



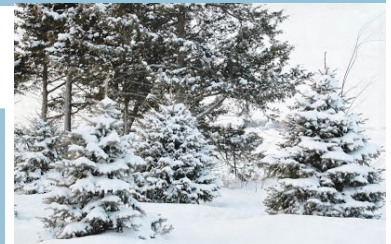
## CVP Update



### Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2016 and 2017 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2017–2019

Highlights from this survey include:

- For the combined 7-vaccine series, approximately 73.9% of children were up to date by age 2; this is an estimated decrease of 1.2 percentage points.
  - The combined 7-vaccine series includes all of the following: ≥4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus toxoids, and acellular pertussis vaccine, ≥3 doses of poliovirus vaccine, ≥1 dose of measles-containing vaccine, the full series of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b conjugate vaccine (≥3 or ≥4 doses, depending on product type), ≥3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine, ≥1 dose of varicella vaccine, and ≥4 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.
- For influenza vaccine, approximately 76.4% of children were up to date by age 2; this is an estimated increase of 6.1 percentage points.
- For measles, mumps and rubella vaccine, approximately 90.2% of children were up to date by age 2; this is an estimated decrease of 2.3 percentage point.



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### Childhood Vaccination Coverage in 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted our lives so much this year including dramatic drops in childhood vaccines beginning in mid-March. Since then, as well-child visits have resumed, vaccine ordering has increased, but there still remains a substantial deficit compared with last year.

We know that if children don’t catch up on vaccine doses they missed earlier this year, they will be left vulnerable to diseases that otherwise could have been prevented. There is an urgent need to work together to get children back into their healthcare providers’ offices for well-child visits and vaccinations that were missed earlier this year. We can all [Keep up the Rates](#).

Health care systems and health care providers can:

- Identify families whose children have missed doses and contact them to schedule appointments.
- When children are seen in your office, deliver vaccines that are due or overdue.
- Let families know what precautions are in place for safe delivery of in-person services.
- Use the state’s immunization information system’s reminder-recall capacity to notify families whose children have fallen behind on vaccines

We all can:

- Communicate directly to families the importance of well child visits and getting caught up on any recommended vaccines that were missed.

Help us protect children by doing what you can to get kids caught up on their vaccine.



### National Influenza Vaccination Week

(NIVW) will be observed from **December 6-12, 2020**. Help promote vaccination throughout flu season by sharing [NIVW resources](#).



### Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report

CDC produces a weekly influenza surveillance report, FluView. Visit the web [page](#) for the latest report.

## CT WiZ Updates

Stay up to date on COVID-19 by visiting the [COVID-19 Vaccine Providers webpage](#). We will continue to update this page as more information is available.

Topics include:

- **Pre-registration for COVID-19 vaccine**
- **Training Resources for CT WiZ COVID-19 Vaccination Program Enrollment**
- **DPH [Partner Resource Websites](#)**

**COVID-19 CVX Codes and Crosswalks** will be previewed on the [CDC vaccine codes website](#).

- This page will include a downloadable preview table of the COVID-19 codes as they are developed. The full release of the vaccine code tables including the initial COVID-19 codes will follow and is currently targeted for **release by November 11**. This will enable you to **prepare your EHR in advance** of the COVID-19 vaccines.
- You or **your electronic health record (EHR) vendor** can subscribe on the CDC website above to get email updates. To subscribe, please select CVX; then, on the CVX page, select GET EMAIL UPDATES.

### COVID-19 CPT codes

- On November 10, 2020, the American Medical Association (AMA) [published an update](#) to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code set that includes new vaccine-specific codes to report immunizations for each of two coronavirus vaccines as well as administration codes unique to each such vaccine. The new CPT codes clinically distinguish each coronavirus vaccine for better tracking, reporting and analysis that supports data-driven planning and allocation.



## Zostavax Expiration Date Reminder

The [Zostavax](#) vaccine, which is no longer sold in the United States, expires November 18, 2020. If you have any remaining Zostavax vaccine in stock should discard the vaccine following medical waste disposal requirements.



## Submission of Vaccine Orders to the CVP

Providers who have not on-boarded to CT WiZ and are still submitting orders to the Immunization Program can submit their orders to [dph.immunizations@ct.gov](mailto:dph.immunizations@ct.gov) or via fax to (860) 706-5429. The (860) 509-8371 fax line is no longer operational.

## CT DPH COVID-19 Vaccine Providers

Communications sent out by the Immunization Program, links to partner websites and training resources for completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Agreement can be found [here](#).

We will continue to add information to this site as it becomes available.

## Governor's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group

This group advises the governor on preparations for a COVID-19 vaccine, including the optimization of a statewide vaccine distribution strategy, and communicating critical medical information about the vaccine with the state's residents.

CT's COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Plan was delivered to the CDC on October 16, 2020, per grant requirements. Revisions to this draft plan will continue as new information and guidance becomes available. Find more Information [here](#).

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## Influenza Update Video

The recommendation for annual influenza vaccination means that health care professionals should remain up to date in their knowledge of influenza vaccination practices. An [updated CDC video](#) briefly addresses the special importance of flu vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic, frequently asked questions about influenza vaccine storage and handling, administration recommendations, and best practices for the 2020–21 influenza season.