



San Diego Immunization Coalition Monthly Update September 21, 2016 DRAFT

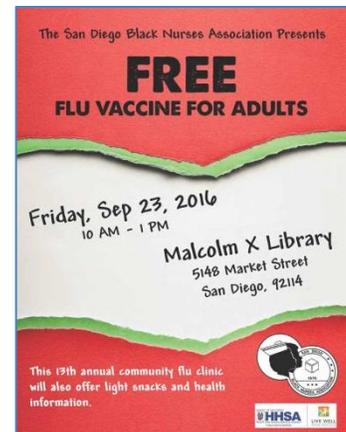
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COALITION NOTES

Flu Season Almost Here

Flu can make people very ill, and for some, it can even be fatal. Flu vaccine is the best way to protect against flu. For the 2016-17 flu season, the vaccine will be given at doctor's offices, pharmacies, Public Health Centers and many other locations throughout the fall and winter months, and later. In some doctor's offices, pharmacies and other locations, vaccine is already available. Look for more information about flu vaccine and flu season to come.

One opportunity for getting **FREE** flu vaccine (for adults) is coming up this Friday. The **San Diego Black Nurses Association's Annual Flu Season Kickoff Event and Community Flu Vaccine Clinic** happens on **Friday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Malcom X Library, 5148 Market Street in San Diego.** This 13th annual community flu clinic will offer free flu vaccine for those 18 years and older, as well as light snacks and health information.



- **School has started—are your kids up to date on their immunizations?**

Several immunizations are required for school entry, so it's very important to make sure your kids have all the shots they need.

Check with your children's doctor to find out if they need any immunizations. You can also go to the [California Department of Public Health's Shots For School website](#), for a wealth of helpful information school/child care immunization requirements.

- **School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Laws: What You Need To Know**

- **SB277**, the school immunization requirements law which took effect earlier this year, eliminates personal belief exemptions to school immunization requirements. For complete and up to date information about this law, please visit the [California Department of Public Health's Shots For School website's SB277 page](#).
- **Day Care Facilities Immunization Law (SB792)**, is a new law which took effect in California Sept. 1, 2016. It requires that employees or volunteers at a day care center or day care home must be immunized against flu, pertussis and measles. Learn more at the [California Department of Health Services Shots for School website's page about this law](#).

- **Reminder: the Next SDIC General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5th.**

The next SDIC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Starting time is the same, 12:30 pm, and it will be held in the San Diego Room at the HHS Rosecrans Health Services Complex (3851 Rosecrans St., San Diego). Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NEWS

- **“AAP issues meningococcal B vaccine guidelines for adolescents”**

According to a report on the Healio website, " Trumenba and Bexsero have both been approved for the prevention of serogroup B meningococcal disease in individuals aged 10 through 25 years by the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases. Their guidelines on the newly-licensed vaccines align with previous recommendations issued by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The committee issued a category A recommendation stating that either Trumenba (MenB-FHbp, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals) or Bexsero (MenB-4C, Novartis Vaccines) can be used routinely for individuals at increased risk for serogroup B meningococcal disease... The vaccines may be administered, though not routinely, to adolescents and young adults aged 16 through 23 to provide short-term protection. This recommendation received a category B recommendation." Read the story [here](#).

RESEARCH NEWS

- **"Big Data Could Hold Key to Improving Vaccination Rates"**

According to a story on the Health IT Analytics website, " A new initiative is looking to increase the rate of adult vaccinations by using big data to develop helpful patient engagement strategies. With flu season fast approaching, a new initiative focused on improving adult vaccination rates is turning to big data to discover the most helpful patient engagement strategies for primary care providers to deliver preventative care. The Adult Immunization Project is a collaborative effort between the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI), Duke Primary Care, Pfizer and Premier Inc. During the project, researchers will work as a team to develop strategies for Duke Health system primary care providers to support vaccination efforts... As part of the program, Duke researchers will analyze primary care practices' data to determine what patient engagement strategies were the most successful approaches for providing helpful vaccination information to patients. 'With the data being collected, we'll be able to better understand what motivates provider and patient behavior, and understand what types of interventions have the most traction,' said John Anderson, MD, chief medical officer for Duke Primary Care." Read the story [here](#).



COUNTY PHC IMMUNIZATION CLINICS: ELIGIBILITY

- **Eligibility for Immunizations at County Public Health Centers; Important Information**

The following individuals are eligible to receive immunizations at County Public Health Centers:

- Children and adults who do not have health insurance (adults—only certain vaccines available).
- Adults whose health insurance does not include vaccines (only certain vaccines available).
- Persons 0-18 years who are Alaskan Native or American Indian.
- Persons 0-18 years who have Medi-Cal or are Medi-Cal eligible.

- **Persons 6 months and older in need of influenza (flu) vaccine regardless of health coverage.**

Individuals are not eligible for vaccines if their insurance includes vaccinations, even if there are co-pays or deductibles.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MONTHLY UPDATE

- **Having a Community Event? Tell Us! Don't forget our SDIC Community Event Calendar:** We are always seeking submissions for the Calendar. Help get the word out about your upcoming event. Please use [this form](#) to submit events (at least 2 weeks before the event).
- **If you have other information to share...**We encourage readers to send in information they think is relevant to immunization and its related issues. Perhaps there's an article in a newspaper, magazine or online. Or information received via email, or from another newsletter. Feel free to email the information (along with a citation) to harrison.bolter@sdcounty.ca.gov. Please note that we may have to edit the information for length or relevance.

Note: This update is normally sent the 15th of every month (or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday). If you have immunization-related news or information you would like to share with your Coalition partners, please send it via email to Harrison Bolter at harrison.bolter@sdcounty.ca.gov no later than the 13th of that month. Any information received later than that will be held until the next Update. Thank you!

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