



CVP Update

Keeping Connecticut Kids Healthy



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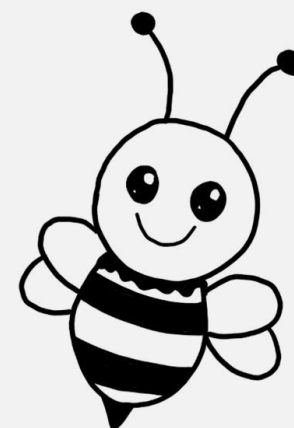
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National Immunization Awareness Month

As summer begins to wind down, communities and families across Connecticut are preparing for the excitement of a new school year. August is a time for checking off back-to-school to-do lists, reconnecting with friends, and getting ready for new opportunities in the classroom. It's also National Immunization Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to ensure children and adolescents are up to date on their recommended vaccines before heading back to school. Check out our webpage for [immunization events happening around the state](#).



As flu season approaches, many healthcare providers and community partners will begin offering flu vaccination clinics. This year, flu vaccines will be available to uninsured and underinsured adults through a pilot program funded by the state (see more below).

In this issue, we're highlighting the importance of immunization, celebrating the outstanding work of one of Connecticut's dedicated vaccine champions, and sharing resources to help keep our communities healthy throughout the school year and beyond.

Connecticut Launches Pilot Program to Expand Adult Flu Vaccine Access

CT DPH is excited to share that we are officially launching a pilot program to provide state-funded influenza (flu) vaccines to uninsured and underinsured adults in Connecticut. This initiative is part of Public Act 26-3, passed earlier this year, and is designed to improve access to seasonal influenza vaccination for adults who may otherwise face barriers to receiving it.

Local health departments and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) [enrolled](#) in our Connecticut Vaccines for Adults (CVFA) program are eligible to receive state-funded vaccines to administer to eligible adults.

More information about this program will be released soon – keep an eye on [our website](#) for updates.

Coming Up: Respiratory Virus Season



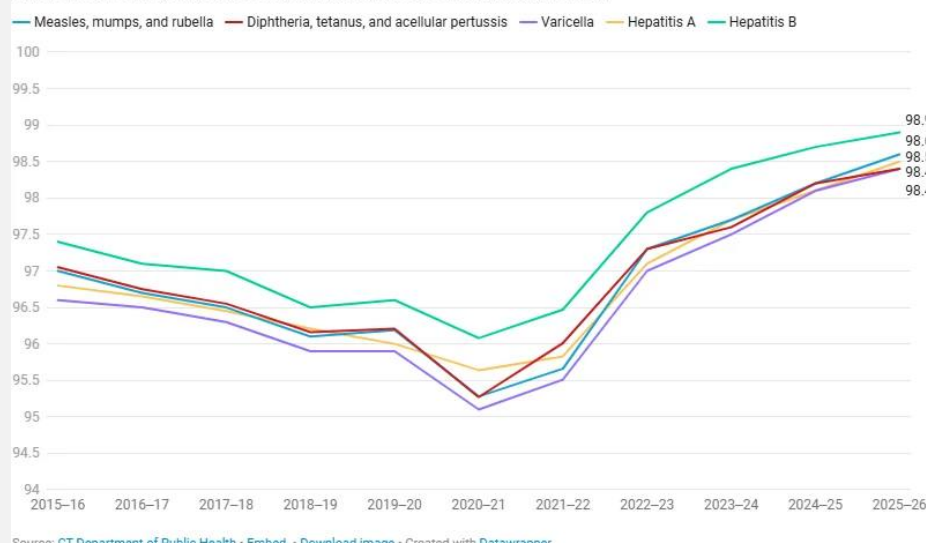
It's that time of year – preparations for the upcoming respiratory virus season (October through March) are well underway. Flu, COVID-19, and RSV mAB doses will be available in coming weeks. RSV mAB doses will be on allocation this year. Please review this DPH communication for more information.

School Immunization Survey Data Now Available

The 2025-26 school immunization survey data for Connecticut have been released. Vaccination rates among Connecticut kindergarten students continued to rise, while exemption rates remained steady, even as many states nationally are seeing declines in vaccination coverage. The two-dose measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine coverage for kindergarten students was 98.6%, a 0.4% increase from the previous year. This continued progress reflects the ongoing efforts of providers, schools, and families across the state to keep our communities protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. National data for the 2025-26 school year is not yet available but should be published on the CDC's interactive [SchoolVaxView](#) during the month of August.

Figure 1. Percentage of Vaccinated Kindergarteners, Connecticut, 2015–2025

As reported to CT Department of Public Health annual school immunization survey.



Additional information from the CT School Immunization survey can be found on the [CT Open Data Portal](#).

Measles Update

CT DPH is encouraging all providers to stock materials for measles testing. Measles cases continue to increase nationally, with 2,371 confirmed cases as of July 31, 2026. The increased activity and summer travel bring in increased risk of measles cases in CT. Two confirmed cases have been reported in CT so far this year.

Providers who see suspect cases in their office should be prepared to collect specimens. The preferred and best test for measles is a PCR performed on a nasopharyngeal/oropharyngeal (NP/OP) swab or urine. Both an NP/OP swab and a urine specimen should be sent for every patient being evaluated for measles. The materials for these tests are widely available commercially, as well as from our State Public Health Laboratory (SPHL). Testing can be performed at the SPHL (preferable for highly suspect cases), and many other commercial laboratories.

Please contact CT DPH immediately for additional guidance if you have concerns about measles in a patient. Our after-hours phone number is 860-509-8000.

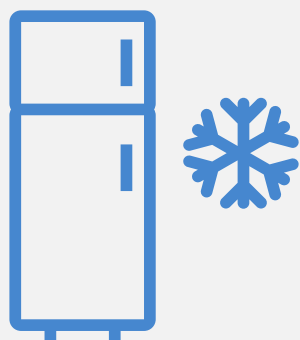
See the links below for more information on testing and supplies:

- [Measles Job Aid](#)
- [State Public Health Laboratory Testing Documentation](#)

CVP/CVFA Updates

Adjustment Reason Update

Adjustment reasons in CT WiZ have recently been updated to include a separate wastage. Please review the [updated inventory on hand training \(PDF\)](#).



- It is important to select the correct action for your inventory on hand to allow proper reporting.
- Only use the new wastage feature for vaccine that cannot be returned to the manufacturer; this includes partial vials, vaccines that can be drawn but not administered, or broken vials.
- **If you have expired or non-viable doses, these doses should be returned and not adjusted out of your inventory in CT WiZ.**
- Once a return is completed, you will receive a shipping label via email to return the doses.

For more information on the return and wastage process, please visit the [CT WiZ training webpage](#).

Data Quality Corner

Update Vaccine Codes in Your EHR

Please visit these websites below for current vaccine data codes to update your electronic health record (EHR) to ensure accurate vaccination records:

- CDC website at: Vaccine Data Code Sets includes Vaccine Code Set Release Notes of 06/30/26 including the RotaTeq Vaccine new National Drug Codes (NDCs) added, and Arexvy Vaccine new NDC codes added, and other recent Vaccine Code Set Release Notes and VIS Code Set Releases.
- CDC website at: [Fall Season Respiratory Vaccine Codes](#) for the current Fall Season's respiratory vaccine codes.

You may subscribe to receive future email vaccine code set updates via the sign up at the bottom of the webpage at: [CDC IIS Vaccine Data Code Sets](#).

Reminder Recall Reports

Monthly Reminder/Recall Reports for CVP Providers of your patients 7 months and 19 months of age who are not up to date in CT WiZ are generated by DPH. Since July, on the 5th of each month, DPH switched to sending Task notifications to your Primary and Backup Vaccine Coordinators when the reports are available for your review in CT WiZ.

CTWiZ – New Blue Color!

As of August 17th, CT WiZ systems' colors will be updated with the State of Connecticut's blue! This will create a uniform experience for users across all Connecticut sites and applications.



Protect Who Matters Most Campaign Launch



On July 8, the Connecticut Department of Public Health hosted a successful launch event at the Connecticut Science Center for the new "Protect Who Matters Most" vaccine video series. The event brought together DPH leadership, Congressman John Larson, local health directors, members of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Vaccines, and community health partners. Attendees viewed the premiere of all four videos, followed by a panel discussion with the Commissioner and the creative team behind the series, highlighting the goals and development of this unique approach to vaccine communication.

The "Protect Who Matters Most" campaign was developed to support providers and community partners in engaging with families who may have questions about vaccines. Using clear, relatable storytelling, the videos are designed to help open conversations and provide accessible information in a way that feels supportive and respectful. Connecticut currently has the highest vaccination rate in the nation for children entering kindergarten, a milestone we are proud of and one we aim to maintain and build upon through continued outreach and engagement. We encourage providers to view and share the videos with patients and families: ct.gov/dph/vaxvideos.

To support use in clinical and community settings, companion materials are also available, including posters, children's coloring and activity books, and plush characters featured in the videos. These resources can be ordered through our office and are intended to help make vaccine conversations more approachable for children and families. Thank you for your continued partnership in protecting the health of Connecticut communities.



Coming Soon: Protect Who Matters Most Webinar Series



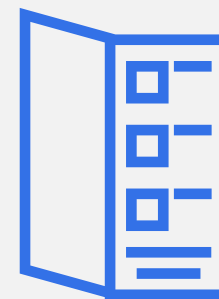
Join Connecticut Public Health Infectious Diseases Branch for a new webinar series, "Protect Who Matters Most", starting this fall. Based on findings from a recent survey of CT providers, this series will highlight vaccination topics to help providers and partners alike build vaccine confidence and identify helpful resources.

Keep an eye out for the first webinar registration in the October newsletter!

Resources

Free Educational Materials Order Form

Visit our [Vaccine Providers website](#) under Patient Education at: [Educational Materials Order Form for Providers and Birthing Hospitals](#) to order education materials free of cost. Included in this order form is the CT WiZ Handout that is required to be posted/provided to your patients notifying them of your vaccination reporting to CT WiZ as required by state law. This is an updated form with new materials, including coloring books, our new parent guide, and more to come.



Storage and Handling Toolkit

CDC released a new [Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#). The toolkit is available on the [CDC website](#), along with [additional resources](#) such as circuit breaker warning signs and vaccine storage labels.

New Vaccinators

Immunize.org launched a webpage providing basic resources for new vaccinators from all clinical backgrounds. Resources include information on storage and handling, when to vaccinate, responding to adverse events, and more. All of these resources can be found on the [Immunize.org New Vaccinator Webpage](#).



Q&A Resources: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis

Immunize.org updated three of its Questions and Answers (Q&A) summaries to include 2025 disease statistics. These resources are available for providers and patients who are seeking advanced information about diseases and the vaccines that prevent them. The updated handouts include diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. These handouts can be found on the [Immunize.org Q&A page](#).

Addressing Needle Anxiety

Immunize.org updated its [clinical resources page](#) to include print and video tools to support a positive vaccination experience. The web page links to [eight printable resources on addressing vaccination anxiety](#) (four for providers, four for recipients; each available in English and Spanish). Additionally, CT DPH now has plastic shot blockers that can help reduce pain and anxiety in patients.

Learning Opportunities

Medscape Education has released a curriculum, [Targeting Viral Hepatitis: A Road Map for Providers](#), with several continuing medical education (CME)-certified activities featuring expert perspectives on preventing and managing viral hepatitis. The courses focus screening workflows as well as ways to engage patients and frame discussions about viral hepatitis.

The **HPV Vaccination Roundtable of the Southeast and St. Jude HPV Cancer Prevention Program** will be hosting a webinar in August. The webinar will explore strategies to improve HPV vaccine uptake in catch-up populations.



The webinar will take place August 20, from 1-2PM ET. Register at [Preventing HPV with Rural Communities: Updates and Opportunities](#).

Reminder: Post-Vaccination Serologic Testing (PVST) for Infants Exposed to Hepatitis B

Infants born to a parent with hepatitis B are at risk of infection despite appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis. While the hepatitis B vaccine series and hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) are highly effective, **post-vaccination serologic testing (PVST)** is the only way to confirm that the infant is protected and was not infected.

PVST should be performed at **9–12 months of age**, or **1–2 months after completion of the hepatitis B vaccine series** if the series is delayed. Testing before 9 months of age can detect passively transferred antibodies from HBIG and may not accurately determine the infant's immune status.

When ordering PVST, Connecticut providers should order:

- Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg)
- Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) – This has to be a quantitative result

An infant is considered immune if:

- HBsAg is negative
- Anti-HBs is > 10mIU/mL

Timely PVST confirms whether an infant has developed protective immunity or requires additional follow-up. Providers should report all PVST results to the Connecticut Department of Public Health Immunizations Program to fax number 860-707-1905. Reporting these results ensures exposed infants receive appropriate follow-up and allows DPH to complete public health case management.

Provider Spotlight

Connecticut Immunization Champion: Dr. Katy Noble

Dr. Katherine ("Dr. Katy") Noble has a passion for protecting children extends far beyond the walls of her practice. Since opening Sound Beach Pediatrics in Stamford in 2015, Dr. Katy has built a reputation as a trusted physician, educator, and advocate who is always willing to say "yes" when an opportunity arises to improve children's health. Whether she's caring for one of the practice's more than 4,500 patients, educating families about vaccines, or speaking to community groups, Dr. Katy is committed to ensuring that children and families have access to accurate, evidence-based information. Alongside her team of seven pediatricians, Sound Beach Pediatrics administered more than 7,000 vaccines over the past year, a reflection of the practice's dedication to disease prevention and community health.



Dr. Katy's commitment to immunization extends well beyond her office. She serves as Medical Advisor for the Greenwich Public School System, where she became a strong advocate for keeping children safely engaged in school and activities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. She is also one of the featured physicians in the Stamford Department of Health and Human Services' "Hey Doc, is it true?" campaign, which encourages parents to bring their vaccine questions directly to trusted healthcare providers for open and honest conversations.

At the state level, Dr. Katy serves on the Advisory Committee to Advise the Commissioner, helping review evidence-based recommendations from the CDC and FDA to guide immunization policy and public health recommendations in Connecticut. Whether speaking with parents in her exam room, presenting to fellow healthcare providers, teaching in local schools, or contributing health education articles, Dr. Katy consistently embraces every opportunity to educate and empower her community.

Dr. Katy's advocacy is deeply personal; early in her career, while living and working in Tokyo, Japan, she cared for a child hospitalized with severe measles who required mechanical ventilation. Seeing a child suffer from a disease that could have been prevented through vaccination left a lasting impression. The experience inspired her to write a Letter to the Editor published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2003, warning that measles remained capable of causing severe illness and death in developed countries when vaccination rates declined. More than two decades later, as measles outbreaks have once again become a public health concern in the United States, that experience continues to shape her conversations with families and reinforce her unwavering commitment to immunization.

For Dr. Katy, every conversation is an opportunity to build trust, answer questions, and help families make informed decisions about their children's health. Her willingness to lead, collaborate, and educate—whether one-on-one with a parent or across the broader public health community—has made her a respected voice for immunization throughout Connecticut. Through compassionate care, evidence-based guidance, and an unwavering commitment to protecting children, Dr. Katy continues to make a lasting impact on the health of her patients and her community.

Dr. Katy's award and other [Immunization Champions](#) can be viewed on the AIM website.

Employee Spotlight

Felicia Creary



Felicia is a Health Program Assistant in the CT DPH Immunization Section. She joined the CT DPH 3 years ago in 2023.

Felicia recently transitioned into a role focused on Data Quality Assurance (DQA), where she is central in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of patient records. Her primary responsibilities include meticulously verifying patient data and performing data cleanup in the CT WiZ system. Additionally, she assists with the onboarding process for private facilities that have submitted applications through the Submission Portal, guiding them through the necessary steps to ensure smooth integration into our systems.

Felicia has a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences from Florida A&M University and obtained a Master of Public Health degree from Sacred Heart University in 2021. Outside of work, she enjoys roller skating, exploring with my friends, and spending quality time with her dog, Rella.