



PROTECT Their Health for the Years Ahead

Preteen Vaccine Week | February 9–15, 2014

Dear partner and colleague,

Please join us in celebrating Preteen Vaccine Week (PVW) February 9 – 15, 2014. This is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of the preteen doctor's visit and recommended immunizations for 11- and 12-year-olds. Adolescent immunizations are safe, effective and the best way to protect teens and their contacts from serious diseases.

A State law requires incoming 7th grade students to be immunized with Tdap (to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) before starting school. The federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices currently recommends that 11- and 12-year-olds receive Tdap, meningococcal vaccine, HPV, and an annual flu vaccine. Some preteens may also need to catch up on other immunizations, including chickenpox (varicella vaccine) as many have not received the 2nd dose, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and hepatitis B.

We ask your assistance in sharing the PVW campaign goals and messages. To aid in this promotional effort, we are providing the following educational resources:

1. The 2014 Preteen Campaign Kit - learn more about this campaign and download resources at

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Pages/PreteenVaccineWeek.aspx>

2. CDC website materials targeting parents and providers at

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/index.html>

3. Information and communication tools about the Tdap immunization requirement for 7th grade entry at <http://www.shotsforschool.org>

4. Information on Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD) such as the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and the HPV vaccine at the Los Angeles County Immunization Program (LACIP) website at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/DiseaseSpecific/HPV.htm>

Thank you for helping raise awareness about Preteen Vaccine Week and for identifying ways to improve immunization rates throughout the year!

Sincerely,