



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Update

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Topics

- VFC Program Overview
- American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics in the VFC Program
- Immunization Planning for Fall 2024-2025
- Transition to myCAvax

VFC Program Background

- The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program has been helping families protect their children since 1994.
- VFC covers the cost of vaccines for children whose parents or guardians may not be able to afford them.
- It provides public-purchased vaccine for eligible children at no charge to VFC-enrolled public and private providers
- **VFC Patient Eligibility:**
 - ✓ 0-18 years of age and meets one of the following:
 - ✓ Medical/CHDP eligible
 - ✓ Uninsured
 - ✓ American Indian/Alaska Native (regardless of insurance status)
 - ✓ Underinsured (at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) only)

Vaccines for Children

Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2021 will:

prevent **472 million** illnesses
(29.8 million hospitalizations)



more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.

help avoid **1,052,000** deaths



greater than the population of Seattle, WA

save nearly **\$2.2 trillion** in total societal costs
(that includes \$479 billion in direct costs)



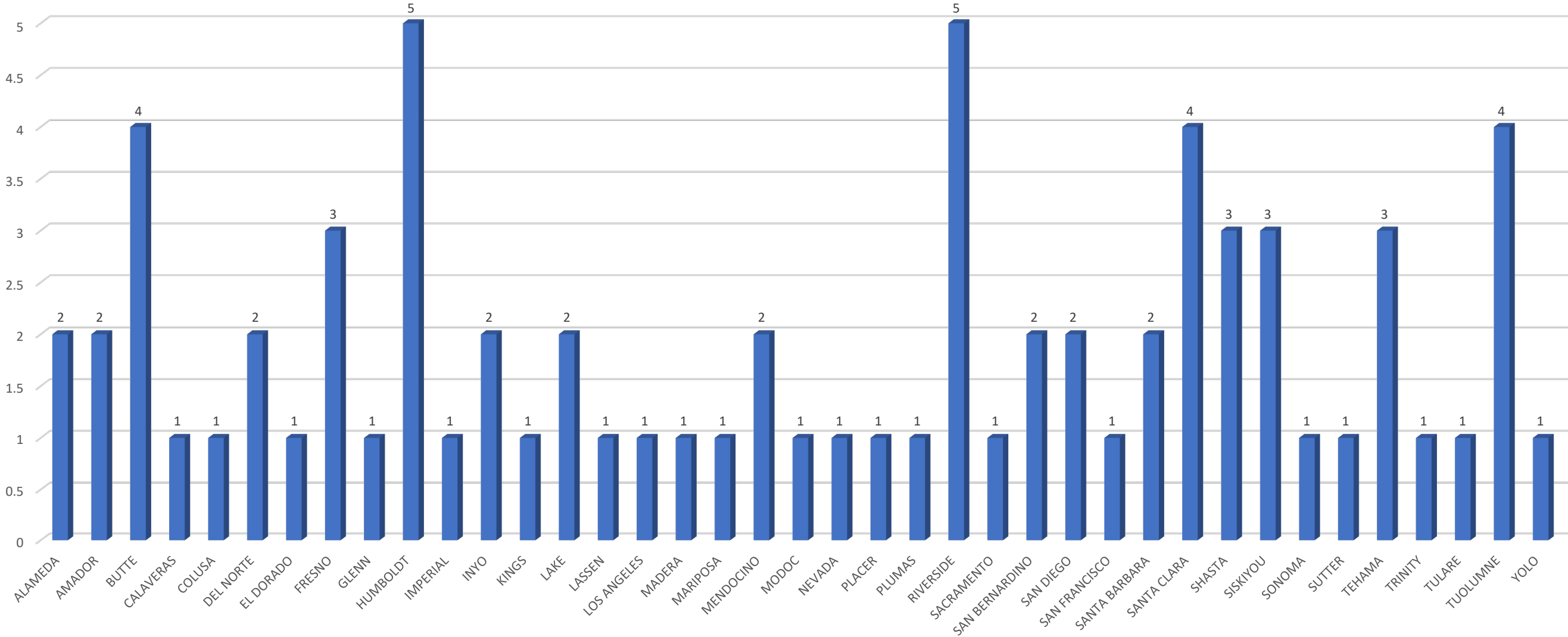
more than \$5,000 for each American

VFC in California

- California is the largest VFC state in the nation with over **3,300** active VFC Providers.
- **73** American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics actively enrolled in VFC
- Based on 2024 VFC Recertification, American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics see over **49,000** VFC-eligible patients.
- In 2023, American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics
 - Ordered **76,815** doses total of VFC vaccines
 - Total worth of vaccines ordered was over **\$6.3 million.**

Tribal Health Clinics in VFC

American Indian/Tribal Health Clinics in VFC by County



VFC Immunizations

- VFC offers all routine pediatric immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) including COVID-19 vaccines, influenza, RSV and many more!

Table: Diseases and ACIP-Recommended Vaccines Covered by the VFC Program

Disease	Vaccines and other immunizing agents	Disease	Vaccines and other immunizing agents
Chickenpox	Varicella, MMRV§	Measles	MMR,** MMRV§
COVID-19	Comirnaty®/Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, SPIKEV-AX®/Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine, and Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine	Mpox	Jynneos
Dengue †	Dengvaxia	Mumps	MMR,** MMRV§
Diphtheria	DTaP,* Td,** Tdap,* Kinrix, ¶ Quadracel, ¶ Pentacel, §§ Pediarix, ¶¶ Vaxelis §§§	Pertussis	DTaP,* Tdap, Kinrix, ¶ Quadracel, ¶ Pentacel, §§ Vaxelis, §§§, Pediarix
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)	Hib, Pentacel, Vaxelis §§§	Polio	IPV, Pentacel, §§ Pediarix, ¶¶ Vaxelis §§§, Kinrix, Quadracel
Hepatitis A	HepA	Pneumococcal	PCV15, PCV20, and PPSV23
Hepatitis B	HepB, Pediarix, ¶¶ Vaxelis §§§	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) monoclonal antibody: nirsevimab Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine: Abrysvo maternal RSV vaccine
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	HPV	Rotavirus	RV
Influenza (Flu)	IIV4 and LAIV4	Rubella	MMR,** MMRV§
Meningococcal	MenACWY, MenABCWY, MenB	Tetanus	DTaP,* Td,** Tdap,* Kinrix, ¶ Quadracel, ¶ Pentacel, §§ Pediarix, ¶¶ Vaxelis §§§

† Dengue vaccine is available only for endemic regions specified in current ACIP recommendations.
 *DTaP and Tdap combine protection against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis.
 **DT and Td combine protection against diphtheria and tetanus.
 **MMR combines protection against measles, mumps, and rubella.
 §MMRV is a combination vaccine containing MMR and varicella.
 ¶Kinrix and Quadracel are combination vaccines containing DTaP and IPV.
 §§Pentacel is a combination vaccine containing DTaP, IPV, and Hib.
 ¶¶Pediarix is a combination vaccine containing DTaP, IPV, and HepB.
 §§§Vaxelis is a combination vaccine containing DTaP, IPV, Hib, and HepB.
 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Source: [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program Operations Guide](#)



Immunization Planning for Fall 2024-2025 - Flu

- **2023-2024 Flu Vaccine Ordering**

- Last day to order VFC flu vaccine for the 2023-2024 season will likely be in late May.
 - Once flu vaccine expires on June 30, 2024, submit a return form through VFC

- **2024-2025 Flu Vaccine Ordering in the Fall**

- More information about 2024-2025 initial flu ordering will be communicated this summer.
- Once supply becomes available at VFC's national vaccine distributor in the fall, the VFC Program will allocate doses to VFC Providers. Once doses are allocated, providers can submit a request for flu vaccine up to the allocated amount. Remaining doses pre-booked will be allocated to each practice to order as needed throughout the season.

Immunization Planning for Fall 2024-2025 - RSV

- **2023-2024 RSV Immunizations**

- The timing of administration of nirsevimab is recommended from October through March. As a result, the VFC Program turned off ordering of nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) in April.
- Important Note: Based on current shelf life for nirsevimab, providers with nirsevimab inventory on hand at the end of the 2023-2024 vaccination season should plan to store the product for use in the 2024-2025 season.

- **2024-2025 RSV Immunizations available in the Fall**

- Nirsevimab (Beyfortus™) 50mg and 100mg products will likely be on allocation from CDC, though it is expected that we will have more supply compared to the 2023-2024 season.
- Abrysvo™ will be made available again through the VFC Program for VFC-eligible pregnant persons 18 years of age or younger.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Coming Soon to myCAvax!



VFC vaccine ordering, and other related VFC activities will go live in myCAvax on **Monday, June 10, 2024.**

Once live, VFC providers will be able to easily:

- Report shipping incidents electronically
- Access practice dashboards
- View support resources in the Knowledge Center
- Read important broadcast messages from CDPH upon logging in to myCAvax
- Centralize many state-funded vaccine programs in one platform



Why is VFC Moving its Vaccine Management System to myCAvax?

Benefits of transitioning to **myCAvax** include:

1. Improved access and security. **myCAvax** requires individual user login for better security instead of just the VFC PIN and zip code.
2. Providers who are part of multiple CDPH Immunization Programs will only need to use one system for all vaccine ordering and management.
3. Modernized system. The **myCAvax** system uses updated technology to streamline vaccine management activities.

VFC Upcoming Provider Actions



By Friday, May 24, 2024

Vaccine Orders:

- Last day to submit new VFC orders in MyVFCvaccines is **Friday, May 24**.
 - **NOTE:** If your routine order is due during or shortly after our blackout period, consider submitting a new order by **Friday, May 24** to avoid any delays in your vaccine supply.
- Submit transfers, waste, returns, and shipping / handling incidents into MyVFCvaccines alongside orders.

Account Management:

- If needed, update Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinator information in MyVFCvaccines.
- Update expired data loggers.
- Ensure certificate of calibration is valid.

Training:

- Provider training is set to start **late May**. Keep an eye out for training invites.

Monday, May 27, 2024 – Friday, May 31, 2024

Vaccine Orders:

- VFC program will review and approve orders submitted.
- If order corrections are needed, VFC providers must promptly submit corrections as requested by VFC program during this period.
- After **Friday, May 31**, any unapproved MyVFCvaccines orders must be resubmitted by VFC providers in myCAvax after go-live.

Training:

- Please plan to attend provider trainings – registration links will be shared with you soon!

By Friday, June 10, 2024

Go Live:

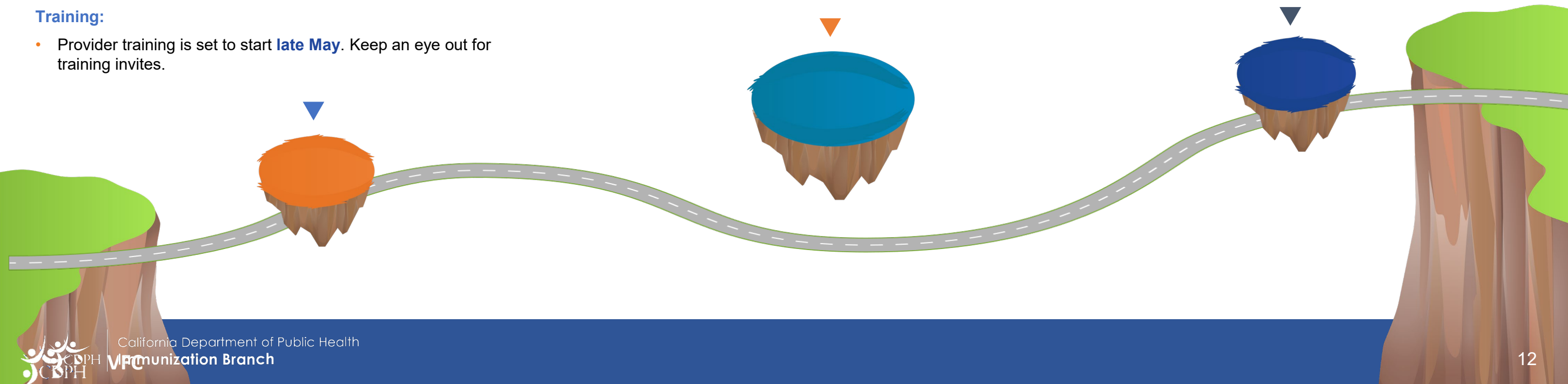
- VFC program go-live in myCAvax – log in!
- VFC providers will be able to submit orders, returns, transfers, etc.
- Contact the Provider Call Center for support via phone or email when needed.

Account Management:

- Expired certificate of calibration will prevent VFC providers from ordering vaccine product.

Training:

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myCAvax System Transition Details and Trainings



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TO: California Vaccines for Children Program
Providers Immunization Coordinators

FROM: Robert Schechter, M.D., Chief, Immunization Branch
Division of Communicable Disease Control
Center for Infectious Diseases *RS*

SUBJECT: VFC is Moving to a New Vaccine Management System - **myCAvax**

✓ VFC is moving to the **myCAvax** system on **June 10, 2024**.
✓ **May 24, 2024**, is the last day to submit a new vaccine order, return, transfer, or wastage form using MyVFCVaccines.

The California VFC Program is excited to announce the transition of its current vaccine ordering and provider management system, MyVFCVaccines, to a new system, **myCAvax**. This transition is expected to occur on June 10th, 2024.

TRANSITION to myCAvax
VFC ordering and management in California is transitioning from MyVFCVaccines to **MyCAvax** as CDPH aligns its vaccine programs into to one single system: **myCAvax** already supports the Local Health Department (LHD) 317 Vaccine Program, the Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program, State-purchased influenza vaccine, and the California COVID-19 Bridge Access Program (BAP). VFC providers may be familiar from the pandemic with using **myCAvax** for COVID-19 vaccine ordering.

BENEFITS OF myCAvax include:

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VFC's Transition to MyCAvax

Join us for a 30-minute **introductory webinar** to learn the basics of using myCAvax.

CDPH is offering three training sessions **for brand new users**. The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of the following webinars:

- **Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from 10 – 10:30 AM**
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024, from 9 – 9:30 AM**
- **Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 12:30 – 1 PM**

Register on [Zoom](#).





VFC 101&102 Trainings for All VFC Providers

VFC 101: Requesting VFC Vaccine in myCAvax

30-minute webinar exploring how to place a vaccine order request in myCAvax with an opportunity for Q&A. The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of the following webinars:

- **Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9 – 9:30 AM**
- **Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 9:30 – 10 AM**
- **Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 12 – 12:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 11:30 AM – 12 PM**

Register on [Zoom](#).

VFC 102: Managing VFC Vaccine in myCAvax

30-minute webinar intended for staff who will be responsible for managing VFC vaccine in myCAvax (e.g., reporting waste, transfers, shipment incidents, and excursions).

- **Friday, June 7, 2024, from 9:30 – 10 AM**
- **Wednesday, June 12, 2024, from 10 – 10:30 AM**
- **Wednesday, June 19, 2024, from 12:30 – 1 PM**

Register on [Zoom](#).

NOTE: The content is repeated, so you only need to sign up for one of each 101 & 102 series.

CDPH Friday Provider Webinars

- The CDPH Immunization Branch conducts a webinar for all providers every other Friday.
- These webinars provide useful information such as clinical updates, as well as updates on vaccine supply, vaccine management and VFC Program information.
- [Register here for the next webinar on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 9:00am-10:30am.](#)
- If you cannot attend, archived webinars are posted at [EZIZ.org](#).

VFC Resources

The screenshot shows the EZIZ website interface. At the top left is the EZIZ logo with an illustration of a person and a child. To the right is a search bar with the text "ENHANCED BY Google" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is the tagline "A one-stop shop for immunization training and resources." The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Home** (green button)
- Vaccine Programs** (green button)
- Vaccine Management** (green button)
- Storage Units** (green button)
- Temperature Monitoring** (green button)
- Training & Webinars** (green button)
- Clinic Resources** (green button)
- Patient Resources** (green button)

California's Vaccine Programs (blue header):

- VFC** (California Vaccines for Children Program)
- VFA** (California Vaccines for Adults Program)
- BAP** (California Bridge Access Program)
- 317** (Local Health Departments)

Ordering & Vaccine Management (blue header):

- MyVFCvaccines (for VFC)
- MyCAvax (for VFA, BAP, and 317)

Storage Requirements (blue header):

- Vaccine Storage Units
- Digital Data Loggers

Alerts! (orange header):

- 2023-24 COVID-19 Vaccine**
 - CDC now recommends all adults 65 years and older receive an additional updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine dose. For more information see [CDC's press release](#) or [COVID-19 Vaccine Timing Guide](#)
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Resources: [For Providers](#) | [For Patients](#)
 - Vaccine Ordering and Manufacturer Info

Protect your patients against RSV!

- RSV Immunization FAQs
- Resources for Providers and Patients

Holiday Ordering & Distribution Calendars

Hot Topics (red header):

- CDPH Immunization Updates for Providers**
 - Immunization Registry Requirements
 - COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Popular Resources (blue header):

- For Patients and Staff
- Flu
- Mpox
- Pertussis
- Schedules & Recommendations
- VFC Vaccine Fact Sheets
- For Pharmacies

CDPH Applications (orange header):

- My Turn** (COVID/Flu Vaccine Administration System)
- CAIR** (California Immunization Registry)
- My DVR** (Digital Vaccine Records)
- CAIR-ME** (Medical Exemptions from Immunizations for School and Child Care)

Contact VFC (light blue header):

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- Find VFC providers
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- Frequently Asked Questions

Questions?

