



San Diego Immunization Coalition Monthly Update May 15, 2016

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COALITION NOTES

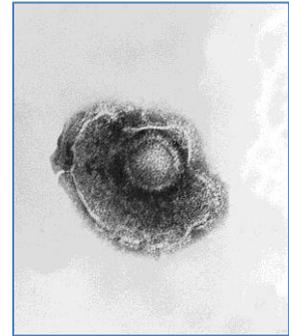
- **Third Unrelated School Outbreak of Chickenpox Reported in San Diego**

“Five students at the Sessions Elementary School in San Diego were diagnosed with chickenpox, the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency reported...[on May 6],” according to a story on the County News Center website.

“The cases are unrelated to the two previous outbreaks reported...[the previous week].

The first student reported illness on March 29, and the latest student to be diagnosed became ill on May 4. People usually get symptoms of chickenpox 14 to 16 days after exposure, with a range of 10 to 21 days, so additional cases may be reported through May 25.”

Read the rest of the story at the [County News Center website](#).



CDC/ Dr. Erskine Palmer; B.G. Partin

- **Summer is on the way—make sure you and your family are up to date with immunizations!**

Summer is coming, and vacations are on everyone’s mind. But summer is also a great time to catch up on immunizations. Check with your doctor about what vaccines you and your family need—for summer travel, and for when school starts again in the fall. Don’t wait to vaccinate!

- **Reminder: the Next SDIC General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1st.**

The next SDIC General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1. Starting time is the same, 12:30 pm, and it will be held in the San Diego Room at the HHSA Rosecrans Health Services Complex (3851 Rosecrans St., San Diego). Mark your calendars and we’ll see you there!

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NEWS

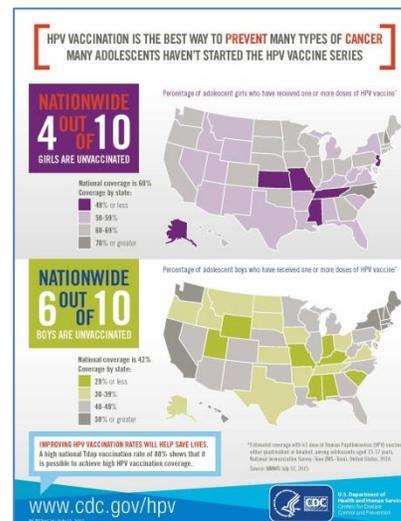
- **Study: “Immunization Rates Climb When Pediatricians Have Easy Access To Vaccination Records”**

According to a story on the Science 2.0 website, ““Exchange of immunization data between a centralized city immunization registry and provider electronic health records led to significant improvements in pediatric immunization coverage, a reduction in over-immunization for adolescents, and increased completeness of immunization records, according to a study conducted at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University Medical Center, NewYork-Presbyterian, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Citywide Immunization Registry. Researchers compared the percent of

children who were up-to-date for their age-appropriate immunizations and those who received extra, unnecessary immunizations before and after the implementation of two-way data exchange at point of care. Up-to-date vaccination rates increased from 75 percent to 82 percent and were significant for all age groups. Findings are published online in the journal *Pediatrics*.¹¹ [Read more at the Science 2.0 website.](#)

- **New Video on HPV For Healthcare Providers From CDC**

According to an article in the IAC Express online newsletter, "CDC has added a new video for healthcare professionals to its HPV web section. The 40-minute *You Are the Key to HPV Prevention* video provides up-to-date information on HPV infection, HPV vaccines, and ways to successfully communicate with patients and their parents about HPV vaccination. The video stresses recommending HPV vaccine the same way and same day as other vaccines. Continuing education credit will be available through April 21, 2018. CDC's "You are the key to HPV cancer prevention" campaign also includes tips for providers, a slide set, fact sheets, Medscape commentaries for provider education, and handouts for parents and patients in English and Spanish. The goal is to help healthcare professionals talk to parents and young adults about HPV vaccination." More information can be found on CDC's [HPV—You Are The Key To Cancer Prevention web page.](#)



- **Reminder: Optional Form To Document Medical Immunization Exemptions Available**

Effective January 1, 2016, California no longer allows parents/guardians to submit personal belief exemption from vaccinations required for school and childcare.

Medical exemptions from vaccinations required for childcare and school entry are available, if appropriate. The California Immunization Coalition in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, California and the California Academy of Family Physicians have developed an optional form for use in documenting a medical exemption. Licensed physicians (MD, DO) may simply complete this form or provide a letter containing the same information to the parent/guardian. For more information and frequently asked questions about the new law go to www.shotsforschool.org.

RESEARCH NEWS

- **Study: "A Flu Shot During Pregnancy Protects Babies From Flu Up To 6 Months Later"**

According to a story on the Forbes website, "Babies can't get the flu vaccine until they turn 6 months old - even though children and infants die every year from the flu. But that doesn't mean moms can't offer their infants some protection against the flu until children are old enough to be immunized themselves, as a new study shows. In fact, babies whose mothers got the seasonal flu vaccine during pregnancy were 70% less likely to contract the flu than babies born to unimmunized mothers, thanks to two protective mechanisms working together... About 13 out of

10,000 babies born to moms who got the vaccine developed a flu-like illness, showing symptoms of flu but not necessarily being tested to confirm influenza. Among the children of mothers who didn't get the flu shot, however, about 37 out of 10,000 infants developed a flu-like illness, a little over double the risk of the kids born to vaccinated moms. The protection against actual lab-confirmed flu was even higher in the children of immunized mothers." [Read the article on the Forbes website.](#)

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 will be 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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