



# ICLAC

Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County

## Weekly Update

### COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine is Now Available for children 6 months and older.



[Click here for more information and to locate COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccines](#)

## August 1, 2022

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The following guidance is as of **August 1, 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

**LA County Vaccination Pods to Start Administering Novavax Vaccine**

**Beginning Wednesday, August 3**

Residents 18 and older can walk into any Public Health vaccination pod to receive the vaccine. Residents can also contact their provider to see if their provider is offering Novavax.

Find a location at [ph.lacounty.gov/vaccinepods](http://ph.lacounty.gov/vaccinepods)




**Three Reasons Why You Should Wear a Respirator Mask.**

- They reduce your chance of getting COVID-19** by filtering out airborne particles.
- They fit more snugly over the nose and mouth** creating a secure barrier.
- They keep you from giving COVID-19 to others** by blocking the droplets you breathe or cough out.






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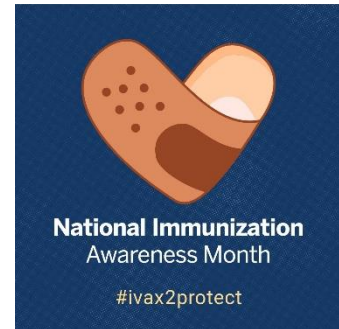
### NEW Vaccine Resources

## August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM 2022)

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting required and recommended vaccines throughout the lifespan.

[CDC's NIAM web page](#) includes two toolkits, one for reaching healthcare professionals and the other for reaching parents and patients. Each includes key messages, sample social media content, and educational resources.

CDC encourages its partners to share these messages and resources throughout August using the hashtag #ivax2protect.



- [CDC: Toolkit for Reaching Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [CDC: Toolkit for Reaching Parents and Patients](#)
- [National Immunization Awareness Month Graphics](#)

Look out for additional resources and activities from ICLAC to support NIAM 2022 throughout the coming weeks!

## Monkeypox Vaccine – Latest Updates for LA County

For up-to-date information on Monkeypox and the Monkeypox vaccine, visit: [LAC DPH Monkeypox Webpage](#).

- [Sign up for a newsletter](#) to receive updates about monkeypox vaccines and more.
- [View monkeypox resources](#) to share with your clients or community.
- [View LAC Monkeypox Summary Dashboard](#)
- [Learn more about the Monkeypox Vaccine \(pdf\)](#)

### HOW TO GET TESTED FOR MONKEYPOX

People that have developed a rash and suspect they have monkeypox can get tested by:

<b>OPTION 1</b> Contacting their healthcare provider	<b>OPTION 2</b> Calling 2-1-1 for a provider referral	<b>OPTION 3</b> Visiting a Public Health Sexual Health Clinic
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There are no specific approved treatments for monkeypox infections. However, medication, such as antivirals, may be used to ease the symptoms of illness.





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### California HPV Immunization Week is August 1-7, 2022

California HPV Vaccine week is an annual observance held during the first week of August. The goal of this campaign is to increase awareness of the HPV vaccine and promote the vaccination of adolescents ages 9-13. **HPV vaccination is cancer prevention.** It can prevent more than 90% of 6 HPV cancers when given at the recommended ages.

- [Download the Social Media Toolkit.](#) Available in three different languages, each toolkit contains images, video links, and language to use during the week of the campaign.
- [Register here](#) for the **Adolescent HPV Vaccination in California: Where Do We Go From Here?** webinar at 12:00pm on August 3, 2022.



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### New NFID Podcast Series - Infectious IDEas Coming August 3, 2022

[Infectious IDEas](#), is a podcast series presented by the [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases \(NFID\)](#), offering leading experts for thought-provoking conversations that lead to infectious ideas. Guests include humble heroes and future leaders working together towards a shared vision of healthier lives through effective prevention and treatment.



**New episodes will be available on the first Wednesday of each month.**

- [Listen to the inaugural episode on August 3, 2022](#), featuring NFID Immediate Past-President Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD, as she talks about the life-saving benefits of vaccines, public health challenges that keep her awake at night, and the biggest vaccine myth that she most wants to bust.

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### Help Keep Schools Safe From COVID

As summer winds down, schools across the country are preparing to receive students back into the classroom. Everyone 6 months or older should get a COVID vaccine. Share [3 Ways School Leaders Can Promote COVID-19 Vaccination](#) with schools and other learning facilities in your community to help them prepare for the upcoming school year.





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### NEW Events, Webinars, Town Halls

#### Adolescent HPV Vaccination in California: Where Do We Go From Here?

**August 3, 2022**

**12:00pm PT**

[Register here](#)



The webinar that will provide an update on best practices and strategies for improving vaccination rates for adolescents and, ensuring that the HPV vaccination is initiated or completed.

#### Coping During Covid: A Family and Youth Perspective

**August 4, 2022**

**2:30pm PT / 5:30pm ET**

[Register here](#)



With particular emphasis on the family and youth, during this webinar, Baltimore’s VALUE peer ambassadors and coordinators discuss how they have coped during the pandemic and describe some of the ways they have assisted others cope.

#### Talking With Family PACT Clients About HPV Immunization

**August 17, 2022**

**12:00pm – 1:30pm PT**

[Register here](#)



This webinar will provide information about the effectiveness and safety of the HPV vaccine, review the current CDC recommendations for the use of the 9-valent HPV vaccine, and provide advice on how to have effective shared decision-making conversations with clients about being immunized. In addition, new Family PACT policies about coding and billing for HPV immunization services will be discussed.

#### Deep Dive into Vaccine Discussions

**August 17, 2022**

**4:00pm PST**

[Register here](#)



Vaccine conversations are notoriously tricky, especially with a person who has hesitancy or outright opposition to immunization. Voices for Vaccines will take you into the psychology and history guiding these positions and give you real, actionable tools to make a difference without making yourself despondent.



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### Los Angeles County Vaccination News & Updates

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#### August 1, 2022 - Press Release [link here](#)

- Today (August 1, 2022), DPH is reporting 2,749 new cases with the average number of cases reported over the last week at about 5,900 new cases per day, a decent decrease from the previous week's average of 6,750 new cases per day.
- LA County saw a decrease in the number of COVID-positive patients admitted to the 92 hospitals across LA County over the past week, with 1,239 patients hospitalized as of Friday.
- DPH did see a slight increase in the average number of deaths per day over the past week, 15 deaths per day over the past week compared to 13 deaths per day reported the previous week.
- Currently, LA County remains, as designated by CDC, at a High COVID-19 Community level. DPH anticipates that on Thursday, when CDC updates the community level table, LA County will officially move back to the Medium Community Level.
- Find the latest CDC COVID-19 Community Levels and the detailed LA County Post Surge Response Plan, here on the DPH website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/post-surge-dashboard.htm>.

#### Monkeypox Update

- Public Health continues to work to monitor and control the spread of human monkeypox virus across our County. **As of today, (August 1, 2022), there are 400 cases reported in LA County.**
  - As of Friday, 99% of our cases were among adult males, most of who identify as gay or bisexual. Additionally, most cases in LA County were associated with local transmission.
  - Geographically, more than half of the cases (53%) are among residents in Service Planning Area 4 (Metro Los Angeles).
  - View the latest demographic and geographic information on the monkeypox Case Summary Dashboard: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/data/index.htm>.
  - There have been eight hospitalizations and no deaths in LA County and the risk of monkeypox in the general population remains low. DPH Public Health Community Field Services teams continue to investigate cases and conduct contact tracing to learn more about how widespread the virus is in our communities.
  - For more information, please visit our [Monkeypox Website](#).
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### External News Headlines

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#### [The Los Angeles Times: More People Are Catching Coronavirus a Second Time, Heightening Long COVID Risk, Experts Say](#)

Emerging evidence suggests that catching the coronavirus a second time can heighten long-term health risks, a worrisome development as the circulation of increasingly contagious Omicron subvariants leads to greater numbers of Californians being reinfected. (Lin II, Money, 8/1)

#### [Bloomberg: Kids Are Getting Monkeypox And It Could Make The Outbreak A Lot Worse](#)

Experts at the World Health Organization said this week that they are watching the potential for spread among children “extremely closely.” Already, more than 80 kids across several countries have contracted monkeypox, largely through household contacts, the agency said in a media briefing. (Muller, 7/29)

#### [NPR: Summer Boosters Scrapped In Favor Of Next Generation Boosters In The Fall](#)

The Food and Drug Administration is shelving plans to let more younger adults get second COVID-19 boosters this summer. Instead, officials are planning to speed up availability of the next generation of boosters in the fall, three administration officials confirmed to NPR. (Stein, 7/28)

#### [KHN: What The Polio Case In New York Tells Us About The End Of Polio](#)

No one studying polio knew more than Albert Sabin, the Polish-American scientist whose vaccine against the crippling disease has been used worldwide since 1959. Sabin’s oral vaccine provides lifelong immunity. It has one drawback, which Sabin, who died in 1993, fiercely disputed: In rare cases, the weakened live poliovirus in the vaccine can mutate, regain virulence, and cause polio. (Allen, 7/29)

#### [CNN: Millions Of US Children Remain Unvaccinated As BA.5 Spreads And New School Year Looms](#)

Millions of school-age children in the United States are still unvaccinated against Covid-19 as many prepare for a return to school. A new CNN analysis finds that less than half of children and teens are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, and only a tenth have been boosted. (Howard, 7/27)

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