



Health Update for SF Providers: Flu, COVID-19, and RSV Vaccination 2025–26

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In alignment with the [West Coast Health Alliance](#), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued [recommendations](#) for the updated 2025–26 COVID-19 and influenza vaccines, and the RSV vaccine. Vaccination is the most effective tool for reducing severe illness, protecting vulnerable populations, and maintaining healthcare system capacity.

On September 17, [California state law was updated](#) to ensure that clinicians in California can still broadly provide COVID-19 and other vaccines, preserving patients' access and choice. Among other provisions, the new law allows CDPH to issue its own vaccine recommendations based on the recommendations of professional medical groups, allows pharmacists to vaccinate without a physician prescription, provides liability coverage, and ensures that vaccines will continue to be covered by health plans (including Medi-Cal managed care plans) and insurance companies, in most instances.

Actions Requested of SF Clinicians

1. **Recommend the 2025–26 flu vaccines to everyone 6 months and older, especially to people who are at [increased risk for flu complications](#) such as pregnant patients and others.**
2. **Recommend the 2025–26 COVID-19 vaccine to [everyone at increased risk](#), including to:**
 - All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum, or lactating
 - All 6–23 months and 65 years and older
 - All 2–18 years with risk factors or never vaccinated against COVID-19
 - All 19–64 years with risk factors
 - All who are in close contact with others with risk factors, including healthcare workers
 - All who choose protection
3. **Recommend RSV vaccine to the following people:**
 - Adults 75 years and older, and 50–74 with risk factors
 - Pregnant patients 32–36 weeks gestational age
 - Children younger than 8 months, and 8–19 months with risk factors

Additional Resources

- SFDPH sf.gov/vax
- CDPH [vaccine recommendations](#); [provider letter](#); [vaccine storage and handling resources](#)
- CA Dept of Managed Health Care [Medi-Cal coverage](#); [health plan letter](#)

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