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To: All PCPs and OB/GYNs

From: Provider Relations

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Subject: APL 25-015: Updated Immunization Recommendations

This is an ad hoc notice in addition to our weekly bulletin due to the urgency of conveying regulatory updates.

On September 17, 2025, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued **updated guidance regarding COVID-19, influenza, and RSV immunizations.**

Age/Condition	COVID_19	Flu	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 factors • All who chose protection	• All 6 months and older	• All younger than 8 months • All 8-19 months with risk factors
Pregnancy	• All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum, or lactating	• All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum, or lactating	• 32-36 weeks gestational age
Adults	• All 65 years and older • All younger than 65 years with risk factors • All who are in close contact with others with risk factors • All who choose protection	• All	• All 75 years and older • All 50-74 years with risk factors

Per AB 144 all health care service plans must cover the CDPH-recommended immunizations without cost-sharing or utilization management.

Please note that the FDA currently recommends COVID-19 immunizations only for individuals 65 years of age or older or for those younger than 65 with at least one underlying condition that increases their risk of COVID-19. Notwithstanding the FDA's recommendation, per AB 144, health plans must cover COVID-19 immunizations per CDPH's recommendations even if doing so could be considered "off-label."

For more information about the updated guidelines, please visit www.cdph.ca.gov: California Issues Respiratory Virus Immunization Guidance

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