



PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Increase in RSV Infections

Dear Provider,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reported an increase in RSV infections this summer throughout the United States.

Key points:

- Off-season respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections are increasing in California this summer.
- Consider testing for additional respiratory pathogens besides SARS-CoV-2, including RSV.
- Administer prophylactic palivizumab to high-risk infants and young children per AAP guidance.
- Encourage parents and caregivers to keep young children with acute respiratory illnesses out of childcare, even if they have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2.
- Discourage health care personnel, childcare providers, and staff of long-term care facilities from working while acutely ill, even if they have tested negative for SARS-CoV-2.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Provider Relations Representative at 661-664-5000.

Thank you,

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