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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](#)

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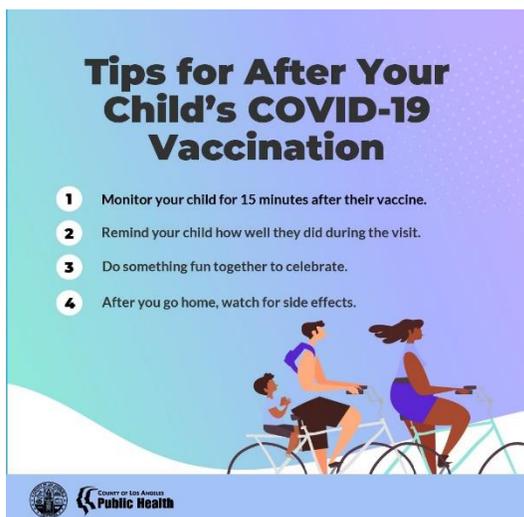
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The following guidance is as of **August 15, 2022**. We are working hard to make sure we provide the most accurate information, but please note that the situation is constantly developing so what is shared below is subject to change. Please check www.VaccinateLACounty.com for current information.

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NEW Vaccine Resources

Back-to-School “Week of Action” Toolkit from CDPH is Now Available

The **August 15-19, 2022 Week of Action (WOA)** is focused on continuing to encourage families to vaccinate their school-age children to help prepare for a safer and successful return to school.

Use the downloadable assets from this toolkit (talking points, graphics, social media posts) to join CDPH in encouraging parents get their kids ages 6 months and up vaccinated, and boosted if eligible, to reduce their risk of getting or spreading COVID-19.



- [Access the Back-to-School Toolkit](#)

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 \(pdf\)](#)

KNOW THE SIGNS OF MONKEYPOX

EARLY SIGNS MAY INCLUDE FEVER, MALAISE (A GENERAL FEELING OF DISCOMFORT), HEADACHE, SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES, AND SOMETIMES COUGH OR SORE THROAT. OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE MUSCLE ACHES, BACKACHE, CHILLS, AND EXHAUSTION, FOLLOWED BY A RASH THAT TYPICALLY BEGINS ON THE FACE AND SPREADS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY.



FEVER AND HEADACHE



RASHES, BUMPS OR BLISTERS



MUSCLE ACHES



SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES



Support National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Continue to [use these resources](#) and [NIAM graphics](#) this month to assist you in communicating about vaccinations during August and throughout the year.



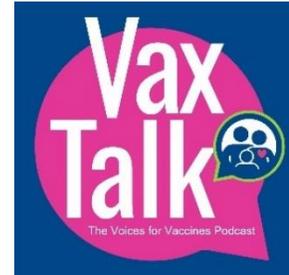


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Voices for Vaccines Podcast Episode: Polio Makes a Terrible Return

[Vax Talk](#) is the [Voices for Vaccines](#) podcast for people who want to listen to the latest news about vaccines and the impact they have on communities, families, and friendships.

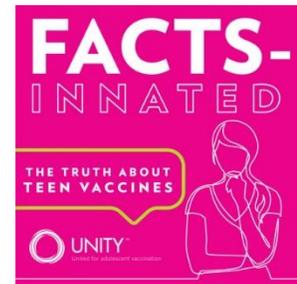


[Episode 64: Polio Makes a Terrible Return – August 15, 2022](#)

Remember the old refrain: polio is only a plane ride away? Well, it's hit New York, in the same community that saw a massive measles outbreak in 2019. Voices for Vaccines invited Blima Marcus, a nurse practitioner who worked on building vaccine confidence in this community in 2019, to talk about this polio outbreak.

Latest UNITY Consortium Podcast FACTS-Innated Explores mRNA Vaccines

[UNITY Consortium](#) has started a podcast centered around “myth-busting” commonly held misconceptions surrounding vaccines – particularly adolescent and young adult (AYA) vaccines.



[mRNA: Past, Present, and Future with Dr. Drew Weissman - August 10, 2022](#)

Have you ever wondered what mRNA vaccines are really all about? In this episode, Unity intern Alex Garcia meets with Dr. Drew Weissman, MD from Penn Medicine. He and Katalin Karikó PhD developed mRNA and having been discovering new ways of using this technology to treat disease. Listen in as Dr. Weissman debunks some common myths and tells us more about mRNA - past, present, and future.

Back-to-School: New Social Media Graphics and Posts for School Communities

Share [these social media posts](#) from the [We Can Do This Campaign](#) with parents and guardians in your community and encourage them to add COVID vaccines to their back-to-school checklists.



Sample post: *As your first assignment this new school year, get your kids vaccinated against #COVID19, to keep them from getting very sick.*



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NEW Events, Webinars, Town Halls

Making Them Care: Talking to College Students about Vaccines

August 17, 2022

9:00am PT / 12:00pm ET

[Register here](#)



IMMUNIZATION COALITIONS
NETWORK WEBINAR
A project of Immunize.org

What can organizations serving college student health do to improve immunization coverage? The National Network of Immunization Coalitions will host a webinar with speakers from the Meningitis B Action Project and the Unity Consortium.

Talking With Family PACT Clients About HPV Immunization

August 17, 2022

12:00pm – 1:30pm PT

[Register here](#)



California PTC

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.

Monkeypox: The State of the Science – Webinar

August 18, 2022

2:00pm – 3:30pm PT/5:00 – 6:30pm ET

[Register here](#)



Join the American Public Health Association and the National Academy of Medicine for a free webinar on Aug. 18, 2022 from 5pm to 6:30pm ET. A panel of experts will discuss the current state of the science of monkeypox, and what we should consider and plan for as we respond to this pandemic.

Monkeypox – Updates, Recommendations and Resources

August 30, 2022

6:00pm PT

[Register here](#)



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The conversation will be moderated by CIC Board members Dr. Pia Pannaraj, Infectious Disease Specialist at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Dr. Eric Ball, Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates, CHOC Children's Primary Care Network.



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Los Angeles County Vaccination News & Updates

August 15, 2022 - Press Release [link here](#)

- Today (August 15, 2022) DPH is reporting **1,894** new cases, with an average of **3,602** cases per day reported over the past week. This is a **16%** decrease from the average of **4,298** cases per day DPH reported last week.
- The number of COVID-positive patients in LA County's 92 hospitals has declined after initially plateauing last week, with **1,059** hospitalizations reported as of August 13, compared to the **1,162** hospitalizations reported a week earlier.
- The 7-day average test positivity rate decreased slightly this week, and is currently just over **10%**.
- DPH reported an average of **13** deaths per day over the past week, a small decrease from the average of **15** deaths reported per day the prior week.
- On July 14, LA County moved from the Medium to High COVID Community Level in the CDC framework. **According to the data CDC posted Thursday, the declines in the LA County hospital admission rate moved us from High to Medium Community Level.**

Monkeypox Update

- **To date, there have been 853 cases of monkeypox identified in LA County, which is more than double the number of cases we had 12 days ago.** Additionally, there have been 43 cases reported in Long Beach and 8 cases reported in Pasadena.
- **As of August 15th, 95% of cases for whom we have sexual orientation data reported their sexual orientation as gay or bisexual.** In addition, 34% of monkeypox cases were among White residents, 38% among Latinx residents, 12% among Black residents, and 4% among Asian residents.
- **The median age of monkeypox cases in LA County remains at 35 years.** Only 26% of cases report domestic or international travel indicating that majority of cases are now from local transmission.
- Public Health continues to expand their vaccination efforts. **To date DPH has received over 43,000 doses of the JYNNEOS vaccine, and nearly all doses have been distributed to vaccination sites across the county** from Public Health PODs and clinics to community partners and hospitals, Correctional Health Services, and our City public health departments.
- You can view the latest demographic and geographic information on the monkeypox Case Summary Dashboard: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/data/index.htm>.
- For more information, please visit the DPH [Monkeypox Website](#).



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External News Headlines

[Los Angeles Times: As L.A. Schools Return, Should Monkeypox Be a Concern For Students, Staff?](#)

With many Los Angeles County students returning to school this week and thousands of young people headed back to California universities this month and next, there's a rising concern about the potential for monkeypox outbreaks in academic and social environments. (Toohey, 8/15)

[CBS News: Did I Get The Polio Vaccine? How To Know If You Are Protected Against The Virus](#)

Most adults do not need the vaccine, as they were likely vaccinated when they were children. But the CDC says some adults at higher risk for polio — including health care workers who may be exposed to the virus, lab workers and people traveling to certain parts of the world where polio occurs — may want to consider vaccination. (O'Kane, 8/12)

[Los Angeles Times: U.S. Polio Case Sparks Alarms From New York To California](#)

Delays in getting children vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic and antivaccination sentiment in general may be fueling the most serious threat of polio in the U.S. in years, raising alarms from New York to California. (Lin II and Money, 8/13)

[Stat: CDC Eases Covid-19 Quarantine And Testing Guidelines As It Marks A New Phase In Pandemic](#)

People who are not up to date with their Covid-19 vaccines and who are exposed to someone infected with the coronavirus no longer need to quarantine, according to updated recommendations issued Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Instead, they should just wear a mask for 10 days in indoor settings and test on day 5, according to the guidance. They were previously recommended to stay home. (Joseph, 8/11)

[NPR: With New Guidance, CDC Ends Test-To-Stay For Schools And Relaxes COVID Rules](#)

The changes could have some of the biggest impact in K-12 schools. The guidance eliminates the strategy known as "test-to-stay" — a schedule of testing for people that were exposed to the coronavirus but not up to date with their vaccinations — that allowed them to continue in-person learning, so long as they continued to test negative and showed no symptoms. The test-to-stay protocol has been an alternative to quarantine for school, so now "the practice of handling exposures would involve masking rather than a quarantine," CDC's Greta Massetti said. (Stone and Huang, 8/11)

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