

San Diego Immunization Coalition Presents

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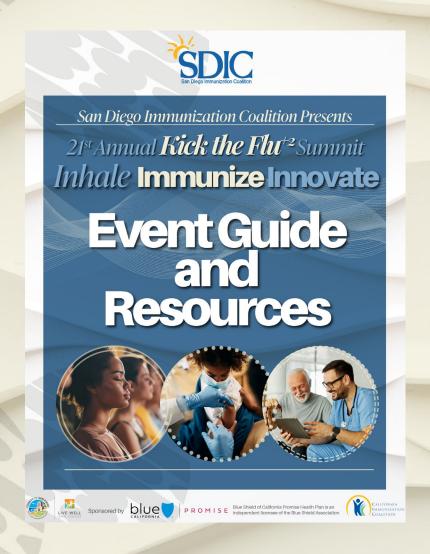




Mission

The mission of SDIC is to increase immunization rates and improve the health of the residents of San Diego County by raising awareness and providing education about vaccine-preventable diseases

Digital Resource Guide





Agenda

8:30 - 9:00	Posters, Networking, and Exhibits	
9:00 - 9:15	Formal Welcome and Announcements	
9:15 - 9:25	Public Health Officer Greeting	
9:25 - 9:50	What's New with the Flu +2?	
9:50 – 10:05	2024 – 2025 San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance	
10:05 – 10:15	State Influenza Vaccine Program Award Presentation	
10:15 – 10:35	BREAK	
10:35 – 10:45	California Immunization Coalition Greeting and Award	
10:45 – 11:05	Exploring Influenza Vaccine Acceptance in the U.SMexico Border Region	
11:05 – 11:25	Vaccines on Wheels: Redefining Access Through Mobile Pharmacies	
11:25 – 12:05	Vaccinating Against Mistrust: The Role of Providers in Restoring	
	Confidence Panel Q&A	
12:05 – 12:20	SDIC Partner Announcements	
12:20- 12:30	Announcements and Closing Remarks	
12:30 – 1:00	Posters, Networking, and Exhibits	

What's New with the Flu +2?



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What's new with the flu +2?

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Disclosures

None



CDC Classification of Flu Severity

- Influenza-like illness (ILI) visits
- Rates of flu-related hospitalizations
- Percentages of deaths resulting from flu

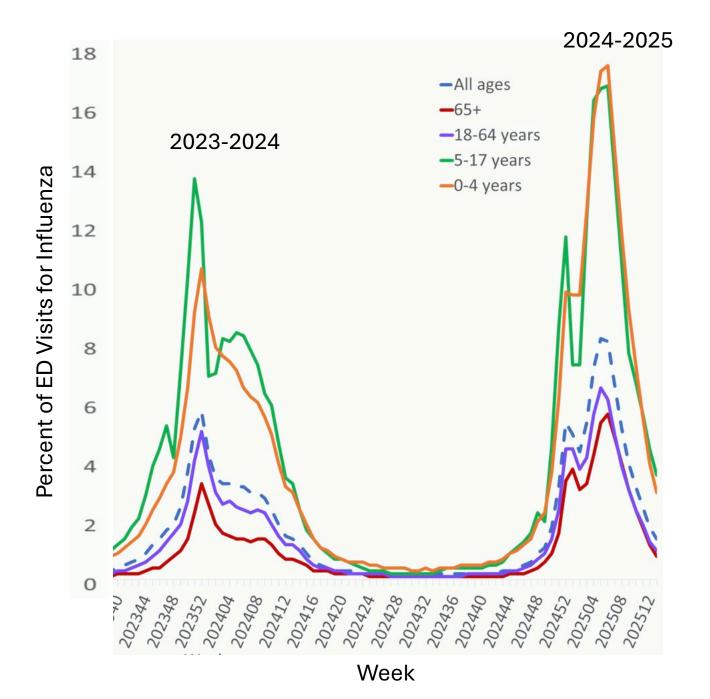
Biggerstaff M, et al. Am J Epidemiol 2018;

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/php/surveillance/in-season-severity.html

Emergency Department Visits for Influenza

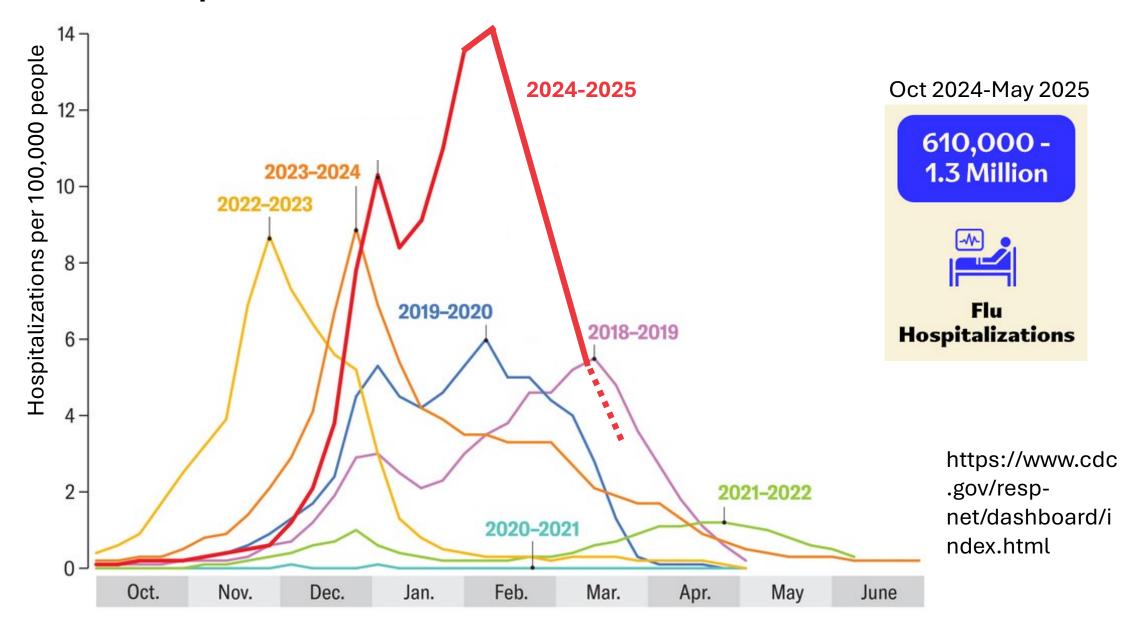
21 Million - 37 Million

Flu
Medical Visits



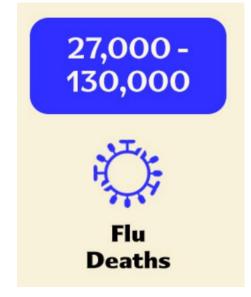
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Flu Hospitalizations 2018-2025

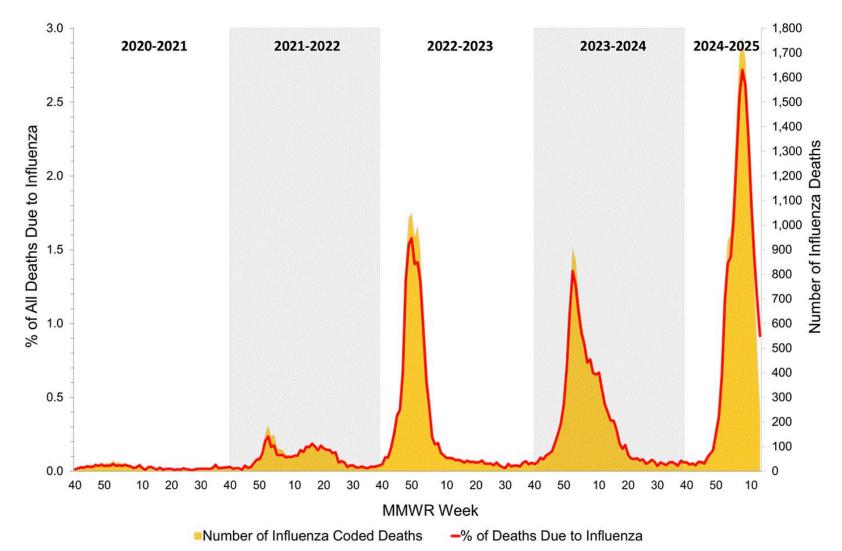


Influenza Deaths, all ages

Oct 2024-May 2025



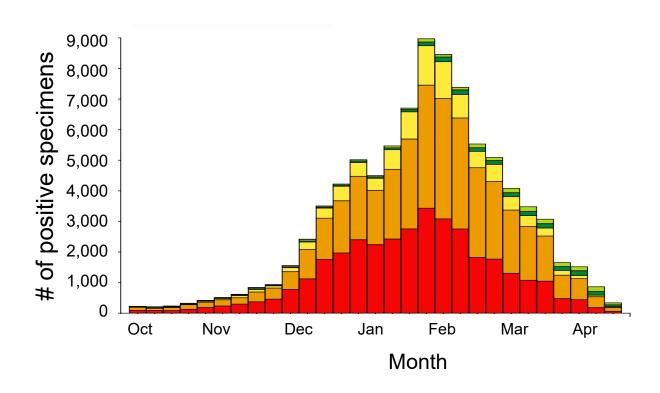
Influenza Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System Data as of April 3, 2025



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Theories:

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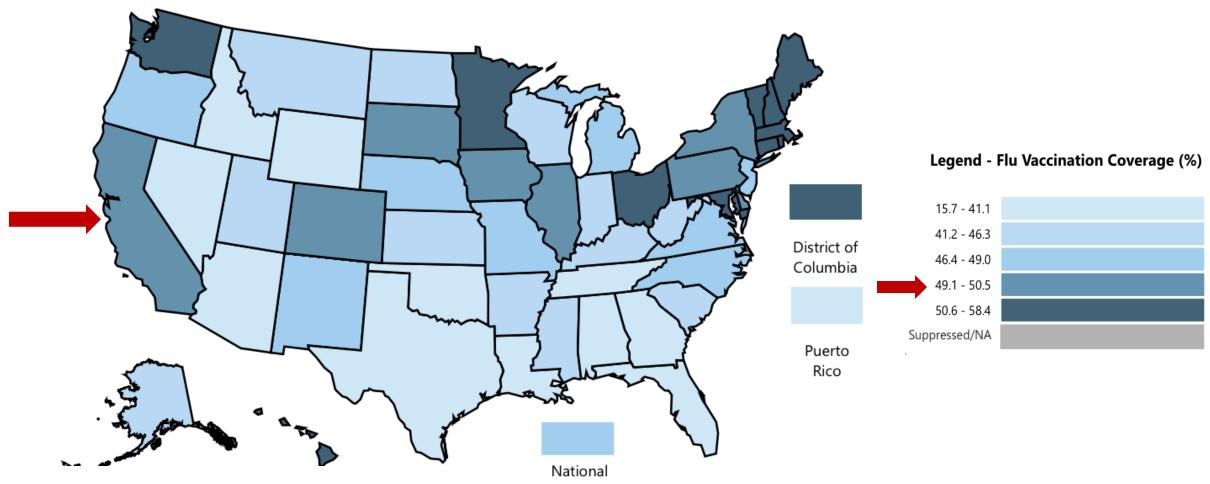


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Influenza Vaccination Coverage, U.S. (as of Apr 12, 2025)

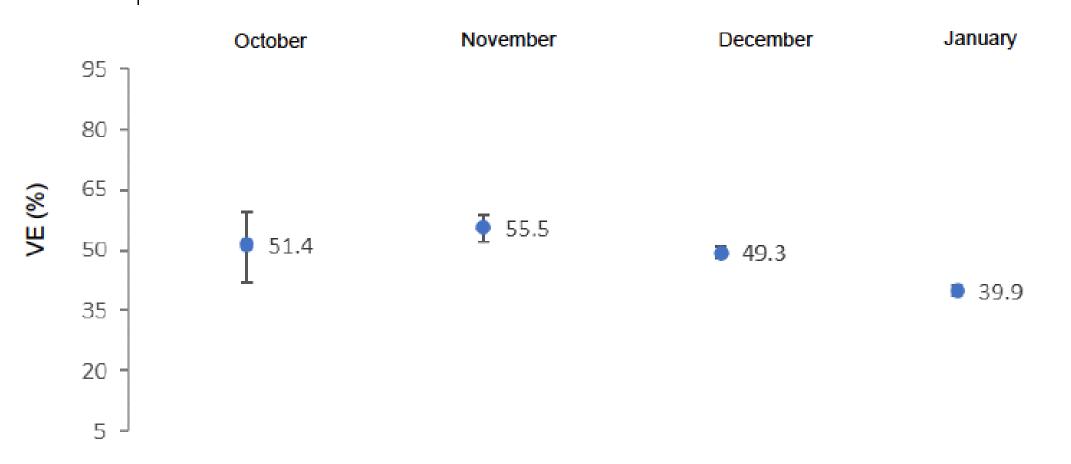


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Vaccine effectiveness by month of influenza test California 2024–2025





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- Less immunity after several years of social distancing and lower flu incidence

Influenza Vaccine

Recommended for all persons aged ≥6 months



2025-26 Influenza Vaccine Composition

(*updated)

Egg-based

- A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- A/Croatia/10136RV/2023 (H3N2)-like virus*
 B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus

Cell-based

- A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- A/District of Columbia/27/2023 (H3N2)-like virus*
- B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus

Home LAIV Vaccine

- Sept 2024: FDA approved home LAIV
 - Adults may self-administer
 - Caregivers may administer to children 2-17y
- Online application
 - Reviewed by centralized pharmacy for eligibility
 - LAIV mailed to patient's home with instructions
 - Adult/Caregivers attest electronically that vaccine has been administered
 - Pharmacy notifies patient's physician (if info provided) and enters into state immunization registry



Photo Source: VacineNation



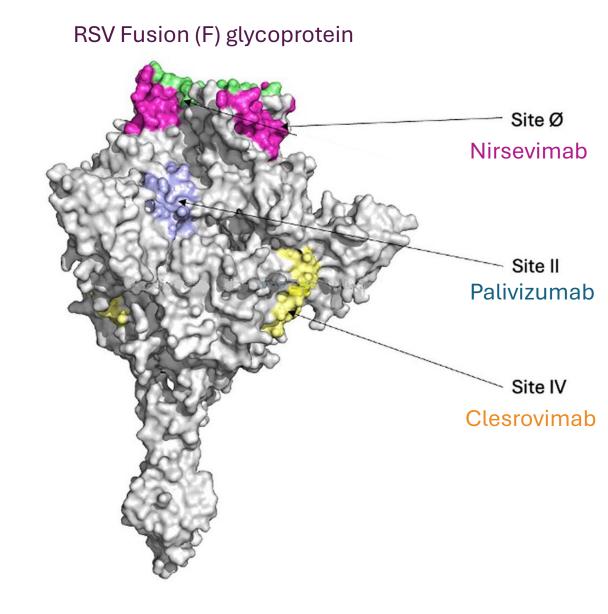
Photo Source: ACIP Apr 2025

Home LAIV – Logistical considerations

- Package insert revised to instruct vaccine recipient or caregiver to seek immediate medical attention if any acute allergic reaction
- Accidental partial dose administration
 - Prior to September 1, central pharmacy will ship a second dose of vaccine in 30 days for home administration
 - After September 1, patient advised to receive a dose of injectable flu vaccine at their local pharmacy or medical provider.
- Not covered as part of Vaccines for Children in 2025-2026
- Privately insured patients may pay an administrative fee

RSV: Clesrovimab

- Newly approved long-acting monoclonal antibody against RSV
- Same dose for all infants regardless of weight (105mg)



Clesrovimab vs. nirsevimab

- Recommendations same for infants <8m born during or entering first RSV season (Oct-Mar)
 - No preferential recommendation
- Only nirsevimab recommended for children ages 8-19m at ↑ risk of severe RSV disease and entering their second season

Palivizumab is no longer recommended

AAP News™

AAP continues to publish its own vaccine recommendations after CDC advisers sow distrust





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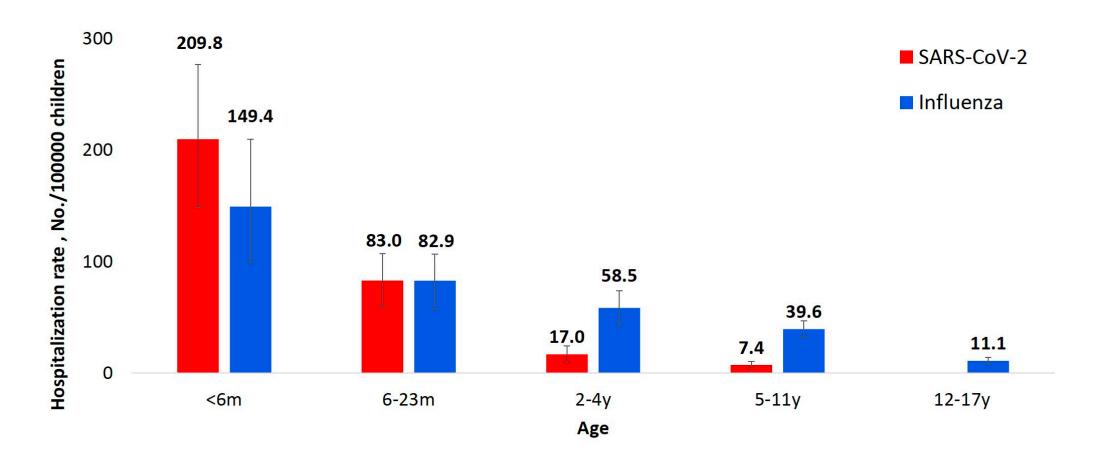
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New COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, 2025-26

Age 6-23 months - Universal vaccination

- Unvaccinated → primary series.
- Vaccinated but did not complete their initial vaccine series >
 complete primary series.
- Vaccinated and completed primary series \rightarrow single dose, administered at least 8 weeks after the last dose.
- Previous SARS-CoV-2 infection -> same recommendations.

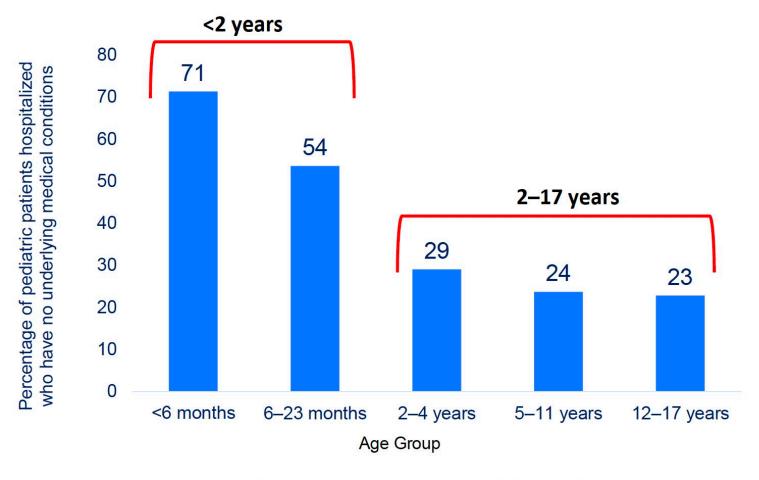
The highest rates for COVID-19 in the New Vaccine Surveillance Network were observed in infants <6 months of age.



Pediatric COVID-19 and influenza hospitalization rates among children <18 years, New Vaccine Surveillance Network (NVSN), July 2024- March 2025. Rate estimates with standard error >30 due to few detections are not presented. Annual rates presented July – June of each season, with exception of 2024-2025, which represents July 2024 – March 2025.

NVSN, unpublished data

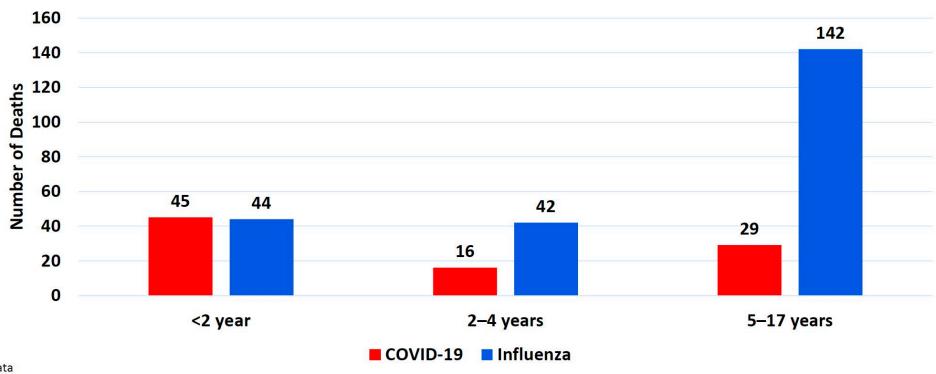
Proportion of children hospitalized for COVID-19 who had no underlying medical conditions



Most hospitalized children ages <2 years did not have any underlying medical condition.

Figure displays the weighted percent of children and adolescents hospitalized for COVID-19 with no underlying medical conditions, by age group — COVID-NET, April 2024–March 2025. Hospitalizations are limited to those with COVID-19 as the presenting complaint upon admission. Pregnant adolescents ages 15–17 years are excluded from proportions presented.

Total number of COVID-19- and Influenza-associated deaths^{1,2}, among ages 0–17 years in July 2024–June 2025, United States



^{1.} Provisional data

Note: Estimates of pediatric influenza deaths reported to CDC can be found here: https://www.cdc.gov/fluview/surveillance/2025-week-15.html. Estimates will vary due to differences in reporting methods and timeframes used.

^{2.} Underlying cause of death Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Provisional Mortality on CDC WONDER Online Database. Data are from the final Underlying Cause of Death Files, provisional data for 2024 and provisional and partial data from 2025, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Number of deaths includes influenza codes (J09-J11) or COVID-19 code (U07.1) as the underlying cause of death. http://wonder.cdc.gov/mcd-icd10-provisional.html, accessed June 20, 2025

New COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, 2025-26

Age 2-18 years - Risk Based

- Single dose of age-appropriate COVID-19 vaccine for all children in the following risk groups:
 - Persons at high risk of severe COVID-19
 - Residents of long-term care facilities or other congregate settings
 - Persons who have never been vaccinated against COVID-19
 - Persons with household contacts who are at high risk for severe COVID-19

Underlying Condition or Treatment with Common Examples			
Chronic pulmonary disease	Asthma/reactive airway disease		
	Chronic lung disease of prematurity		
	Compromised respiratory function (eg abnormali	ty of airway,	
	tracheostomy, or ventilator dependent)		
Cardiovascular disease	Congenital heart disease		
Gastrointestinal disorders	Feeding tube dependent		
	Inflammatory bowel disease		
Hepatic disease	Chronic liver disease		
Hematologic disease	Sickle cell disease		
Metabolic disorders	Diabetes mellitus		
Obesity	BMI ³ the 95 th percentile in children		
Neurologic and	Cerebral palsy		
neurodevelopmental conditions	Epilepsy		
	Intellection developmental disorder		
	Compromised mobility (eg wheelchair dependen	t)	
Immunosuppressive conditions ^c	Receipt of immunosuppressive therapy		
	Primary immunodeficiency		
	HIV infection		
	Receipt of hematopoietic cell transplant or solid	organ transplant	
Rheumatologic, autoimmune	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus		
disease	Juvenile idiopathic arthritis	AAP. <i>Pediatrics</i> 2025	

Additional recommendations

- Children who are moderately or severely immunocompromised require at least 2 doses
- Children 2 -18 yo whose parent/guardian desires protection

 single dose of age-appropriate COVID-19 vaccine
- Use any available COVID-19 vaccine appropriate by age and health status that is FDA-approved or EUA



News Releases | Aug 22, 2025



ACOG Releases Updated Maternal Immunization Guidance for COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV

Washington, D.C.—Today, the American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) released updated
clinical guidance regarding vaccination during pregnancy
against COVID-19, influenza, and RSV. The three guidance
documents, all of which recommend maternal
immunization, lay out the full body of current scientific
evidence that underscores the safety and benefits of
choosing to be vaccinated against these respiratory
conditions during pregnancy.



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Additional adult guidelines coming soon

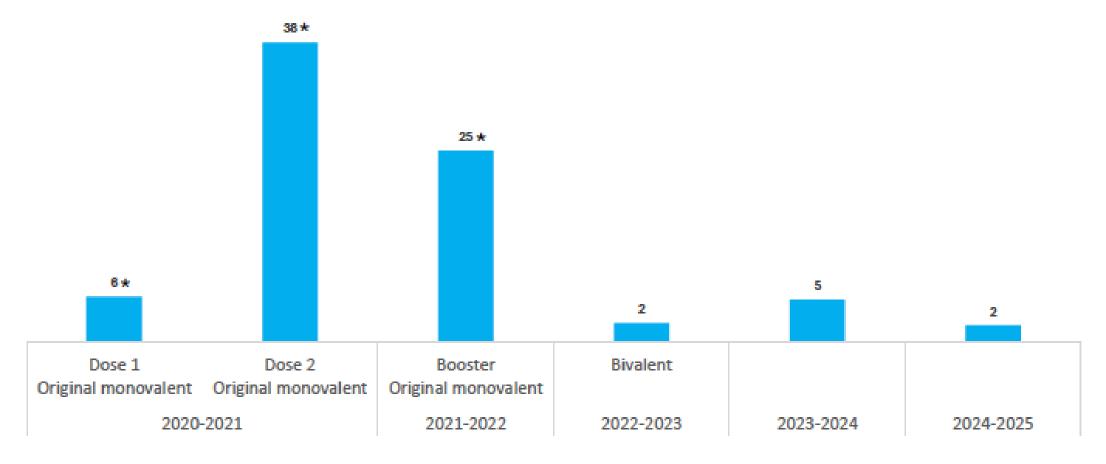
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- American Academy of Family Physicians



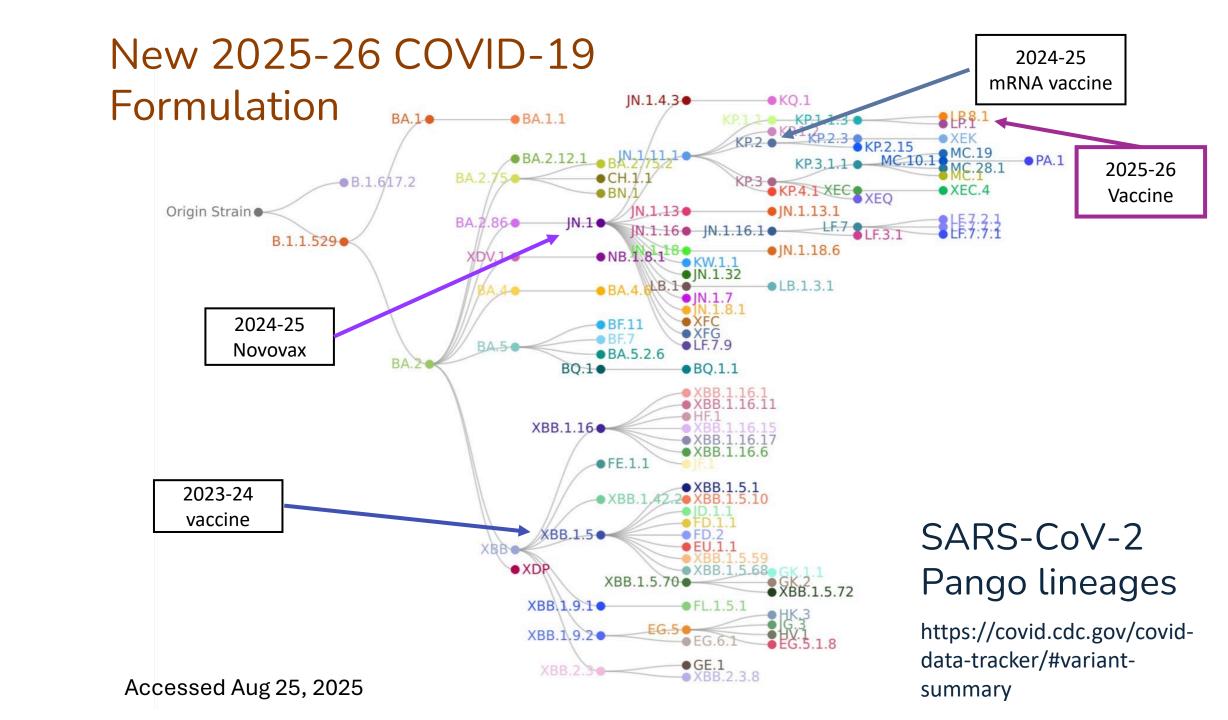


Myocarditis following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination among people ages 12–39 years in the Vaccine Safety Datalink

Incidence of myocarditis within 7 days of vaccination per million mRNA vaccine doses administered



[&]quot;Statistically significant increased rate ratio in vaccinated concurrent comparator analysis Source: CDC Immunization Safety Office, unpublished data



FDA approvals

8/27/25

- Moderna 6m +
- Pfizer 5y +
- Novavax 12y +

with ≥1 high risk condition

CDC 2025 List of Underlying Medical Conditions That Increase a Person's Risk of Severe Covid-19

Asthma

Cancer

Hematologic malignancies

Cerebrovascular disease

Chronic kidney disease*

People receiving dialysis

Chronic lung diseases limited to the following:

Bronchiectasis

COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

Interstitial lung disease

Pulmonary embolism

Pulmonary hypertension

Chronic liver diseases limited to the following:

Cirrhosis

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease

Alcoholic liver disease

Autoimmune hepatitis

Cystic fibrosis

Diabetes mellitus, type 1

Diabetes mellitus, type 2*

Gestational diabetes

Disabilities;, including Down's syndrome

Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)

Mental health conditions limited to the following: Mood disorders, including depression Schizophrenia spectrum disorders Neurologic conditions limited to dementia‡ and Parkinson's disease

Obesity (BML >30 or ≥95th percentile in children)

Physical inactivity

Pregnancy and recent pregnancy

Primary immunodeficiencies

Smoking, current and former

Solid-organ or blood stem-cell transplantation

Tuberculosis

Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

- * Indicates presence of evidence for pregnant and nonpregnant women.
- Underlying conditions for which there is evidence in pediatric patients.

Payment considerations

- Insurance companies are required to cover vaccines listed in the CDC's immunization schedules, including shared clinical decision-making recommendations
- Payers also can choose to cover broader uses than what the ACIP and CDC recommend, including off-label use
- Discussions with insurance companies are ongoing
- ACIP are expected to vote on VFC coverage of COVID vaccines during the Sep 18-19 meeting

Liability considerations

Protection for clinicians prescribing COVID vaccine, even if off-label

- Malpractice law principles
 - A lawsuit would have to show the physician deviated from the standard of care
 - Following AAP guidance would be a strong defense that the physician acted within accepted standards
- PREP Act broad immunity from state and federal liability
 - Although some court decisions have narrowed protection and immunity is not guaranteed

Take action



- ACIP meeting Sept 18-19
- ACIP public comments accepted until Sept 13
 - Your perspective, personalized story, etc
 - All comments are posted on https://www.regulations.gov
 - Calls attention to the issues for your representatives
 - Educates the public



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Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals

2024 – 2025 San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary



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Respiratory Viruses in the News – 2024/2025







Covid-19 vaccine policy changes raise questions and concerns for US adults as summer wave ramps up

As Covid-19 transmission ramps up in the United States, recent changes to federal vaccine guidance have left many Americans ...



GENERAL MEDICINE

Influenza Vaccine Uptake Decreased Among US Adults From 2020 to 2024

July 22, 2025

COVID, flu and RSV become more prevalent during the holidays: Here's what you can do



Anthony Maenza York Dispatch

Dec. 19, 2024 Updated Dec. 22, 2024, 12:14 p.m. ET







Influenza

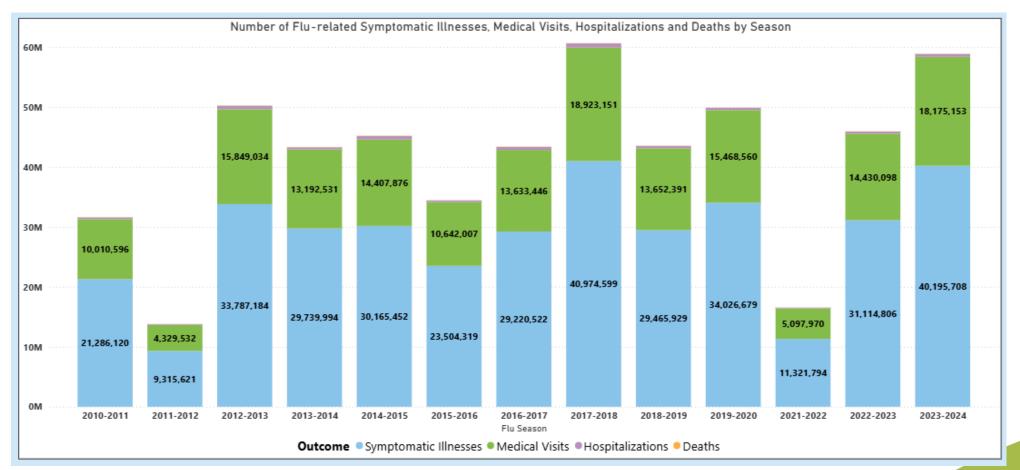
Influenza Burden Over Time





Estimated Influenza Disease Burden, by Season United States, 2010-11 through 2023-24 Influenza Seasons¹





Influenza Burden

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2024-2025 U.S. Flu Season: Preliminary In-Season Burden Estimates²



Preliminary 2024-2025 U.S. Flu In-Season Disease Burden Estimates

Since October 1, 2024, CDC estimates there have been between:

47 Million -82 Million



Flu Illnesses 21 Million - 37 Million



Flu Medical Visits 610,000 -1.3 Million



Flu Hospitalizations 27,000 **-** 130,000



Flu Deaths

Based on data from October 1, 2024, through May 17, 2025

Because influenza surveillance does not capture all cases of flu, CDC provides these estimated ranges to better reflect the full burden of flu in the United States. These estimates are calculated using a mathematical model based on CDC's weekly influenza surveillance data and are preliminary and are updated weekly throughout the season.





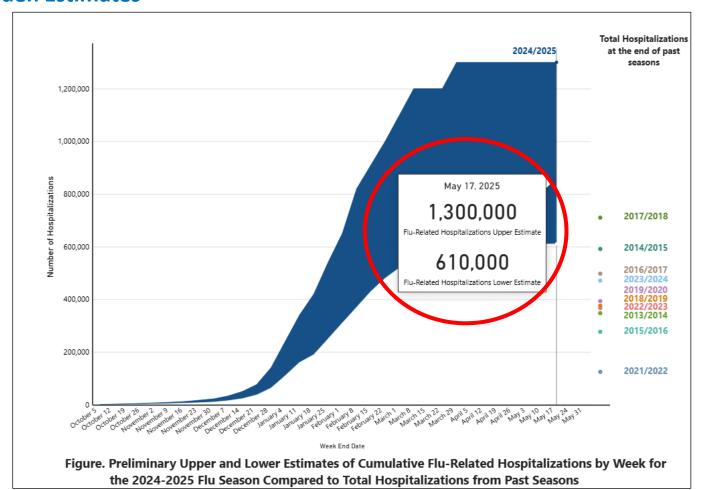
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2024-2025 U.S. Flu Season: Preliminary In-Season Burden Estimates²









TOTAL REPORTED INFLUENZA CASES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY³ N=39,486

220

Deaths

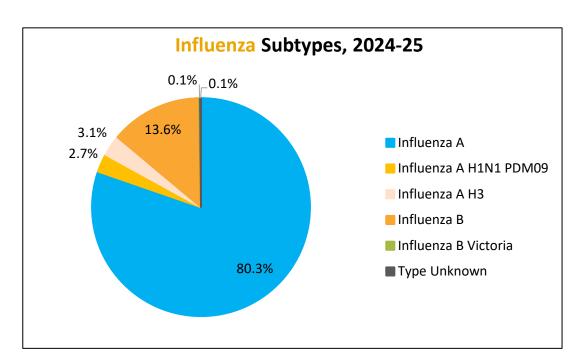
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Outbreaks

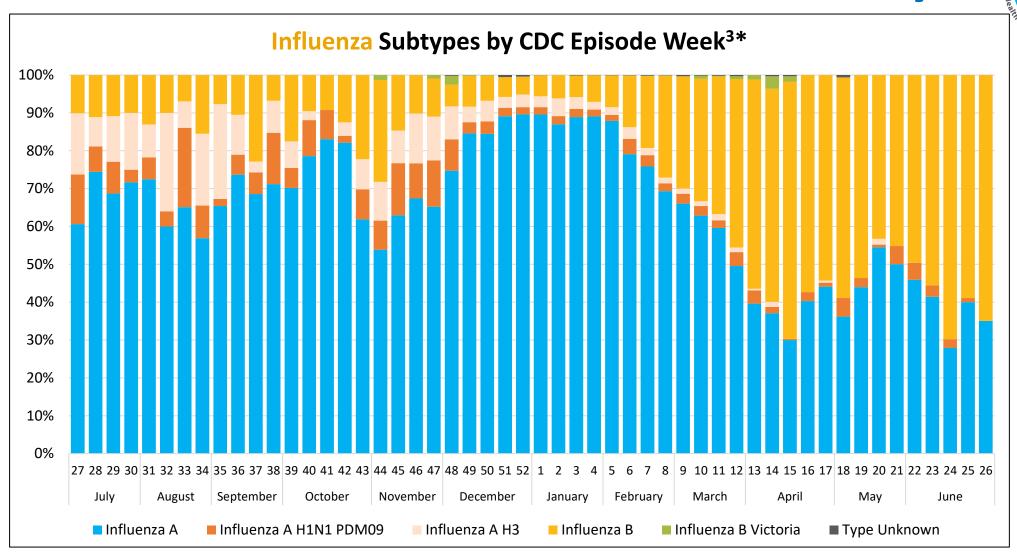
	2024-25	2023-24	Prior Years
Surveillance Indicator	Season	Season	Averages*
All influenza detections reported (rapid			
or PCR)	39,486	19,035	13,301
Number of influenza-related outbreaks			
reported∞	93	32	23
Number of influenza-related deaths			
reported^	220	60	44

^{*}Includes FYs 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24. FY 2024-25 is 6/30/2024-6/28/2025, Weeks 27-26.

∞In a congregate living setting, outbreaks are defined as at least one laboratory-confirmed influenza in the setting of a cluster (≥2 cases) of influenza-like illness (ILI) within a 72-hour period. Total confirmed influenza outbreaks in prior seasons: 61 in 2019-20, 0 in 2020-21, 1 in 2021-22, 25 in 2022-23, and 32 in 2023-24. ^Current FY deaths are shown by week of report; prior FY deaths are shown by week of death. Total deaths reported in prior seasons: 108 in 2019-20, 2 in 2020-21, 8 in 2021-22, 44 in 2022-23, and 60 in 2023-24.



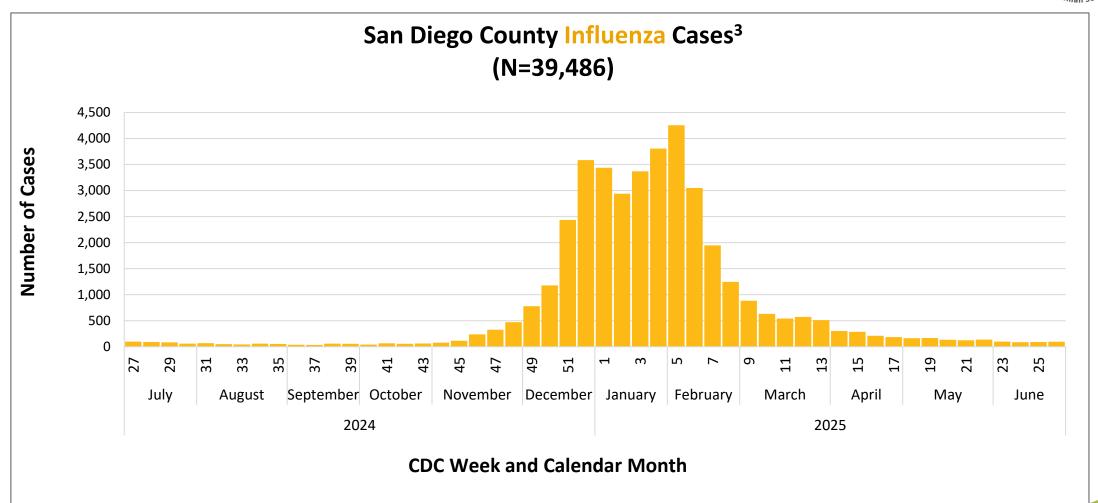




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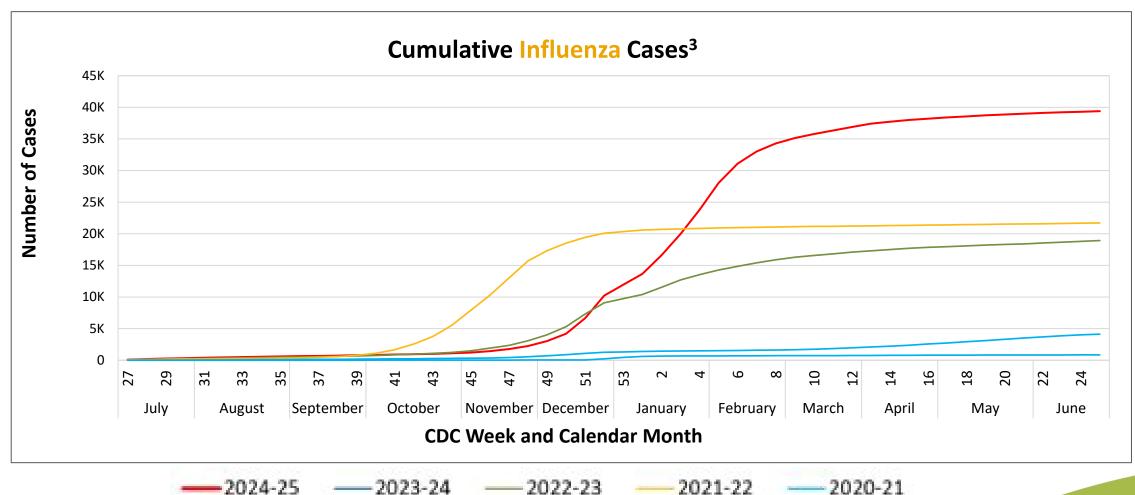




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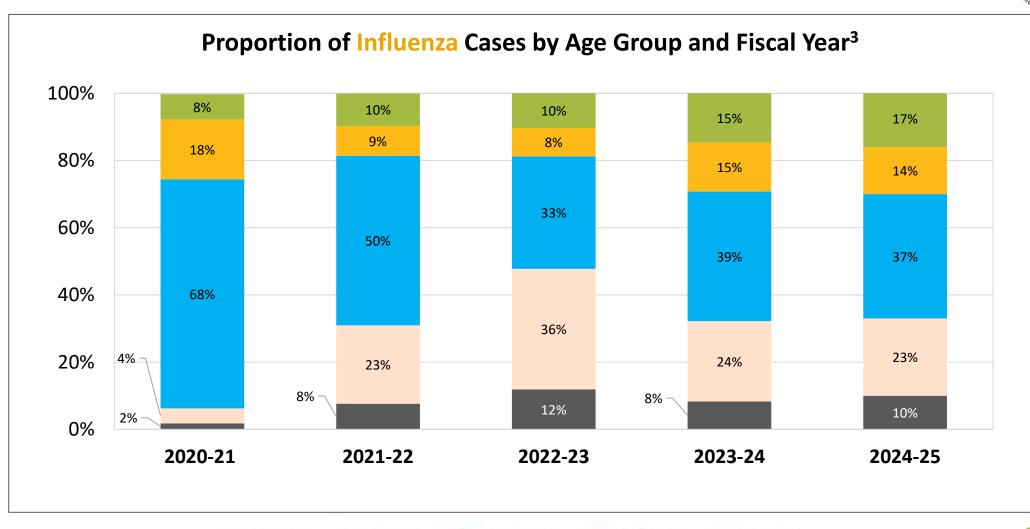




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■ 18-49 yrs

50-64 yrs

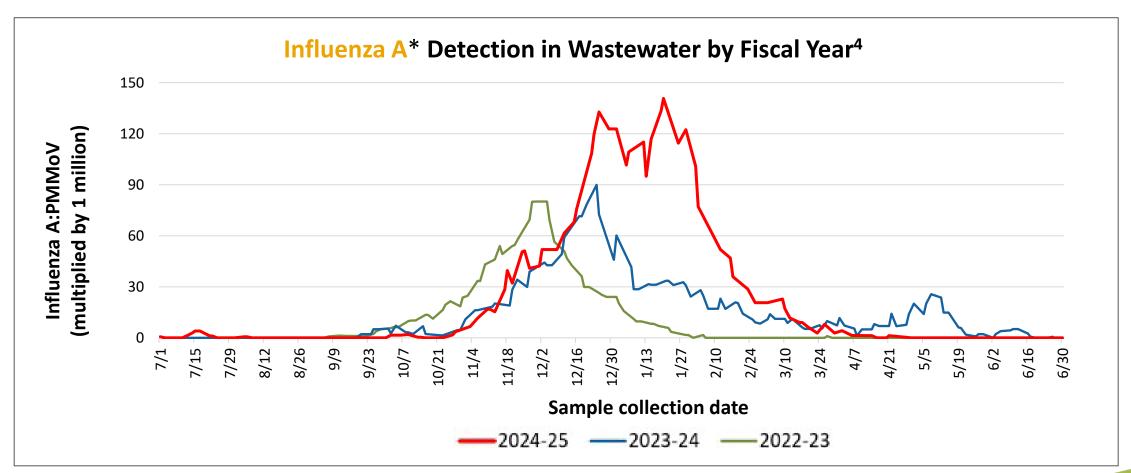
65+ yrs

■ 0-4 yrs

5-17 yrs







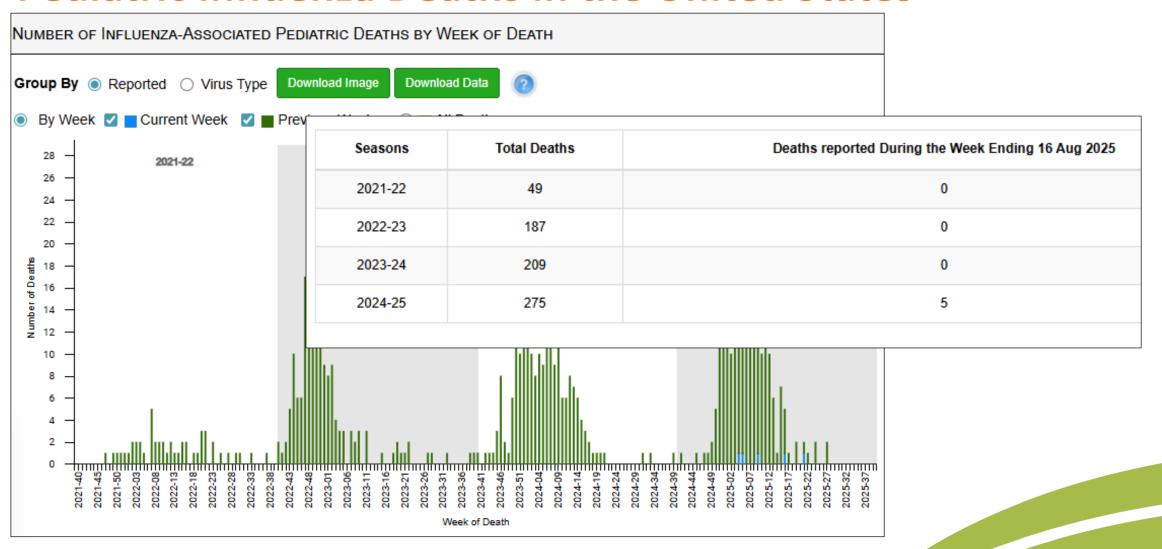
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*Detection of influenza in wastewater is specific to influenza A and captures H5 influenza along with seasonal H1 and H3. This assay alone cannot distinguish between the contributions of each subtype.

2024-2025 Influenza Season Summary Pediatric Influenza Deaths in the United States⁵

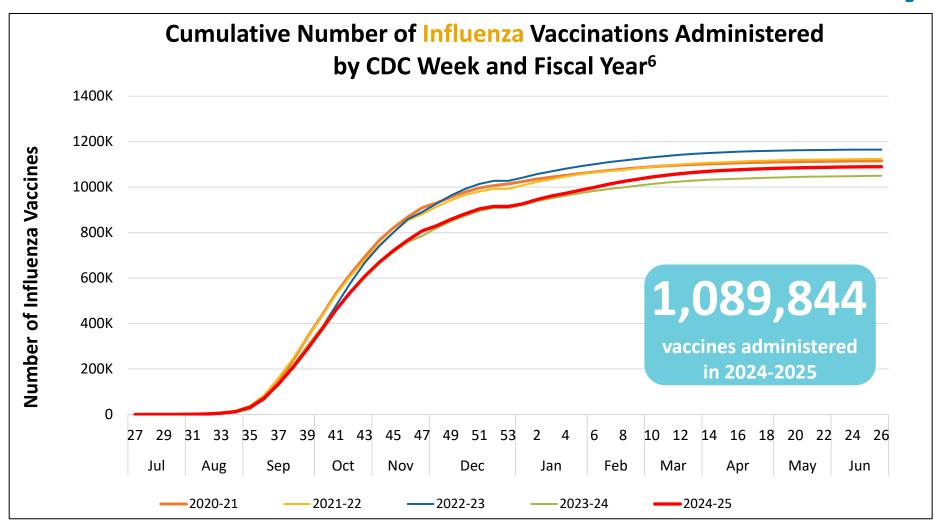












^{*}Week 52 data are repeated for week 53 for years that do not include week 53.

2024-2025 Influenza Vaccination Trends⁶





Race/Ethnicity

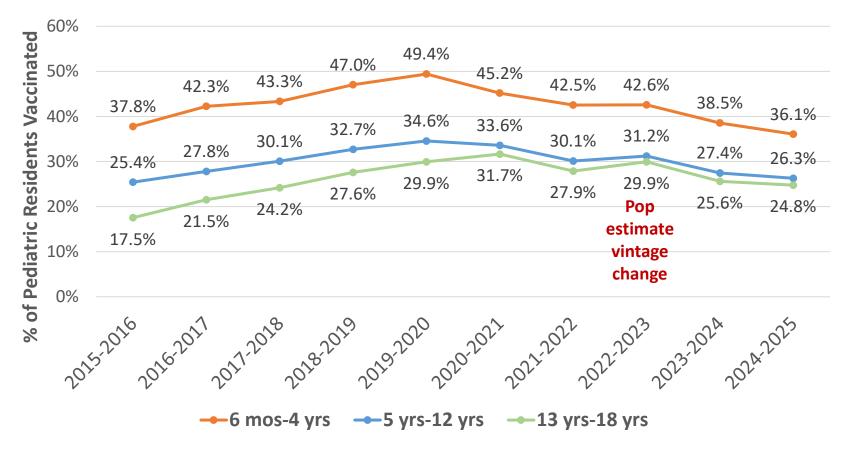
- The percentage of the population vaccinated in the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander racial category increased by 16.9% compared to 23/24.
- The percentage of the population vaccinated increased by 4.4% for the American Indian or Alaska Native racial categories.
- The percentage vaccinated among the Hispanic or Latino and Black or African American population remained consistent between the two years.
- All other racial categories experienced a decrease in vaccinations in 24/25 compared to 23/24.
- During the 24-25 influenza season, the East region saw a slight decrease (<1%) in the percentage of their populations vaccinated, while Central Region saw a slight increase (1.7%).







Percent of San Diego Residents 6 months-18 Years of Age Vaccinated with at Least One Influenza Dose^{6,7}

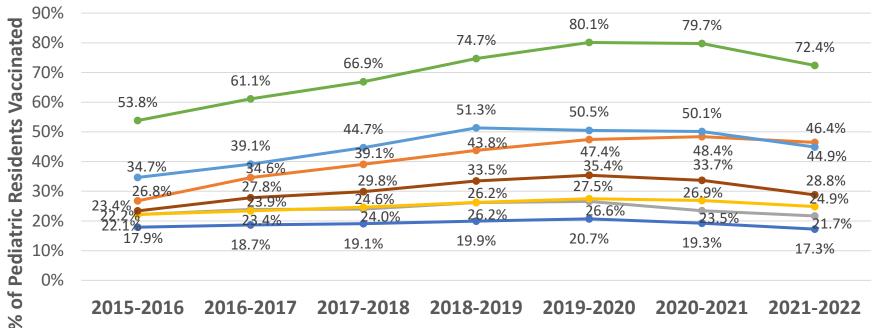


- Pediatric flu vaccine coverage continuously increased among SD youth from 2015/16 until peaking in 2019/20 (children <13 yo peaked in 2019/20, teens 13-18 yo in 2020/21).
- Since peaking around the start of the COVID pandemic, SD youth vaccination rates have declined through 2024/25.
- The 13-18 yo group consistently had the lowest rates 2015/16-2024/25.





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2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 2019-2020 2020-2021

- --- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- → Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

—White

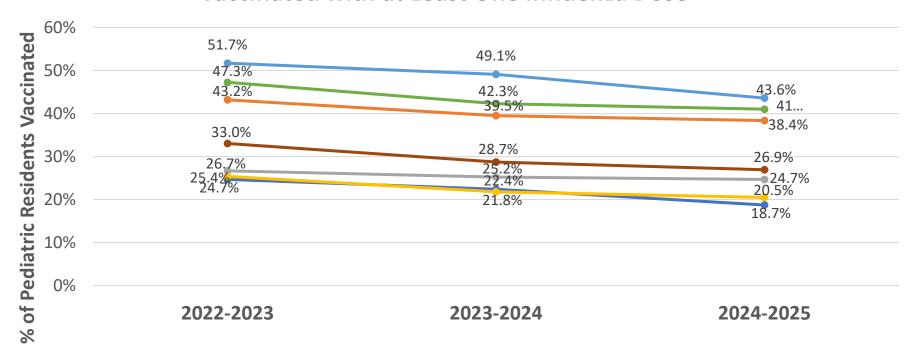
—Asian ---Latino Other/Multiple Race

- American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, and Latinx children are consistently vaccinated at lower ratés in San Diego County.
- San Diego's 7 pediatric deaths this season were Latinx (n=4), White (n=2), and Black or African American (n=1) children.





Percent of San Diego Residents 6 months-18 Years of Age Vaccinated with at Least One Influenza Dose^{6.7}



 Decrease in pediatric flu vaccination coverage across all race/ethnicity categories from 2022/23 to 2024/25 FYTD

- --- American Indian or Alaska Native
- --- Black or African American
- → Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

--- Asian

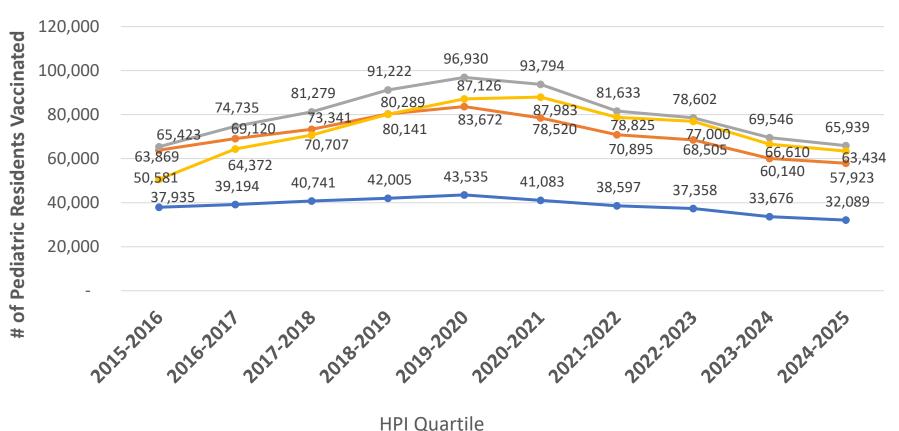
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- The number of children receiving flu vaccination in consistently lowest among HPI quartile 1, which represents the population with less healthy indicators.
- All 4 quartiles show a decline in the number of children with seasonal flu vaccine after a 2019-20 season peak (Quartile 4 peaked in 2020-21)

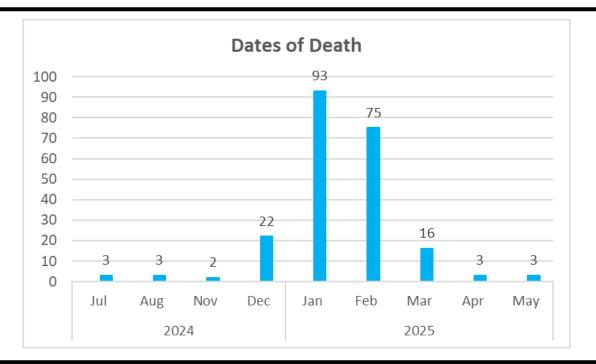
2024-2025 Influenza Season Summary³





220 deaths

196 Influenza A subtype unknown, 1 Influenza A (H1), 8 Influenza A (H1N1 pdm09), 7 Influenza A(H3), 7 Influenza B, and 1 Influenza B (Victoria)



78.6%

had underlying conditions

known to be vaccinated

Age Range 2-101 [7 under age 18]



4 were co-infected with COVID-19





COVID-19





TOTAL REPORTED COVID-19 CASES³

N=29,587

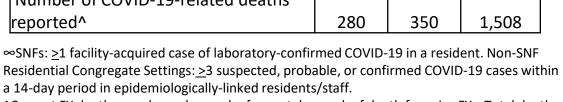
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Deaths

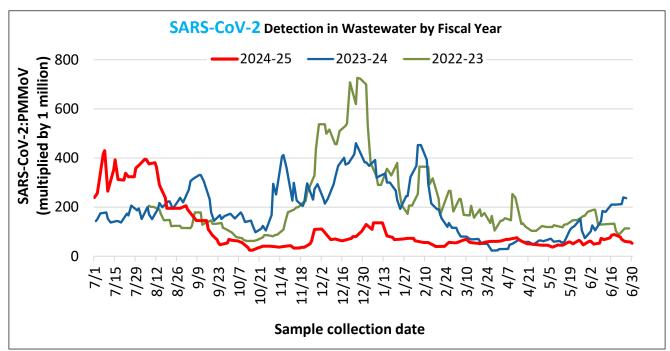
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Outbreaks

Surveillance Indicator	2024-25 Season	2023-24 Season	Prior Years Average*
All COVID-19 detections reported			
(rapid or PCR)	29,587	48,521	276,466
Number of COVID-19-related			
outbreaks reported∞	246	480	508
Number of COVID-19-related deaths			
reported^	280	350	1,508



[^]Current FY deaths are shown by week of report; by week of death for prior FYs. Total deaths reported in prior seasons: 386 in 2019-20, 3,402 in 2020-21, 1,635 in 2021-22, 630 in 2022-23, and 350 in 2023-24.

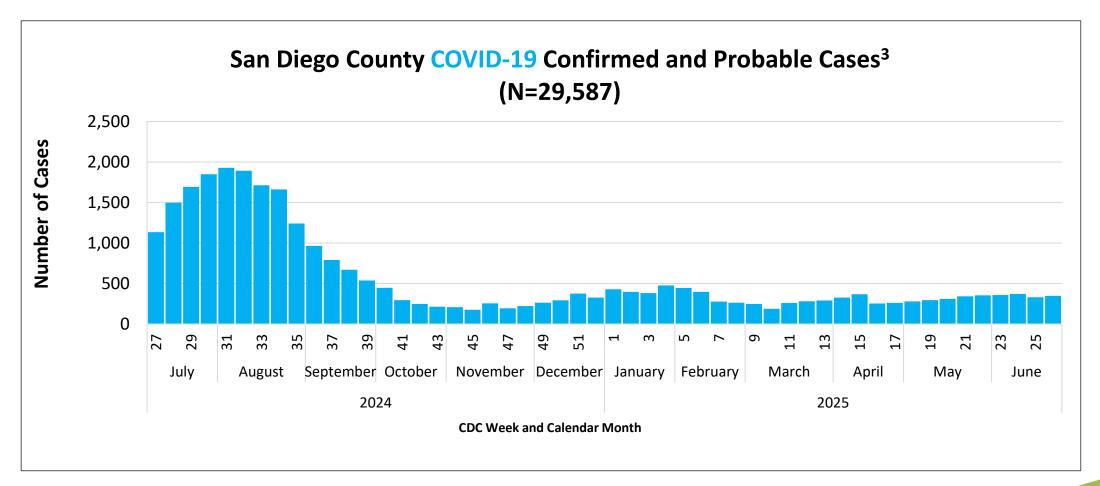


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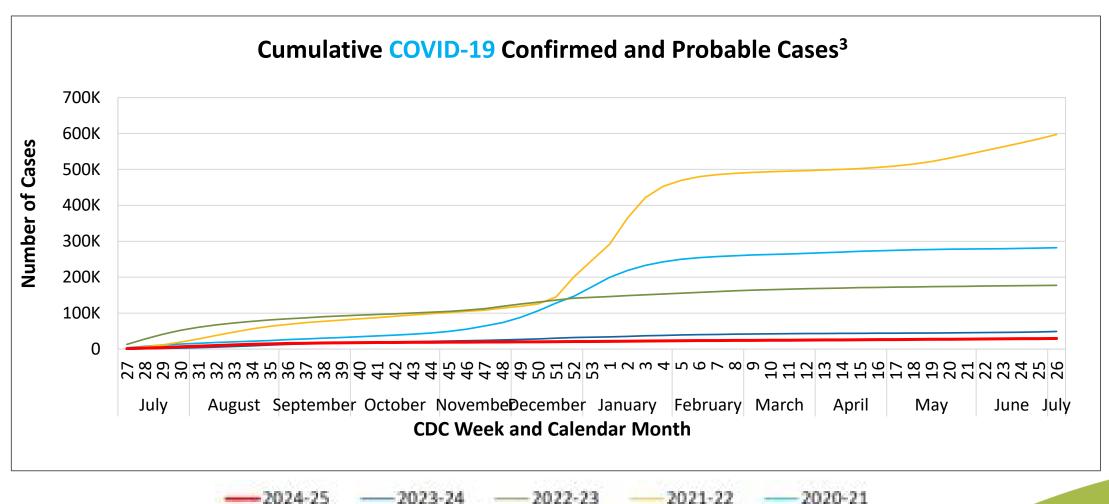




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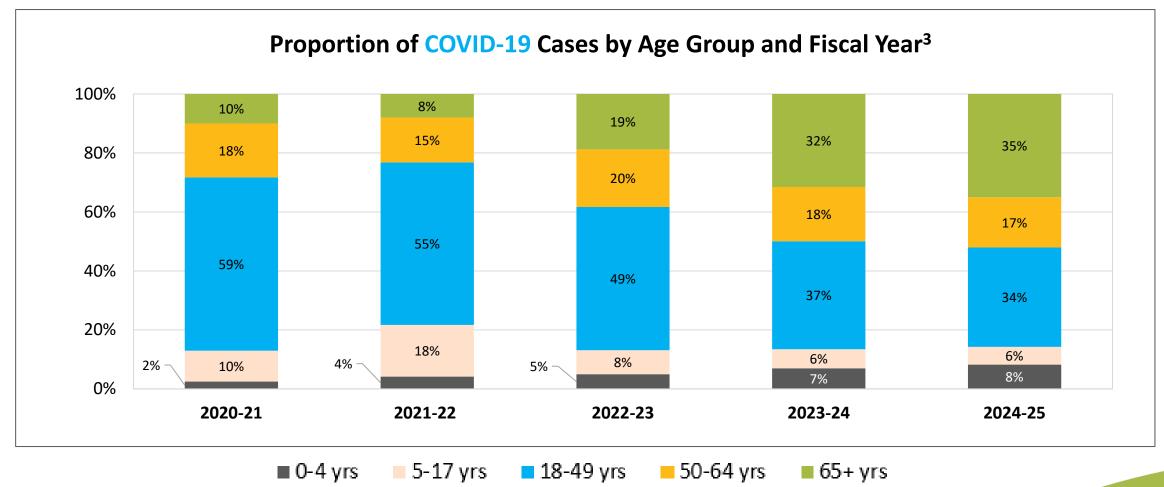




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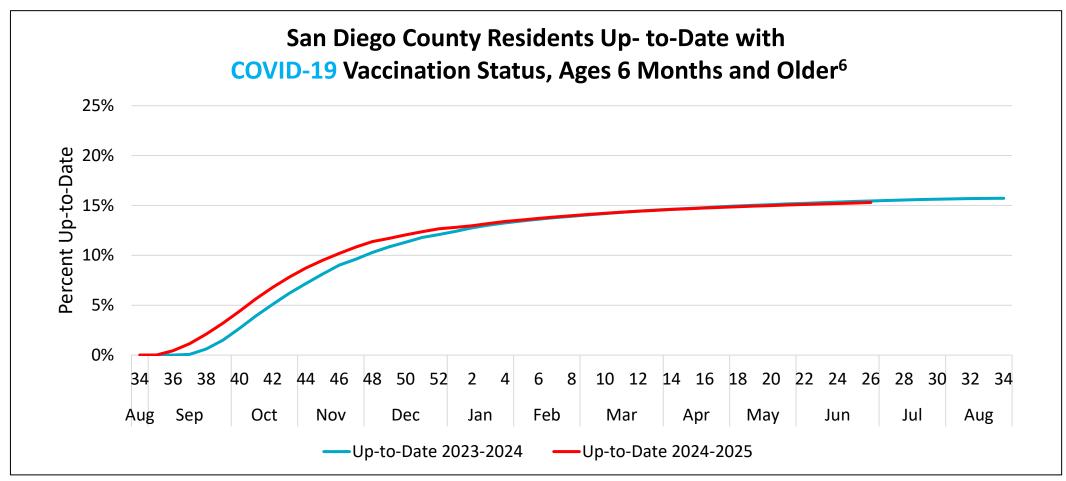




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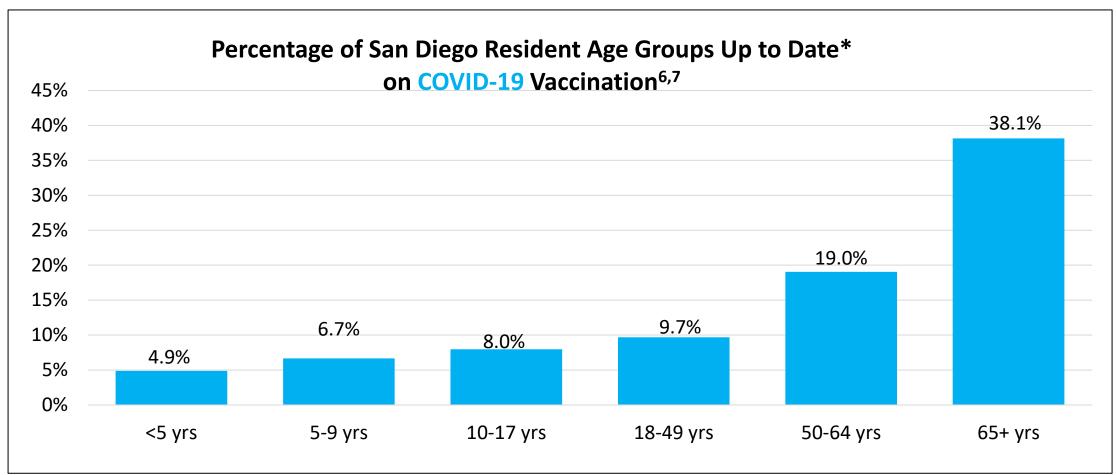




The lines show the percentage of persons up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination per the CDC guidelines for that year.8







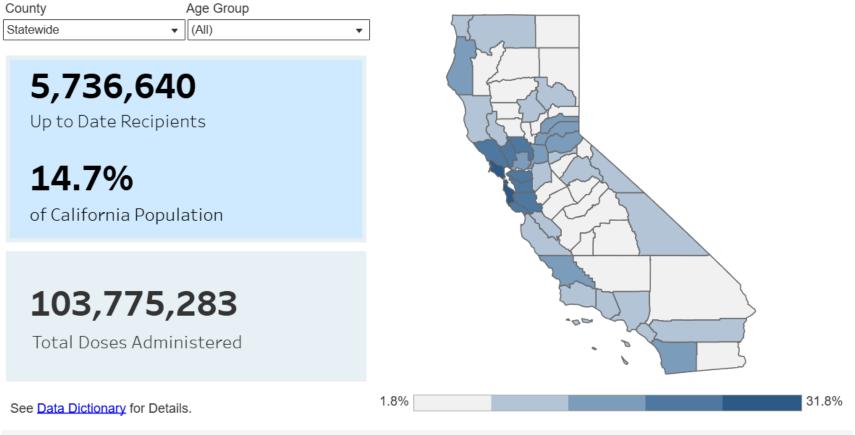
^{*}Using the Up-to-Date (UTD) criteria per the 2024/2025 guidelines.8





Total CA Population

Percent of Up to Date Persons by County of Residence



Data: 7/31/2025 11:59pm | Posted: 8/1/2025 *Not reported on weekends or state holidays

Data provided by California Department of Public Health⁹





Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

2024-2025 RSV Season Summary

TOTAL REPORTED RSV CASES³

N=5,748

19

Deaths

6

Outbreaks

	2024-25	2023-24	Prior Years
Surveillance Indicator	Season	Season	Average*
All RSV detections reported (rapid or			
PCR)	5,748	5,918	3,541
Number of RSV-related outbreaks			
reported∞	6	10	3
Number of RSV-related deaths			
reported^	19	23	12

^{*}Includes FYs 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24.





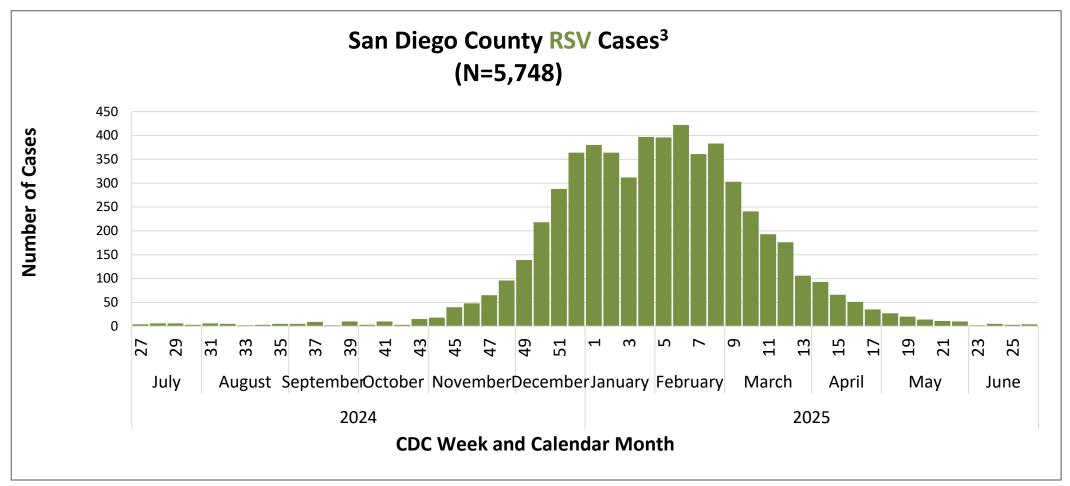
[∞] Outbreaks in residential congregate settings, such as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, group homes, correctional facilities, and homeless shelters, are included in this report. Epidemiology identifies outbreaks when facilities call to report. Other potential outbreaks are identified when multiple cases share an address or have a residential address that matches a skilled nursing or long-term care facility.

[^]Current FY deaths are shown by week of report; by week of death for prior FYs.

2024-2025 RSV Season Summary





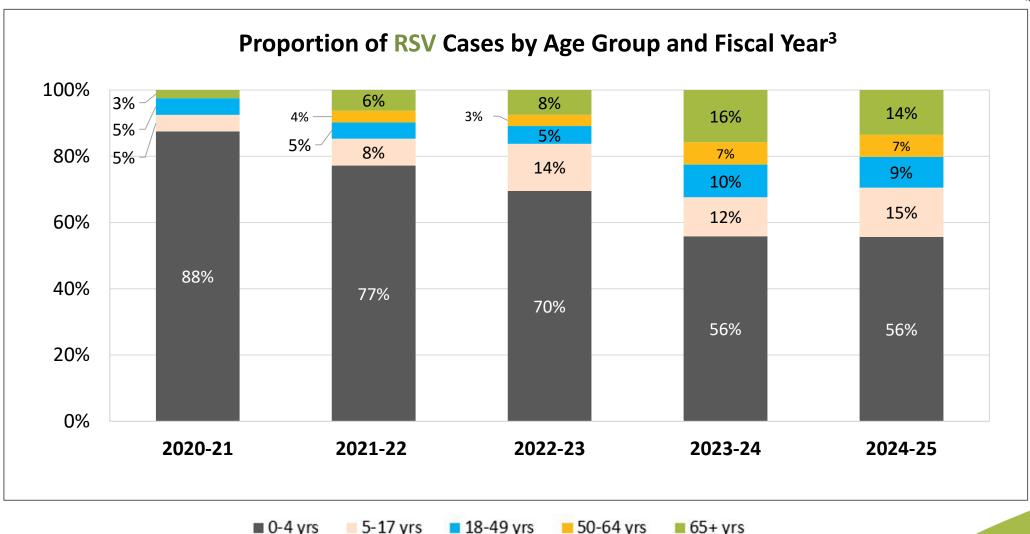


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2024-2025 RSV Season Summary







RSV Prevention Coverage¹⁰



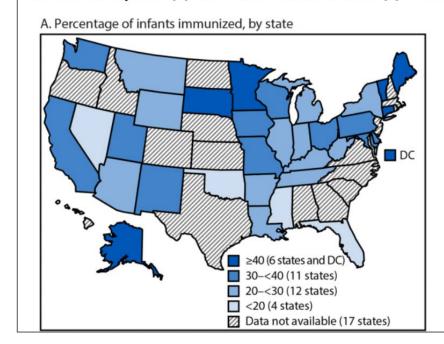


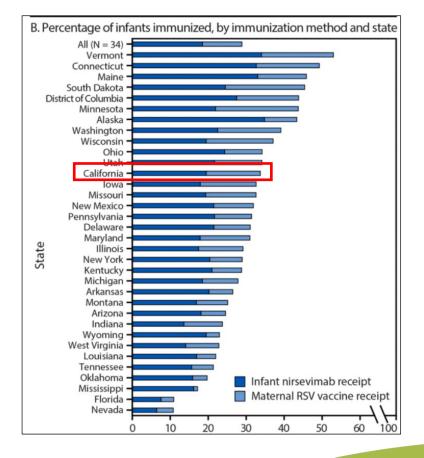


Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immunization Coverage Among Infants Through Receipt of Nirsevimab Monoclonal Antibody or Maternal Vaccination — United States, October 2023–March 2024

Weekly / August 21, 2025 / 74(31);484–489

FIGURE 1. Percentage of infants* immunized against respiratory syncytial virus through receipt of nirsevimab† or maternal vaccination,§ by state (A) and method of immunization (B) — 33 states and District of Columbia, October 2023–March 2024

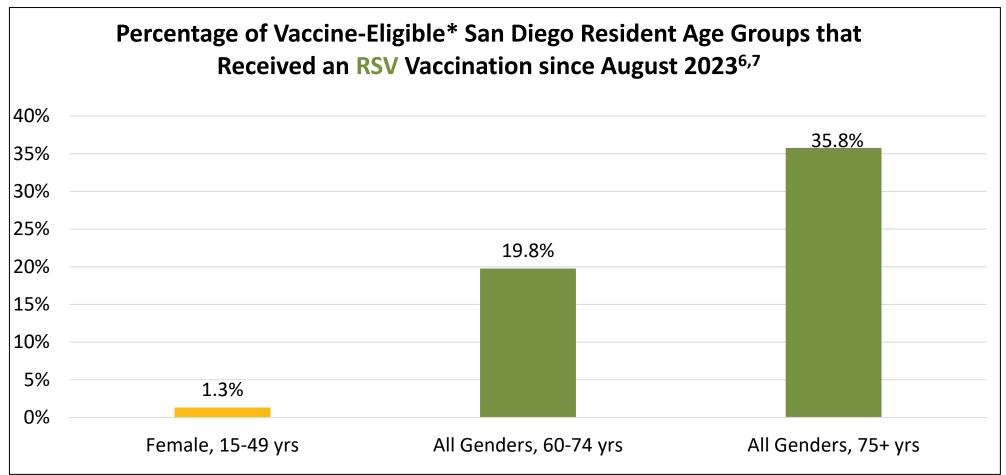




2024-2025 RSV Season Summary







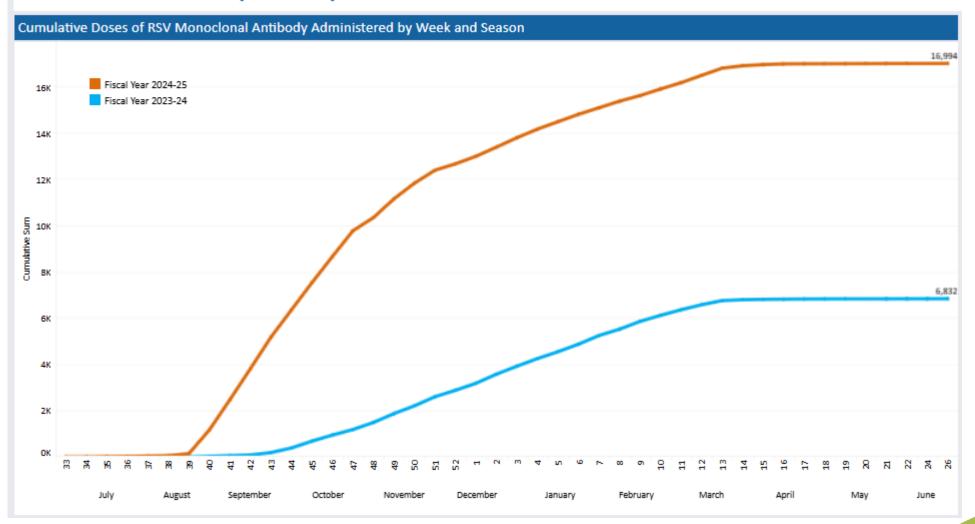
^{*}CDC recommends pregnant women, adults 60-74 years with increased risk, and adults 75 and older receive an RSV dose. In absence of pregnancy data, vaccination percentage is presented for all females of reproductive age.¹¹

2024-2025 RSV Season Summary⁶





RSV Monoclonal Antibody Summary



Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report





August 14, 2025





San Diego County

Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Prepared by Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch www.sdepi.org

This report will be issued monthly on the second Thursday of the month.

Weekly reporting will resume in October.

Influenza

COVID-19

Cases
2,751

Deaths
12

Outbreaks*
18

6/29/2025 - 8/9/2025

Cases
337

Deaths
0

Outbreaks*
1

6/29/2025 - 8/9/2025

RSV

Cases
23

Deaths
0

Outbreaks*
0

6/29/2025 - 8/9/2025





Go to www.sdepi.org to subscribe!

Reporting Flu Cases





- Please report positive influenza results to public health:
- Lab results and demographics
- Fax to 858-715-6458
- Please report influenza deaths
- Please report influenza outbreaks



• Call 619-692-8499



Respiratory Virus Forecast







Older adults urged to get influenza vaccines in early autumn

Getting a Covid shot this fall could be a lot more complicated

Some healthy people may have to prove they have an underlying condition, or get a prescription.

8/22/2025



Pediatricians split with CDC, recommend COVID shots for kids

Add topic to email alerts

Key takeaways:

AAP and CDC vaccine recommendations have been mostly harmonized for 30 years.

AAP guidance now deviates from the CDC's on COVID-

19 and influenza vaccines.

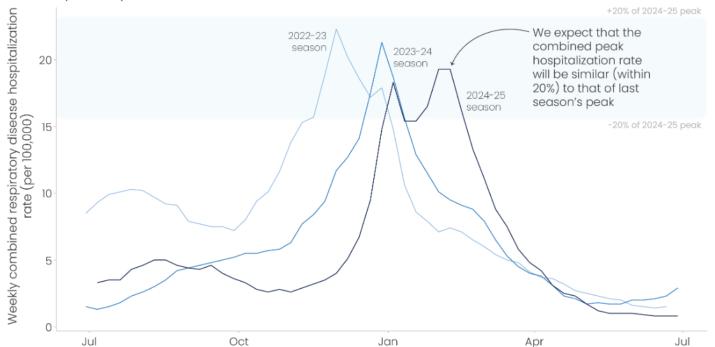
2025/2026 Respiratory Disease Outlook¹²





Upcoming 2025-26 combined respiratory disease peak hospitalization rates will likely be similar to last year

Combined peak hospitalization rates of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV



COVID-19: Modeling indicates that the peak weekly hospitalization rate due to COVID-19 may be higher than that of the 2024-2025 season, particularly if a variant with moderate immune-escape properties emerges this fall.

Influenza: CDC expects that the severity of the 2025-2026 influenza season based on the peak week of influenza hospitalizations will likely be classified as moderate across all ages.

RSV: CDC expects that the 2025-2026 peak weekly hospitalization rate across all age groups due to RSV will be **similar** to that of 2024-2025 season.

Figure 1. Data for 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 respiratory seasons are from RESP-NET. Experts believe it is most likely that the combined peak hospitalization rate for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV during the 2025-2026 season will be similar t...

Respiratory Report – Current





Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report

Data through 8/9/2025



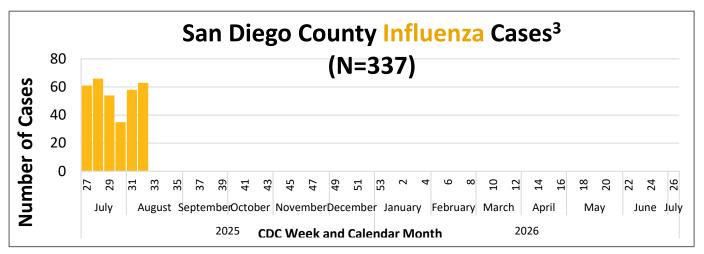


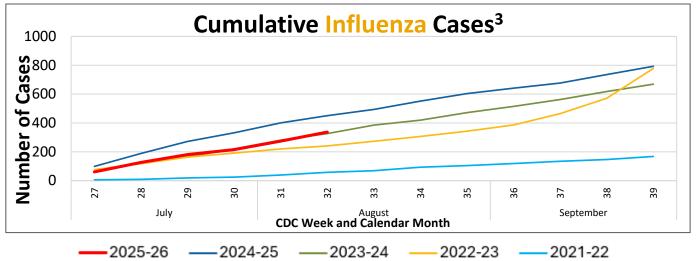
COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Fiscal Year-to-Date Overview

Table 1. Respiratory Surveillance Indicators

	2025-26 Fiscal Year				2024	2024-25 Fiscal Year			Prior Years Average*		
Indicator	Week 32	Total To Date	Week 31		Week 32	Total To Date	FY Total		Week 32	Total To Date	FY Total
% P&I deaths†	7%		4%		4%				6%		
CASES											
COVID-19 [‡]	648	2,751	537		1,893	9,994	29,587		4,359	27,828	227,090
Influenza	63	337	58	(45	326	39,476		20	144	13,301
RSV	1	23	2		5	30	5,748		14	56	3,983
DEATHS [§]											
COVID-19	2	12	4		12	48	280		17	95	1,262
Influenza	0	0	0		0	1	219		0	0	44
RSV	0	0	0		0	0	19		0	0	13

2025-2026 Influenza Season



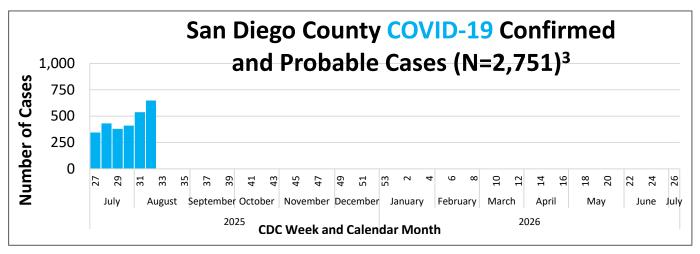


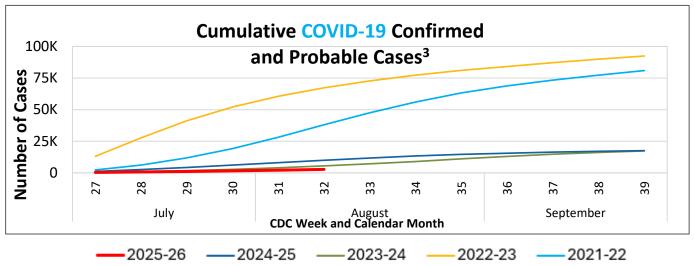
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2025-2026 COVID-19 Season



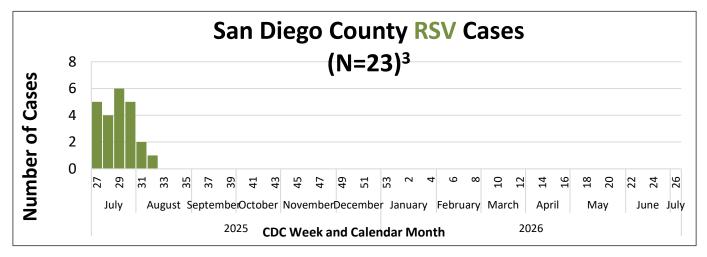


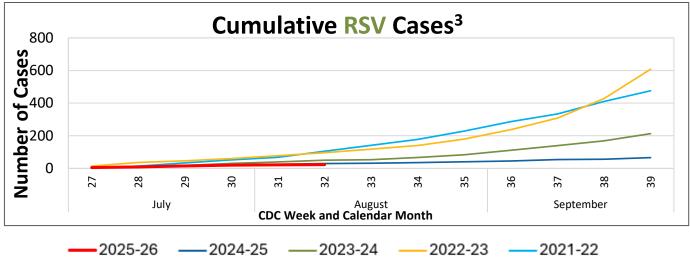
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2025-2026 RSV Season





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The Public Health Services department, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, has maintained national public health accreditation, since May 17, 2016, and was re-accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board on August 21, 2023.

California Immunization Coalition Greeting & Award Presentation





Natalie J. Smith, MD, MPH

Immunization Champion Award

Awarded to

Heidi DeGuzman, BSN





We will rebuild



Our Collective Role in Protecting Public Health and Immunizations

- Develop and promote leaders and champions
- Support scientists, researchers, and each other
- Amplify the voice and messages of trusted professionals/ leaders
- Hold media and policymakers accountable
- Speak up, stand up, to misinformation and disinformation





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Vaccines on Wheels: Redefining Access Through Mobile Pharmacies

County of San Diego HHSA, Medical Care Services HHSA & Mobile Pharmacy Hankyul Kim, PharmD Khanh Huynh, PharmD, BCACP, APH

Objectives







Define Pharmacy Deserts and Mobile Pharmacy Model



How the mobile pharmacy improves vaccine access & public health outcomes



Discuss operational, regulatory, and logistical considerations



Highlight insights and outcomes from the mobile pharmacy project



Background: Barriers to Access







Rural/underserved communities



Long travel distances for medication/vaccines



Reliance on fixed-location pharmacies



Public health impacts: care delays, poor adherence, unmet needs





What Are Pharmacy Deserts?







Pharmacy Deserts:

Areas with low/no pharmacy access



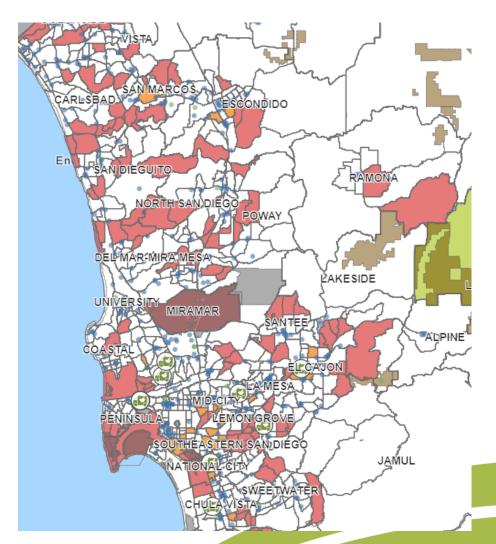
Disproportionately affects:

Rural, uninsured, low-income populations



Impact:

Linked to disparities in vaccination rates and worsened health outcomes



Mobile Pharmacy Model



AB 663 Pharmacy: Mobile Unit, 2023

Considered as an **extension** of pharmacy



First service launched in 2024



Staffed by Clinical Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians



Services: health screenings, naloxone distribution, education, vaccinations







Assembly Bill No. 663

CHAPTER 539

An act to amend Section 4110.5 of the Business and Professions Cuting to healing arts.

[Approved by Governor October 8, 2023. Filed with Secretary of State October 8, 2023.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 663, Haney. Pharmacy: mobile units.

Existing law, the Pharmacy Law, requires the California State Boa armacy within the Department of Consumer Affairs to license and reg practice of pharmacy, including pharmacists, pharmacy technicians armacies. Existing law authorizes a county, city and county, or special authority, as defined, to operate a mobile unit as an extension armacy license held by the county, city and county, or special hoshority to provide prescription medication within its jurisdictic cified individuals, including those individuals without fixed addressing law authorizes a mobile unit to dispense prescription medication medication

Mobile Pharmacy: Vaccine Service







Vaccines Provided: Flu, COVID-19, Hepatitis A



Fundings: State General Funds (SGF), CA Bridge Access Program (BAP), Local Health Department Section 317 Program (LHD 317)



Eligible Populations: uninsured/underinsured adults 19 years and older (exception: children can also receive state-funded flu vaccines)



Methods & Workflow





Simplified flowchart:

- Outreach event planning & site selection process
- Vaccine cold chain management
- Pharmacist-led clinic at community site
- Documentation: Internal data sheet & CAIR2



Outcomes & Results (Dec 2024 – June 2025)





2269 encounters / 108 events (Total)

760 encounters / 35 events (Vaccines)

11.4% served in pharmacy deserts

71.3% first-time clients

Added values: BP/BG screenings, health education



Key Challenges & Considerations











STAFFING & TRAINING

COLD CHAIN & INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE





DOCUMENTATIO N & REPORTING COORDINATION WITH PARTNERS



What We Learned







Partnerships amplify reach



Cultural competency & trust are critical



Patient education is invaluable to addressing vaccination hesitancy



Demand extends beyond vaccines (NRT, HIV PrEP/PEP, health screenings)













Conclusions







Effective model to improve vaccine access



Address multifactorial barriers to health equity



Compliance, cold chain, team coordination



Broader potential: integrated public health delivery



Next Steps & Call to Action







Scale vaccination services to reach more communities – during peak respiratory vaccine distributions



Expand mobile pharmacy services to include critical medications in addition to vaccines



Strengthen partnerships between healthcare and public health systems



Discussion & Q&A







Upcoming SDIC Events



2025 VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Join us for a virtual webinar on the importance of vaccinations and infection prevention strategies in skilled nursing, long-term care, and congregate care facilities, as well as other programs serving older adults.













Immunization **SKILLS INSTITUTE**

The innovative course will train medical personnel (e.g., medical assistants, pharmacists, nurses) on current, effective, and caring immunization techniques. Provider #CEP579 is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to provide 2 continuing education contact hours offered for this training.

TOPICS COVERED

- Best practices
- Needle selection
- Injection sites
- Routes of administration & after care
- Vaccine storage & handling
- Immunization preparation
- Vaccine preparation
- Immunization documentation







Wednesday, October 29, 2025



8:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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Evaluation

