

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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The following guidance is as of **August 29, 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

Novavax Vaccine is Now Available at Public Health Vaccination Pods in LA County

Residents **12 and older** can walk into any Public Health vaccination pod to receive the vaccine (primary series only). Residents can also contact their provider to see if their provider is offering Novavax.

Find a location at
ph.lacounty.gov/vaccinepods



Monkeypox Safety for Children

Remember, there are many common causes of rashes in children and the risk of monkeypox in children is currently extremely low.

If any unexplained rashes appear on your child, please do the following:

- Call your child's doctor
- Don't touch lesions before talking with their doctor
- Keep your child home & keep the rash covered
- Assist your child in practicing good hand hygiene



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



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NEW Vaccine Resources

New COVID-19 Vaccine Videos and Social Media Graphics for Pediatrics from THE CONVERSATION/LA CONVERSACIÓN

Pediatrician Edith Bracho-Sanchez, MD and Infectious Disease Specialist Céline Gounder, MD answer the questions parents and caregivers are asking about the safety, efficacy, and benefit of the COVID-19 vaccines for newly eligible children 6 months to 5 years.



- [Watch the FAQ videos](#)
- [Check out the new animated graphics](#)

Monkeypox Vaccine – Latest Updates for LA County - 8/29/2022

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](#)

HOW TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX



Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands often and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid Close Contact

Very close and prolonged contact with someone experiencing monkeypox symptoms should be avoided.



Wear Protective Equipment

Wear appropriate protective equipment if you can't avoid close contact with someone experiencing symptoms.

Visit ph.lacounty.gov/monkeypox for more information.



Path to a Bright Future - HPV Cancer Prevention Campaign

The [Path to a Bright Future campaign](#) calls on campaign partners to promote sound, relevant, and appropriate policies that encourage on-time HPV vaccination for 9–12-year-olds and support equitable administration of HPV vaccination for all people.

- [Read the Issue Brief](#)
- [Path to a Bright Future Partner Toolkit](#)



Trusted Messenger: Overcoming COVID Vaccine Hesitancy in Marginalized Communities – NRC-RIM Training Module

[The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants \(NRC-RIM\)](#) has launched a new training module to demonstrate how to overcome COVID vaccine hesitancy in marginalized communities. These lessons can be applied to COVID, routine vaccines, monkeypox, and other infectious diseases.



- [Trusted Messengers Training Module](#)
- [View Trusted Messenger Documentary](#) (PBS)

Masking STILL Matters: CDPH Masking Toolkit Supports Safer School Environments

Effective mask wearing is an essential tool in California's fight against COVID-19. Masks help protect the mask wearer and others from virus exposure. An effective mask offers good fit and filtration.

- [Use this toolkit](#) to better understand how effective mask wearing helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- See the state's [Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings](#) and also [Get the Most Out of Masking](#) and [Masking Tips for Children](#).



We Can Do This - Safe Operations Guide for School Communities

These [We Can Do This](#) campaign resources encourage parents and caregivers to get their children vaccinated—to keep them safe from COVID as they head back to school.

- [Safe Operations Guide for School Communities](#)
- [Social Media Posts for School Communities](#)



NEW Events, Webinars, Town Halls

Protect Your Babies, Toddlers & Young Kids: COVID-19, Its Variants & The Vaccine

August 31, 2022

5:30pm PT

[Register here](#)



Learn how you can protect your babies, toddlers, and young kids from COVID-19. The Children's Partnership (TCP) and the California Health and Human Services Agency invite you to a statewide webinar on COVID-19, the new vaccine for children under 5 and what we can do to support young children's health. **This webinar will be live translated in Spanish.**

Translating Vaccine Confidence Research Into Practice

September 6, 2022

10:00am PT / 1:00pm ET

[Register here](#)



AIM's September webinar features three evidence-based models to increase vaccine confidence in communities: 1) Dr. Angela Shen from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) will present on the ASPIRE framework, 2) Dr. Daniel Salmon from the Institute for Vaccine Safety at Johns Hopkins will review LetsTalkVaccines, and 3) pharmacist Amy Nicholas will share the ImmYounity module. Immunization Programs will gain new tools to help healthcare providers, pharmacists, and community partners increase vaccine confidence in their communities.

From COVID to Monkeypox: A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci

October 4, 2022

11:00pm - 11:45am PT / 2:00pm - 2:45pm ET

[Register here](#)



The nation's top infectious disease specialist will join for a conversation with national health reporter Dan Diamond of The Washington Post. The evolving threat posed by monkeypox, the current state of the COVID pandemic, and broader lessons on how we respond to emerging diseases will also be discussed.

Weekly Update

Los Angeles County Vaccination News & Updates

August 29, 2022 - Press Release [link here](#)

- Today (August 29, 2022) DPH is reporting **1,337** new cases, with an average of **2,768** cases per day reported over the past week.
- DPH reported an average of **14** deaths per day over the past week, an increase from the average of **11** deaths per day reported the prior week.
- For the third week in a row, CDC reports that LA County has been assigned to the Medium Community Level.
- **On Friday, August 19th, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency use authorization for Novavax to be given to children ages 12-17.** Previously, the vaccine was authorized only for adults ages 18 and older.
- The Novavax vaccine is available in many places throughout LA County. You can find a location offering Novavax by visiting the DPH website at www.VaccinateLACounty.com and clicking on the **FIND A NOVAVAX VACCINATION SITE** link, and search by **Vaccine Type**.

Monkeypox Update

- As of today (August 29, 2022), there have been **1,434** cases of monkeypox identified in LA County.
- More people are now eligible for the monkeypox vaccine. The vaccine is available to anyone in these high-risk groups:
 - Gay or bisexual men and transgender people who have had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the last 14 days
 - Gay or bisexual men and transgender people who had skin-to-skin or other intimate contact (e.g., kissing, hugging) with people at large events or venues in the past 14 days
 - People of any gender or sexual orientation who have had commercial and/or transactional sex (e.g., sex in exchange for money, shelter, food, or others goods and needs)
- View the latest demographic and geographic information on the monkeypox Case Summary Dashboard: <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/monkeypox/data/index.htm>.
- **Eligible residents can visit www.ph.lacounty.gov/monkeypox to learn more about how to get vaccinated and subscribe to the DPH monkeypox newsletter to be notified when pre-registration for vaccination is open.**

Weekly Update

External News Headlines

[The New York Times: Fall Vaccination Campaign Will Bring New Shots, Worse Access](#)

Updated Covid vaccines, expected soon after Labor Day, were designed to thwart Omicron variants. But money to distribute them has dried up. (Mueller, 8/28)

[The Los Angeles Times: Omicron COVID-19 Booster Shots Are Coming: Will They Be a Game-Changer?](#)

The next generation of COVID-19 booster shots — tailored specifically to combat the super-infectious family of Omicron subvariants — could roll out early next month. The long-in-the-works offering would mark an ambitious new phase in the nation's vaccination campaign and, officials say, give residents another option to protect themselves ahead of a possible coronavirus resurgence in the fall and winter. Here's what we know. (Lin II, Money, 8/28)

[NPR: The Government Will No Longer Be Sending Free COVID-19 Tests to Americans](#)

The federal government is putting a pause on sending free COVID-19 testing kits to Americans starting in September, due to a lack of funding. "Ordering through this program will be suspended on Friday, September 2 because Congress hasn't provided additional funding to replenish the nation's stockpile of tests," the ordering website says. However, the program is still accepting orders before Sep. 2. (Archie, 8/29)

[The Los Angeles Times: New Monkeypox Cases Begin to Slow in L.A. County, Echoing Trends Elsewhere](#)

New monkeypox cases are starting to flatten in Los Angeles County, echoing a trend seen elsewhere as more vaccination doses are distributed and some people are reducing riskier sexual activity. (Toohey, Lin II, Money 8/25)

[U.S. News and World Report: This Back-to-School Season, We Can't Forget Lifesaving Immunizations](#)

Nearly 25 million children globally missed out on doses of a key immunization in 2021. This is coupled with data showing that more than 4 in 10 parents said they would not vaccinate their children under age 5 against COVID-19 and that only 30% of children ages 5 to 11 have been fully vaccinated. As kids around the country have already returned or are preparing to head back to school, these dangerous trends emphasize the need for ensuring the children of our nation are vaccinated, up to date on immunizations and, ultimately, healthy. (Ransone Jr., 8/24)

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