




## San Diego Immunization Coalition Monthly Update

### August 15, 2013



#### COALITION NOTES

- **Register now for the Kick The Flu Community Immunization Summit!** The Kick The Flu (KTF) Community Immunization Summit is scheduled for **Friday, Sept. 6, 2013**. You don't want to miss it! There will be up to date information about the upcoming influenza season, new vaccines and much more. It's also an opportunity to network and share information and resources with your colleagues. **Space is limited—register by Aug. 30.** A registration form is included with this Update.
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- **Noted Influenza Immunization Expert Litjen Tan To Deliver Keynote at Kick The Flu Summit!** We are delighted to announce that **Dr. Litjen Tan, MS, PhD**, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Kick The Flu Summit on Sept. 6. Dr. Tan is Chief Strategy Officer for the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC), leading the IAC's new strategic direction on national advocacy and policy development. He is also a member of the federal National Vaccine Advisory Committee. Dr. Tan co-founded and currently co-chairs the National Influenza Vaccine Summit.
  - **KTF Volunteers Needed:** Want to contribute to the success of the upcoming KTF Summit? Your ideas, energy and enthusiasm are needed! Please contact Mary Cruz, SDIC Co-Chair, at [mary.cruz@sharp.com](mailto:mary.cruz@sharp.com). And thank you!
  - **Goodbye and Thank You, Rachel!** One of our long-serving SDIC Co-Chairs, Rachel Hamilton, of YMCA's Childcare Resource Service, is leaving to pursue new opportunities in South Carolina. Rachel has been a vital part of the Coalition for years, and her energy, enthusiasm and ever-present smile will be sorely missed. Thank you so much, Rachel, and we wish you all the best in your new adventure!
  - **SEEKING A VIDEOGRAPHER.** Do you know someone who has that skill (and their own video camera) and would be willing to donate time to the Coalition to help with a video project? If you do, please contact Suzi Bouveron at (619) 692-8855. Thank you.

#### IMMUNIZATION NEWS

- **August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)!** Please take advantage of this opportunity to promote the importance of immunization to colleagues, friends, neighbors,

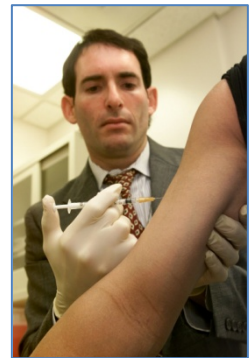
partners and anyone else you are contact with. All partners have been sent promotional materials each of the first two Friday of August, and there are more materials coming on the next two Fridays. We appreciate any assistance in getting the word out about how important immunizations are across the lifespan, from babies to seniors and everybody in between! See these resources and more on our [San Diego Immunization Program website](#).

- **ATTENTION PARENTS: It's time for Back-To-School shots!** If you haven't already done so, check with your child's doctor now about needed immunizations, and make an appointment. Ensure a healthy start for the school year. Get your child up-to-date on his/her vaccines!

## HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NEWS

- **CDC Publishes Online Summary of 2013-14 Influenza Recommendations**

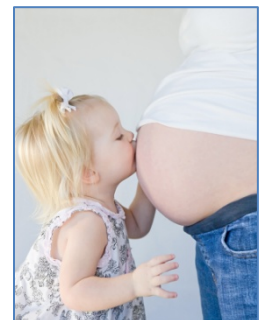
[The document](#), published on its website on Aug. 7, is a summary of the ACIP influenza recommendations for the 2013-14 season in the U.S. The full recommendations will come in a future MMWR issue. *Announcement courtesy of IAC via its IAC Express e-newsletter.*



- **New Vaccine Summaries Resource from Immunization Action Coalition (IAC)**

IAC has issued [a new series of Vaccine Summaries for children, adolescents and adults](#). The handouts offer information on each specific disease and vaccines used to prevent it.

- **Health Care Provider Reminder: Tdap Vaccination of Pregnant Women.** The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that providers of prenatal care should implement a Tdap immunization program for all pregnant women. Health Care personnel should administer a dose of Tdap during each pregnancy irrespective of the patient's prior history of receiving Tdap. This is an update of an earlier recommendation on Tdap immunization for pregnant women. [Here's some helpful information](#) for Health Care Providers. Also, an updated VIS and the NOTE TO PROVIDERS Tdap document (a quick reference guide for providers) are available on the CDC's website [here](#).



- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Immunization Toolkit.** ACOG has created multiple resources for Obstetricians and Gynecologists and their patients to encourage immunizations, including a resource manual, data sheets, tear pads and pocket cards. Interested providers can download the toolkit [here](#). (Note that this file is large and may take a few minutes to download.)
- **CDC Updates Immunization Schedule for Adult Patients**  
The easy-to-read version of the 2013 Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule has been updated by CDC and is available on [its website](#). The recommendations themselves have not changed; however, the updated easy-to-read format has a table on page 2 showing

recommended immunizations for adults by medical condition. Page 1 shows recommendations by age. *(information courtesy of the California Immunization Coalition)*

## WEB NOTES

- **New Tdap during pregnancy resources on EZIZ.org**

Some 186 cases of pertussis have been reported in San Diego County. It's a good time to check out some [new pertussis resources](#) on the EZIZ.org. There are educational and informational materials covering the School Tdap Requirement (AB354), as well as materials for the public and for providers, and more. *(Announcement courtesy of Rebeca Boyte of the California Department of Health.)*

- **More EZIZ.org Resources—Influenza Prevention**

Click on [this link](#) to see the plethora of resources about the flu and how to prevent it. There are materials for Healthcare Workers, Adults over 65, Parents and Caregivers, Young Adults, and more.

- **Voices for Vaccines Helps Parents Speak Up for Immunization!** [Voices for Vaccines](#) (VFV) is a national organization of parents and others who are dedicated to raising the level of the voices of immunization supporters. VFV has strong, direct support from scientists, healthcare professionals, and public health officials in its mission to provide parents, caregivers, and others opportunities to advocate for on-time immunization. Visit the website [here](#) or using the link above. *(information courtesy of the California Immunization Coalition)*

- **Reminder: Visit [Shot by Shot](#)** for compelling stories about people whose lives were changed by vaccine-preventable disease. Use this great resource to drive home the importance of immunization with real stories about real people. More stories about people whose lives were affected by influenza have been added.

## 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.
- Children and adults whose health insurance does not include vaccines.
- Persons 0-18 years who are Alaskan Native or American Indian.
- Persons 0-18 years who have Medi-Cal or are Medi-Cal eligible. (Children with Healthy Families are not eligible and should go to their provider for vaccines.)
- **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.

*Any questions regarding eligibility for vaccines at County Public Health Centers should be directed to the local Center.*

## **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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> of every month (or the next business day if the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:harrison.bolter@sdcounty.ca.gov) no later than the 13<sup>th</sup> of that month. Any information received later than that will be held until the next Update. Thank you!

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