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The following guidance is as of April 18, 2022. We are working hard to make sure we provide the most accurate information, but please note that the situation is constantly developing so what is shared below is subject to change. Please check [www.VaccinateLACounty.com](http://www.VaccinateLACounty.com) for current information.

**Follow/Share LA County Public Health Social Media Posts**

**New Free Public Health COVID-19 Medication Telehealth Service**

- Answer Questions
- Refer you to a Test to Treat site
- Connect you to services
- Screen you for medication eligibility
- If eligible, deliver medications to your home overnight

**833-540-0473**  
 7 days a week! 8:00am – 8:30pm

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**NEW Vaccine Resources**

**Communicating Through COVID-19 and Beyond: Impact and Insights from the Field of Public Health**

[Public Health Communications Collaborative](#) offers this latest resource - [Communicating Through COVID-19 and Beyond](#) which features insights and learnings from public health communicators across the country. Our partners from the Pasadena Public Health Department are highlighted in this resource!



- **Download the Resource:** [Communicating Through COVID-19 and Beyond](#)

**National Infant Immunization Week is April 24–30**

[National Infant Immunization Week \(NIIW\)](#), April 24–30, is a yearly observance highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). This year it's critical to ensure families stay on track for children's routine checkups and recommended vaccinations following disruption from COVID-19.



- [National Infant Immunization Week \(NIIW\) | CDC](#)
- [NIIW Digital Toolkit](#)
- [NIIW Key Messages](#)
- [NIIW Print Materials](#)

**New #NoJudgment Toolkit Supports Vaccine Confidence Among Young People**

The [National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants](#) partnered with IDEO.org, a non-profit design firm, to [co-create a toolkit](#) to help conversations around the COVID-19 vaccine among young people in refugee, immigrant and migrant communities. [Learn more here.](#)



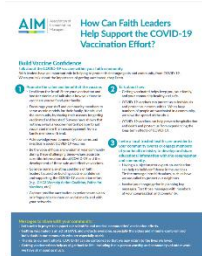


## Faith Leaders and CBOs Influence on COVID-19



[The Association of Immunization Managers](#) has handouts available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) with tips and messaging faith leaders can use for building vaccine confidence, improving vaccine access, and partnering with immunization programs or healthcare institutions to offer vaccine clinics.

Similar handouts are available for community-based organizations, also in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



## Vaccine Updates from Immunize.org



**IZ Express** Weekly news from Immunize.org

[IZ Express](#) keeps you informed about new and updated vaccine recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and new vaccine licensures by the Food and Drug Administration. You can read about newly posted Vaccine Information Statements, educational materials from Immunize.org and the latest resources from CDC and other organizations.

- **Hepatitis B Facts: Testing and Vaccination**

The [Hepatitis B Facts: Testing and Vaccination](#) handout was updated for healthcare providers to incorporate the newest ACIP recommendations for hepatitis B vaccine.



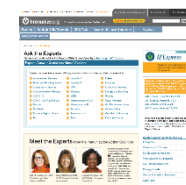
- **Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccines: Correct Dose Handout**

The [Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccines: Be Sure Your Patients Get the Correct Dose](#) handout was updated for healthcare providers to add PreHevbrio and Vaxelis to the list of vaccines containing a HepB component and to update the references.



- **Ask the Experts: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccines Webpage Updated**

Immunize.org updated its popular [Ask the Experts: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccines](#) web page on March 31.





**NEW Events, Webinars, Town Halls**

**Los Angeles HPV Vaccine Coalition Learning Collaborative Quarterly Lunch Series**

**April 20, 2022**

**12:00pm – 1:00pm PST**

[Register here](#)



**CALIFORNIA HPV VACCINATION ROUNDTABLE**  
Working to prevent HPV cancers

Virtual lunchtime learning opportunity for health systems, health care providers, and others interested in increasing HPV vaccination rates. Have a specific question for discussion during a session, please send an email to [info@cahpvroundtable.org](mailto:info@cahpvroundtable.org).

**Can You Hear Me Now? How Effective Messaging Increased COVID-19 Vaccination in Communities of Color**

**April 20, 2022**

**2:00pm EST / 11:00am PST**

[Register here](#)



This session will focus on how community-based organizations crafted and delivered effective COVID-19 messaging that increased vaccine uptake in their local communities, and how they developed and tested those messages over time.

**Town Hall: The Latest on COVID-19 and Navigating the Road Ahead**

**April 21, 2022**

**3:00 - 4:00pm ET / 12:00 - 1:00pm PT**

[Register here](#)



Please join us for an interactive Town Hall webinar where national and local experts discuss your top COVID-19 questions and address your biggest concerns during the next phase of the pandemic.

**NFID/AIM Webinar: Communications During a Pandemic - From 1918 to Present Times**

**April 26, 2022**

**12:00pm EST / 9:00am PST**

[Register here](#)



Association of  
Immunization  
Managers



National  
Foundation for  
Infectious  
Diseases

Join the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) for an engaging online discussion on pandemic communications.



**CIC April Education Hour Featuring ShotByShot**

**April 27, 2022**

**12:00pm – 1:00pm PST**

[Register here](#)



Featuring Shot by Shot ([www.ShotByShot.org](http://www.ShotByShot.org)) – a story bank of real-life Immunization stories, told by survivors, family members, friends, and health care providers, brings first-hand experiences to new generations. Personal stories touch us, educate us, and remind us of the value of prevention.

**The Rising Tide of Oropharyngeal Cancers**

**April 27, 2022**

**12:00pm – 1:30pm PST**

[Register here](#)

This virtual panel is to empower oral health practitioners, providers and community members with the facts on oropharyngeal cancer and how it can be prevented.



**#NoJudgment: A Vaccine Confidence Campaign Created By and For Immigrant and Refugee Youth**

**April 28, 2022**

**12:00pm EST / 9:00am PST**

[Register here](#)



The toolkit was designed with public health actors and community-based organizations in mind and was created in partnership with a Youth Design Collective of five young people who we'll hear from during the webinar.

**What's Up with Flu in '22! Surveillance, Vaccines, Policy, and Communications Last Year and Next**

**May 19, 2022**

**2:00pm – 4:45pm EST / 11:00am – 1:45pm PST**

[Register here](#)



The agenda for this year's meeting includes CDC presentations on influenza virus surveillance in 2021-22; new vaccine strains for 2022-23 season. Registration by 5:00 PM Pacific Time on May 18th is required to attend.





## **SAVE THE DATE**



### **VACCINE FORUM**

**Tuesday June 21, 2022**

**9:30 am -12 noon**

**California Endowment, Center for Healthy Communities**

**1000 N Alameda St, Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Phone: 213.928.8900 | Fax: 213.928.8901 | Email: [CHCLA@calendow.org](mailto:CHCLA@calendow.org)**

The Vaccine Forum is the first in a series of free general educational sessions hosted by the Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles (ICLAC) for organizations and providers from across Los Angeles County. The overall objective is to share the latest vaccine guidance and best practices to improve immunization coverage in Los Angeles County of all vaccines, especially for those at highest risk. Stay tuned as speakers and more details will be featured in upcoming communications.

The Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County (ICLAC) is a diverse, grassroots, community-based partnership of Los Angeles County providers, hospitals, schools, clinics, health department programs, pharmacies, health plans, vaccine companies, and non-profit organizations. ICLAC's mission is collaboration improve access to medically recommended immunizations for adults and adolescents, especially among groups at highest risk for vaccine preventable diseases in Los Angeles County.

For more information about the Vaccine Forum or participating in ICLAC contact:

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## Los Angeles County Vaccination News & Updates

### Key Highlights: April 18, 2022 - Press Release [link here](#)

- **Today (April 18, 2022) we are reporting 829 new cases.** The average number of daily new cases reported over the last 7 days increased to 1,098 compared to the 960 reported last week, an increase of 14%.
- COVID-19 related hospitalizations have remained relatively stable, with 221 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in LA County today, compared to 265 hospitalizations reported a week ago.
- Daily deaths remain steady with a daily average of 10 deaths reported this past week.
- With 67% of recently sequenced samples in LA County identified as BA.2, the threshold level for this early alert is now of high concern.
- **We released an update Quarantine Order, effective April 15<sup>th</sup>,** which removes the quarantine requirement for asymptomatic close contacts in the general public, provided they mask and test. **The updated Quarantine is order is posted on our website at: [www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#quarantine](http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/reopening-la.htm#quarantine).**

### Vaccine Update

- **As of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 74% of LA County residents 65 years of age and older had received at least one booster dose and 12% received a second booster.** By comparison, 65% of adults 50–64 years of age had received the first recommended booster dose and 7% had received a second booster.
- **From March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, fully vaccinated people in LA County, including those with and without their booster, were about 2 times less likely to be infected with COVID-19 than unvaccinated people.** The data suggest that even with the more transmissible BA.2 subvariant spreading in LA County, vaccines provide some protection against infection.
- **From March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, fully vaccinated LA County residents were 4 times less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than unvaccinated individuals.** For the 7-day period of March 19<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>, fully vaccinated residents were about 11 times less likely to die from COVID-19 than unvaccinated residents.
- **As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, vaccinated and boosted individuals are about 4 times less likely to be hospitalized than unvaccinated individuals.** Regardless of what time period we look at, vaccines and boosters offer strong protection against severe illness and death and offer a much safer route to this protection than getting infected.
- For more information about the vaccine and boosters and to make an appointment, please visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](http://VaccinateLACounty.com).



## ICLAC Weekly Updates

### External News Headlines

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#### [The New York Times: How U.S. Airlines Are Changing Their Mask Rules](#)

Generally, the airlines said they would no longer require masks at airports and on flights within the United States, though several said they would still require them when flying into cities and countries where requirements were still in place. Some airports may continue to require masks, too. Here's what each of the major national airlines had to say. (Chokshi, 4/18)

#### [Los Angeles Times: Some California Transit Agencies Ask Riders To Still Mask](#)

The Biden administration said Monday's court decision means that the federal order issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention requiring mask use on public transit — including planes, airports, buses and trains — is not in effect at this time. The CDC still recommends the public wear masks when using public transportation. (Lin II and Money, 4/18)

#### [Stat: Kizzmekia Corbett On The Pandemic And Her Path To Becoming A Scientist](#)

The world knows Kizzmekia Corbett as one of the designers of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccines. And in her new job as an assistant professor at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Corbett plans to work on vaccine design to help the world better handle future pandemics. (Branswell, 4/18)

#### [Healthline: How Meningitis Vaccines Can Help Protect Against Gonorrhea](#)

A trio of new studies demonstrates that the 4CMenB vaccine, administered to prevent the brain and spinal cord inflammation associated with meningitis, also can prevent one-third or more gonorrhea infections. (Curley, 4/14)

#### [Los Angeles Times: Plan Stalls For California COVID-19 School Children Vaccinations](#)

On Thursday, the California Department of Public Health announced that the timeline will be pushed back to at least July 1, 2023, since the FDA has not yet fully approved the vaccine for children and the state will need time afterward to initiate its rule-making process. (Gutierrez and Gomez, 4/14)

#### [Los Angeles Times: California Says Asymptomatic People Exposed To Coronavirus Don't Need To Quarantine](#)

California is no longer recommending a five-day quarantine period for people who are exposed to the coronavirus but remain asymptomatic, a move that could potentially result in a relaxation of similar rules in Los Angeles County. (Lin II and Money, 4/13)

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