAvax.HD@Accenture.com or (833) 502-1245, option 2.



My Turn / My Clinic Help Desk For Onboarding (those in the process of onboarding): <a href="mailto:myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov">myturnonboarding@cdph.ca.gov</a>

For Technical Support: MyTurn.Clinic.HD@Accenture.com; (415) 621-9494: Daily (including Saturdays and Sundays) 7AM–7PM

For job aids and demo and training opportunities: <a href="https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/">https://eziz.org/covid/myturn/</a>



**TPA** general inquiry

For general questions about TPA enrollment, email: <u>TPA\_Inquiry@blueshieldca.com</u> (Note the underscore "\_" between TPA and allocations.)



# QUESTIONS?

#### **VFC Call Center**

Phone: I-877-243-8832

Fax: I-877-329-9832

**Business hours:** 

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 9 am – 4 pm

# CAIR2

# Immunization Topics: CAIR and CAIR-ME



## The CAIR System

- California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is a system comprised of three distinct immunization registries
- CAIR2 will contain all state data by 2022

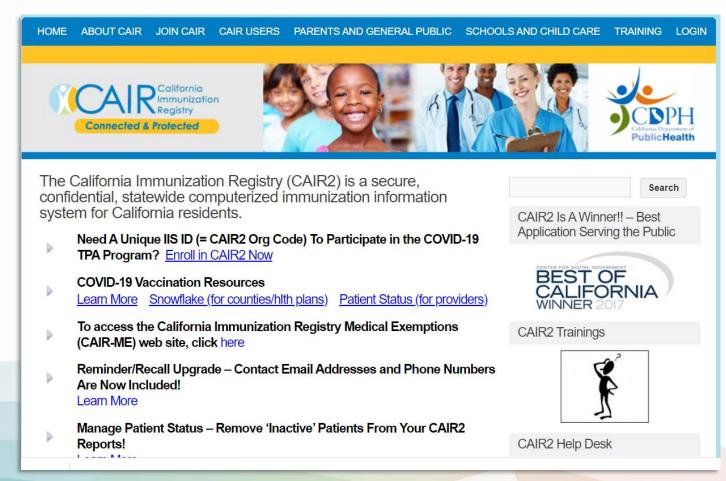




## **CAIR Web page**

 General CAIR Info: https://cairweb.org/

 CAIR2 Registration: <u>http://enroll.cairweb.org/</u>

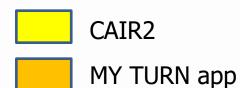


 CAIR2 Training materials: https://cairweb.org/cair2-training-resources



# School/Childcare User Types (CAIR2)

- Lookup
  - School/Childcare User (Read-Only)
- Clinical (add patients/doses)
  - School Regular
  - School Power (inventory)
- COVID only
  - MY TURN User





#### **CAIR-ME**

- Effective January 1, 2021, all new medical exemptions (MEs) must be issued through the new CAIR-ME web site.
- Please note: this new website is completely separate from CAIR2





#### **CAIR-ME Benefits**

- ✓ Allowing CDPH to monitor exemptions when:
  - Child care/school sites report immunization rates <95% or don't report
  - Physicians submit 5 or more MEs in a calendar year
  - Review is necessary to protect public health
- ✓ Allowing CDPH to revoke exemptions and parents to appeal the revocation
- ✓ Preventing physicians from issuing MEs if they are on probation/have a pending accusation for immunization-related practices, or are deemed a public health risk
- ✓ Providing important communications to parents, physicians, schools/childcare facilities and health departments regarding the status of exemptions

#### **CAIR-ME** Request Process

- Parent enrolls in CAIR-ME and enters ME request which is assigned an ME Request ID
- Parent informs Physician of ME Request ID
- Physician enrolls in CAIR-ME, reviews ME request, and approves
- Physician prints paper copy of approved ME for parent
- Parent delivers ME copy to school
- School staff are permitted CAIR-ME access to confirm ME status



#### **School Access to CAIR-ME Site**

- If desired, school staff may enroll at CAIR-ME for login access to review school MEs
- Enrollment Steps:
  - School with new MEs can email a login access request to <u>medicalexemptions@cdph.ca.gov</u> citing the student name and ME number
  - CAIR-ME staff will email the school contact an access code
  - School contact will then register at the CAIR-ME site using the access code



# LVN Scope of Practice for Immunizations

Dr. Judith McLeod BVNPT

#### LVN Regulation

- 2860.7. Skin Tests and Immunizations.
- (a) A licensed vocational nurse, acting under the direction of a physician may perform: (1) tuberculin skin tests, coccidioidin skin tests, and histoplasmin skin tests, providing such administration is within the course of a tuberculosis control program, and (2) immunization techniques, providing such administration is upon standing orders of a supervising physician, or pursuant to written guidelines adopted by a hospital or medical group with whom the supervising physician is associated.
- (b) The supervising physician under whose direction the licensed vocational nurse is acting pursuant to subdivision (a) shall require such nurse to:
- (1) Satisfactorily demonstrate competence in the administration of immunizing agents, including knowledge of all indications and contraindications for the administration of such agents, and in the recognition and treatment of any emergency reactions to such agents which constitute a danger to the health or life of the person receiving the immunization; and (2) Possess such medications and equipment as required, in the medical judgment of the supervising physician and surgeon, to treat any emergency conditions and reactions caused by the immunizing agents and which constitute a danger to the health or life of the person receiving the immunization, and to demonstrate the ability to administer such medications and to utilize such equipment as necessary.
- (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require physical presence of a directing or supervising
- physician, or the examination by a physician of persons to be tested or immunized

# IMMUNIZATION IN SCHOOLS

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#### **BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE 2725**

- The Nursing Practice Act
   https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=2725.&lawCode=B

   PC
- (3) The performance of skin tests, immunization techniques, and the withdrawal of human blood from veins and arteries.
- Performed "Standardized procedures"
- (2) Policies and protocols developed through collaboration among administrators and health professionals, including physicians and nurses, by an organized health care system which is not a health facility licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code. These organized health care systems include, but are not limited to, health facilities licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, clinics, home health agencies, physicians' offices, and public or community health services.

# CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE

• **49426** a) Conduct immunization programs pursuant to Section 49403 and assure that every pupil's immunization status is in compliance with the law, including parental or guardian consent, and good health practice.

#### 49403.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, the governing board of a school district shall cooperate with the local health officer in measures necessary for the prevention and control of **communicable** diseases in schoolage children. For that purpose, the board may use any funds, property, and personnel of the district, and may permit a licensed physician and surgeon, or a health care practitioner listed in subdivision (b) who is acting under the direction of a supervising physician and surgeon, to administer an immunizing agent to a pupil whose parent or guardian has consented in writing to the administration of the immunizing agent.

- The administration of an immunizing agent is upon the standing orders of a supervising physician and surgeon and in accordance with any written regulations that the State Department of Public Health may adopt.
- (C) The health care practitioner may only administer immunizations for the prevention and control of any of the following:
- (i) Annual seasonal influenza.
- (ii) Influenza pandemic episodes.
- (iii) Other diseases that represent a current or potential outbreak as declared by a federal, state, or local public health officer.
- As used in this section, "supervising physician and surgeon" means the physician and surgeon of the local health department or school district that is directing the school immunization program.

• It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage school-based immunization programs, when feasible, to use the California Immunization Registry to assist providers to track patient records, reduce missed opportunities, and to help fully immunize all children in California.

## MOU BETWEEN SJC COE, DISTRICTS AND PHS

#### **Point-of-Dispensing Sites**

SJCPHS has established Point-of-Dispensing (POD) sites throughout San Joaquin County at different types of facilities. POD sites are intended to serve as a meeting location for the community to receive medical prophylaxis in response to a public health emergency. Each school district within the county has, at a minimum, one school location designated as a POD site. Each school district party to this MOU shall ensure that its designated POD sites comply fully with POD site requirements, including, but not limited to:

- Use of the facility and equipment for emergency response by request at any time
- Occupancy beginning within 12 hours of the request and continuing as needed
- Use of office equipment and parking areas
- Two designated points of contact available at any time that will be listed in the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) to receive alerts regarding facility use, security and planning
- Development and maintenance of a site dispensing plan, in coordination with SJCPHS, local law enforcement and other interested agencies
- Participation in the Strategic National Stockpile Program as a distribution site
- Provide personnel to participate in training to serve as distribution clinic volunteers and to prepare for emergency response
- If additional POD sites are required by SJCPHS to meet the needs of the public, each school district party will participate in the planning and location of future POD sites as needed. SJCPHS will make a reasonable effort to minimize the impact to district facilities at all times.

# SJCOE AS A VFC PROVIDER

- HINI-Kickoff
- Purchased necessary equipment (deep freezer, refrigerator)
- Follow protocols (daily temperature checks)
- Entry of vaccines into Healthy Futures RIDE system
- Site visits
- Consents & Screening

# SJCOE VACCINATION CLINIC

- 300 volunteers
- 14 days
- 25,822 doses of COVID-19 Vaccine Delivered at that time we delivered 1% of the State's vaccinations
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHBNQ3\_Umbo



#### Thank you for joining!

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Join us on June 17<sup>th</sup> for the next LEA Workgroup meeting on the Governor's \$4b mental health initiative