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Immunization Branch



Dear California School Administrator,

Let's keep all children healthy and learning in the classroom by making sure they are vaccinated against serious diseases like flu and COVID-19. Getting vaccinated remains the best way to prevent these serious illnesses and reduce the spread to others. **Make sure parents know that both vaccines are now available for children 6 months of age and older. Children 5**

years of age and older need primary vaccination and an updated (bivalent) COVID-19 booster dose. It is safe to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as flu vaccine.

Take steps to protect your school from flu outbreaks this season:

Make it easy to get a flu vaccine!

- Encourage parents to contact their child's doctor to get a flu vaccine and any other needed vaccines. Consider using these template <u>phone messages</u> or <u>email</u> <u>communications</u>.
- Promote <u>My Turn</u> for families and staff seeking flu vaccination and call your <u>local</u> <u>health department</u> to find out if they are offering free or low-cost flu vaccine.

Share online:

- <u>Don't Wait Vaccinate</u> flu social media messages
- Personal stories like <u>Nathan's Story</u> (ten-yearold boy who nearly died from flu)



Post at your school:

- Flu and COVID-19 Flyer for Children NEW!
- Keep Our School Healthy Symptoms poster | Spanish
- <u>Germ-Free Zone multilingual poster | English/Spanish | English/Chinese</u>



Resources

- <u>Don't Wait Vaccinate! flu campaign</u> (CIC)
- Fight the Flu. Get Vaccinated! campaign (CDPH)
- Flu and Respiratory Disease Prevention Materials (EZIZ)
- Information for Schools and Childcare Providers (CDC)
- <u>COVID-19 Vaccinations</u> (CA Safe Schools for All)

We appreciate all that you do to keep staff and children safe and healthy!