

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vehicle Occupant Safety Program (VOSP)

Summer 2020 • e-Newsletter for California's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Community

This quarterly e-Newsletter provides a summary of CPS laws and programmatic support for the California community of local health departments, instructors, technicians, and advocates.

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COVID-19 and CPS

As we all learn about COVID-19 for ourselves and our families we are also learning about how to create safe and effective ways to reach our CPS families and caregivers to offer continued services to our community.

Resources including Virtual Seat Checks

- CDPH Kids' Plates **CPS and COVID-19** webinar, April 21, 2020. Password COVID19cps
- **Check virtual seats national CPS Board**
- Kids and Cars - sanitizing your vehicle entitled, **Wash Your Hands, Wash Your Handles**.
- **Resources to keep children safe in cars during COVID-19**: Safe Kids Worldwide and JPMA teamed up to curate vehicle safety information for parents.

CPS Technician Trainings

Let's restart the CPS Technician trainings in our state! I am hopeful that Safe Kids Certification will come out with some guidance/protocols soon to help us, but until then we have some temporary guidance to offer. As long as you follow the CDC, California state, your county's local health department **and** your own agency/organization's

protocols for COVID-19 transmission safety, then VOSP can support your technician training. VOSP has received approval from OTS for your teaching teams to now be at a 1 instructor to 3 student ratio and if some portions of the lecture portions are best suited for webinar “classroom” then that may be incorporated.

As always, CPS Instructors need to have an existing contract with CDPH/VOSP to receive a stipend for teaching any CPS course, and the new contract cycle starts July 1, 2020. The instructor stipends will change as of July 1, 2020 and a Lead Instructor will earn \$900/day and a Co-Instructor \$700/day. If you need the documents to get started on a new contract please contact me or Claudia.

COVID-19 General Resources

[CDC Injury Center on COVID-19](#)

[California Department of Public Health COVID CA.gov COVID](#)

Virtual Conference and Webinars

Safer CA Conference, November 17-18, 2020

Safer CA will be conducted as a virtual conference to promote unintentional injury prevention for children and youth in California. The webinar series will be recorded. To participate in the planning process or have a presentation you want to make, please contact Steve Barrow (scbarrow88@gmail.com) with the California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health (CCCSH). Registration and pre-conference sessions will be announced soon.

Lifesavers 2020

The Lifesavers Conference 2020 turned into webinar series offers presentations (some recorded and some are upcoming) addressing hot-topics, latest trends, and cutting-edge programs. CEUs are provided for most CPS sessions.

CPS topics include:

- New Curriculum: Preparing the Team and Making Sure Your New Techs Get and Stay Involved
- Sustainability of a CPS Program; Today, Tomorrow and Years to Come
- Navigating Non-standard LATCH and Other Misuse: Crash Testing and Field Data
- Is It OK to Be Little? Is it OK to Be Big? How Can You Be Sure I Am Safe?
- How to Know if a Car Seat is Legit or Not

Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention Webinars

The California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health (CCCSH) has been hosting webinars on various injury prevention topics, including social media, drowning prevention safe sleep and poisoning prevention. The most recent webinars in April-May presenters addressed issues related to COVID-19. The last webinar in the

series, Coalition Staffing and Volunteers held on June 18, 2020, was recorded and the link can be acquired by contacting Gerry Root at rootge@gmail.com.

We are here to support you!

Please contact VOSP staff if you have any CPS Technician Training requests or questions, need CPS educational materials, or want to be on the list to receive future VOSP e-Newsletters.

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