



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Dear Provider:

DHCS wishes the managed care plans to share the following with the network providers. Below are the links to the articles. To view previous Educational Articles please go to the DHCS website at <http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/edarticles.aspx>.

## **2020 Immunization Updates: Vaccination during COVID-19, Flu, Hep A, and Tdap**

Each year, the California Medi-Cal Drug Use Review (DUR) program issues an annual summary of updates on immunization guidelines, products, and/or research in collaboration with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Immunization Branch. For reference, the recommended immunization schedules for 2020 in the United States can be accessed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website:

- Persons 18 years of age or younger

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

- Persons 19 years of age or older

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Discuss strategies for improving vaccination rates and vaccine confidence, including catch-up strategies due to the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.
- Review updated Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for influenza, hepatitis A (Hep A) virus, and tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccines.
- Describe the importance of influenza vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following link directs one to the DHCS FFS Education Article concerning the 2020 Immunization updates.

[https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured\\_30685.pdf](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/Articles/dured_30685.pdf)

Sincerely,

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