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The following guidance is as of **April 25, 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 for current information.

Follow/Share LA County Public Health Social Media Posts

**DID YOU GET COVID-19?
 YOU SHOULD STILL
 GET VACCINATED**

Being fully vaccinated and boosted reduces your risk of getting infected again.

If you have COVID-19 now, wait until you are fully recovered to get vaccinated. If you received monoclonal antibody treatment, wait 90 days.

For more information, visit VaccinateLACounty.com

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**MASKING REQUIREMENTS
 TO CONTINUE IN LA COUNTY**

Masking in all public transit and in indoor transportation hubs in LA County continues to be required for everyone 2 years and older regardless of their vaccination status.

This includes:

- On public transit (e.g., commuter trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares.)
- At indoor transportation hubs (e.g., airport and bus terminals, train and subway stations, seaport or other indoor port terminals, or any other indoor area that serves as a transportation hub)

Public Health will reassess the indoor masking requirement when COVID-19 community transmission in Los Angeles County drops to the Moderate level, OR the CDC's assessment is that an order requiring masking in the transportation corridor is no longer necessary for protection of the public's health, OR within 30 days of this Order, whichever occurs first.

For more information, visit ph.lacounty.gov/coronavirus

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NEW Vaccine Resources

National Infant Immunization Week is Here! April 24–30, 2022

[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).

Help families, infants and children get back on track with routine vaccinations.

Share information from the [NIIW Digital Toolkit](#) with Parents, Partners, Childcare Providers and Health Care Professionals as a reminder of the importance of staying up to date with routinely recommended vaccines following disruptions from COVID-19, and to highlight the positive impact of childhood immunization.



Children who are vaccinated according to the [recommended immunization schedule](#) gives the best protection against 14 serious childhood illnesses — like measles and whooping cough — before the age of 2.

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

CDC Alerts Providers to Hepatitis Cases of Unknown Origin

CDC issued a [nationwide health alert](#) on April 21, 2022 to notify clinicians and public health authorities about a cluster of children identified with hepatitis and adenovirus infection – and to ask all physicians to be on the lookout for symptoms and to report any suspected cases of hepatitis of unknown origin to their local and state health departments.



- [Read the full CDC media statement](#)



KidsVaxGrant Opportunity Exclusively for VFC Providers

The State of California is offering grant funding to medical organizations enrolled in the federal [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) Program, serving eligible children from birth through 18 years of age.



Administered by [Physicians for a Healthy California \(PHC\)](#), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is investing approximately \$10 million to fund the KidsVaxGrant. Application cycle is open until May 27, 2022, or when all funds are disbursed.

- [Learn more at KidsVaxGrant](#)

New Video Resource: Children are Sacred

[Watch and share](#) this short video encouraging American Indian/Alaska Native parents to protect their children 5 and older by getting them vaccinated.

- [Explore additional American Indian/Alaska Native resources](#)
- [Protect Your Child with a COVID-19 Vaccine Poster](#)



Are Vaccines Safe for My Baby? Get Answers From Trusted Nurses

[Vaccinate Your Family's Shot of Prevention](#) blog is discussing vaccines recommended for babies from April 24 – April 30 for National Infant Immunization Week. Learn more about vaccine safety from these trusted nurses.



- [View Blog Post](#)

New CDPH Resource: COVID-19 Policy Alert Emails

CDPH is now sending periodic policy alert email updates to all interested stakeholders summarizing updates to California state public health officer orders and public health mandates related to COVID-19. [Sign up](#) to receive the email alerts.





NEW Events, Webinars, Town Halls

Show Me the Data! What Numbers Mean to COVID-19 Communications

April 27, 2022

2:00pm EST / 11:00am PST

[Webinar Link](#)

During the webinar, CDC experts will discuss the science to keep people safe during public health emergencies, including COVID-19.



CIC April Education Hour Featuring ShotByShot

April 27, 2022

12:00pm – 1:00pm PST

[Register here](#)

Featuring Shot by Shot (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.





Be a Superhero: How to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Schools through Community Collaboration

April 29, 2022

2:00pm EST / 11:00am PST

[Register here](#)



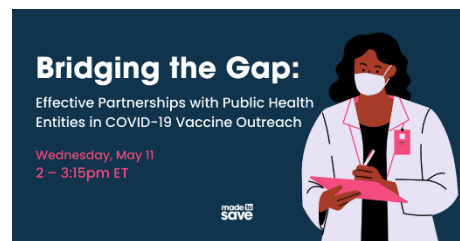
Webinar participants will leave with practical tips on how to develop and sustain meaningful partnerships between local school districts, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), health departments, and other community groups to reduce COVID-19 and increase equity access to vaccines and health services for school-aged children and their families.

Bridging the Gap: Effective Partnerships with Public Health Entities in COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach

May 11, 2022

2:00pm EST / 11:00am PST

[Register here](#)



This session will focus on the successful connections and partnerships community-based organizations established with public health entities throughout their COVID-19 outreach campaigns, why those partnerships were instrumental in advancing vaccine equity, and what challenges remain. Participants will be provided with specific recommendations they can apply in their local communities.

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.



ICLAC Weekly Updates

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

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 25, 2022 - Press Release [link here](#)

- Over the past week, we continued to see an increase in cases. Today we are reporting 1,069 new cases. The average number of daily new cases reported over the last 7 days increased to 1,553 compared to the average of 1,098 new cases reported last Monday.
- There are currently 230 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 in LA County.
- Daily deaths also remain steady with an average of 10 deaths reported each day.
- Our overall Community Level, based on CDC's metrics, remains Low.
- **The percentage of specimens sequenced that are identified as a new variant or subvariant of concern remains of high concern**, with 84% of recently sequenced samples in LA County identified as BA.2.
- Increasing concentrations of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in wastewater can alert us to the possibility that community transmission is increasing. Currently, our wastewater surveillance results don't suggest any cause for increased concern.
- Effective Friday, April 22, Public Health issued a [new Health Officer Order](#) that continues to require masks in all public transit within LA County and in LA County indoor transportation hubs. Per our revised Order, masks are required to be worn by everyone, 2 years of age and older, regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status, on public transit within the County.

Vaccine Update

With the more contagious COVID-19 subvariant increasingly circulating in LA County, it's critical that everyone who is eligible for a vaccine have prompt and easy access to vaccinations. We continue working with our extensive network of vaccine partners to increase our vaccination coverage.

- As of April 21, over 83% of LA County residents ages 5 or older have received at least one dose of the vaccine and over 75% are fully vaccinated.
- To date, over 3.8 million LA County residents have received an additional or booster dose. However, of the more than 6.6 million residents ages 12 or older who are eligible for a booster dose, 2.8 million have not yet received a booster dose.

Public Health is offering second booster doses at all of our clinic sites, and residents can check with other sites including pharmacies to confirm availability. To find a nearby location offering free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, you can contact our Public Health Call Center at: 833-540-0473 or visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinateLACounty.com).



ICLAC Weekly Updates

External News Headlines

[The New York Times: C.D.C. Issues Alert Over Cluster Of Hepatitis Cases In Children](#)

Officials are investigating the possibility that an adenovirus, one of a group of common viruses that can cause cold-like symptoms, as well as gastroenteritis, pink eye and other ailments, may be responsible. Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver that has a wide range of causes, including viruses, chemical exposures, some medications and other medical conditions. (Anthes, 4/21)

[The New York Times: Routine Childhood Vaccinations In The U.S. Slipped During The Pandemic](#)

Kindergartners in the United States fell behind on routine childhood vaccinations during the pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported on Thursday, a slide that experts attributed to skipped checkups and to a groundswell of resistance to Covid-19 shots spilling into unease about other vaccines. (Mueller and Hoffman, 4/21)

[USA Today: More Children Were Hospitalized For COVID During Omicron, CDC Study Finds. Most Were Unvaccinated](#)

Children may be less likely than adults to be hospitalized with COVID-19, but a recent study found those who are still unvaccinated are suffering the worst consequences of the disease compared with their vaccinated peers. Researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked at hospitalizations in 14 states among children aged 5 to 11 throughout the pandemic. (Rodriguez, 4/23)

[Los Angeles Times: How Many California Lives Were Saved By COVID-19 Vaccines?](#)

A new project from researchers at UC San Francisco in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health draws the clearest picture to date on what the state might have looked like had the vaccines never materialized. (Purtill, 4/22)

[Los Angeles Times: L.A. County Keeps Mask Mandate At Airports, Public Transit](#)

Despite recent changes at the federal level, Los Angeles County is continuing to require travelers to mask up when aboard public transit or in indoor transportation hubs such as airports. The new health officer order, which went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday, means the nation's most populous county again has face-covering rules that go beyond those set by the state. (Money and Lin II, 4/21)

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