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# Public Health for All Californians Together (PHACT) Coalition

Virtual November Meeting November 14, 2025



## Overview

- 1 CDPH Update
- 2 Infectious Disease & Immunization Update
- **3** Coalition Survey Results
- Working Group Updates & Next Steps

## Today's Speakers

- **Dr. Erica Pan**, State Health Officer & Director of California Department of Public Health
- **Dr. Eric Sergienko**, CDPH Chief of Division of Communicable Disease Control
- Dr. Rob Schechter, CDPH Immunization Branch Chief; recently terminated ACIP member
- Dr. Priya Shete, UCSF Physician-Scientist
   & Principal Investigator, CPR3

## **CDPH Director Update**

## California Leadership & Coordination

- National: Governors Public Health Alliance – 15 states
- Regional: West Coast Health Alliance HI, WA, OR, CA
- California: PHACT Coalition
- Updated CA laws protecting evidencebased recommendations, access, and coverage: <u>Public Health for All</u> website

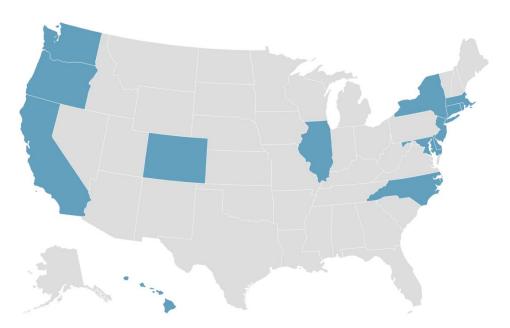






#### 14 States + Guam

- Strengthen emergency preparedness
- Share data and expertise
- Enhance cross-collaboration
- Serve a forum to discuss best practices and common challenges







## West Coast Health Alliance: CA, HI, OR & WA



Respond to threats to national public health policy and recommendations



Review data, information, and reports from credible clinical and scientific professional organizations that use evidence-based methodologies and source materials to assess changes in public health policy



Develop unified public health position statements, policy recommendations and guidance regionally



Address communications needs and countering mis- and dis-information



#### **Public Health News**

#### California Alerted CDC of Multistate Infant Botulism Outbreak

- CDPH identified an increase in requests for BabyBIG, the only FDAapproved treatment for infant botulism
- Testing by CDPH lab suggests the presence of the bacterium that causes botulism in infant formula
- 23 cases have been identified in 13 states
- ByHeart recalled formula consumers should stop using immediately





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## Infectious Disease and Vaccine Coverage Report

## Stay Up to Date with CDPH Dashboards

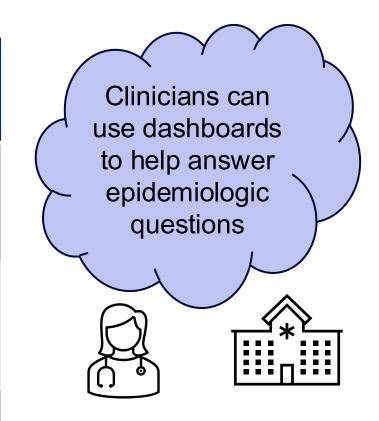
Data can inform preparedness, guidance, policy, and clinical decisions

CDPH Division of Communicable Disease Control

CDPH Respiratory Virus
Surveillance Dashboard

CDPH Cal-SuWers
Wastewater Surveillance
Dashboard

**CalCAT Dashboard** 



Where are we in the current resp season? Is it worse than in previous years?

Is it getting better or worse?

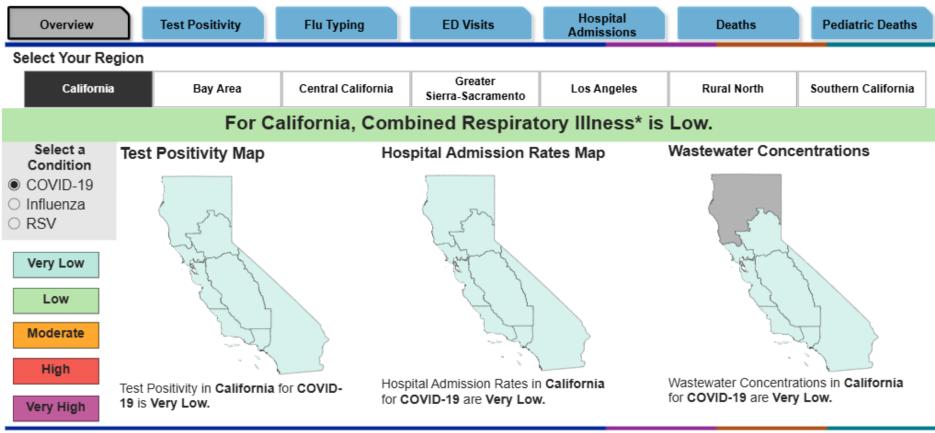
Are people getting sick enough to seek treatment?

Are people being hospitalized?



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## Find the Latest Data on Respiratory Illness



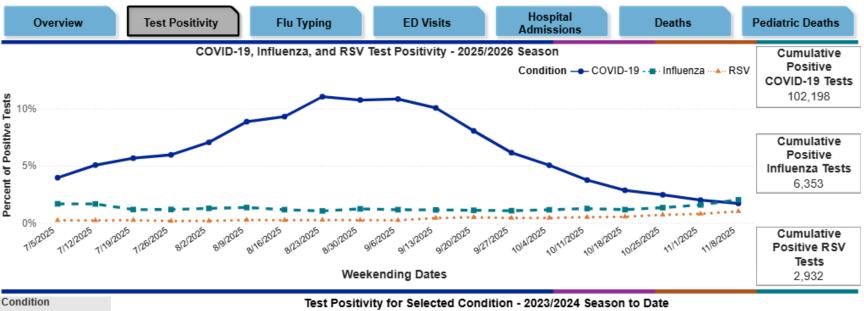
Take Precautions Vaccinate

Practice good hand hygiene, wash your hands frequently, cover your coughs and sneezes, consider wearing a mask to protect yourself and others, and stay home if you are sick to reduce disease transmission

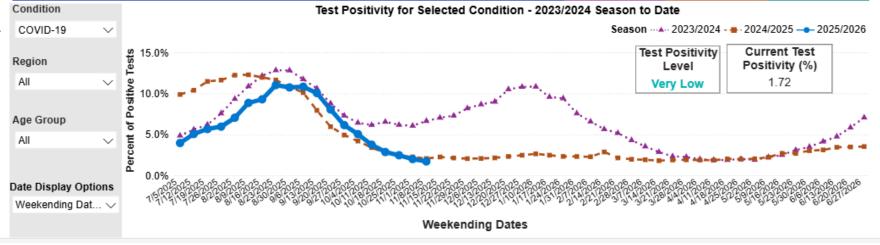
Get vaccinated to protect yourself from serious illness and reduce upcoming strain on our healthcare system



Respiratory virus cases in prior months were largely due to COVID-19 infection



COVID-19 for 2025/2026 thus far generally mirrors 2024/2025





Percent of Positive Tests Cumulative Positive Influenza Tests 6,353 Flu for 2025/2026 Cumulative Positive RSV thus far generally Tests Weekending Dates 2,932 mirrors 2024/2025 Condition Test Positivity for Selected Condition - 2023/2024 Season to Date Season --- 2023/2024 - 2024/2025 -- 2025/2026 Influenza Test Positivity **Current Test** Region 30.0% Positivity (%) Level All 2.03 Low Age Group ₽

Flu Typing

Overview

Date Display Options
Weekending Dat...

**Test Positivity** 



Weekending Dates

Hospital Admissions

**Pediatric Deaths** 

Cumulative Positive

102.198

Deaths

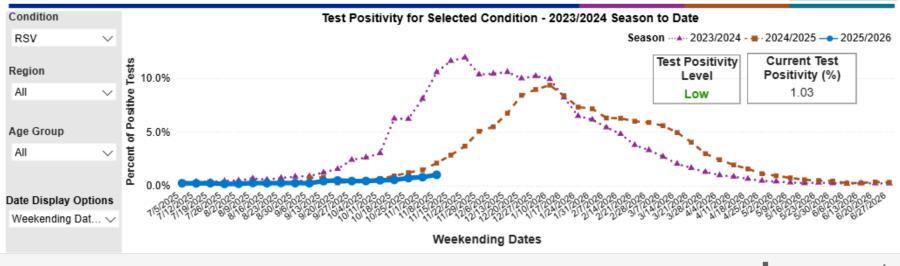
Condition -- COVID-19 - - Influenza -- RSV

**ED Visits** 

COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Test Positivity - 2025/2026 Season

Hospital Admissions **Test Positivity** Flu Typing **ED Visits Pediatric Deaths** Overview Deaths COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV Test Positivity - 2025/2026 Season Cumulative Positive Condition -- COVID-19 - - Influenza -- RSV COVID-19 Tests 102,198 Percent of Positive Tests Cumulative Positive Influenza Tests 6,353 Cumulative Positive RSV Tests Weekending Dates 2,932 Condition Test Positivity for Selected Condition - 2023/2024 Season to Date RSV Season --- 2023/2024 - - 2024/2025 -- 2025/2026 **Current Test** Test Positivity

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### **Current and Predicted COVID-19 Hospitalizations**

#### Short-term COVID-19 Forecasts in California

Short-term forecasts take into account the most recent trends in COVID-19 hospitalizations, hospital admissions, ICU patients, and apply statistical models to that data to generate anticipated trends in the coming 2-4 weeks. With the volume and pace of COVID-19 data generation, we cannot always guarantee models or ensemble estimates will not contain unexpected results.

State

Regions

#### **Current Hospital Admits:**

**339**Actuals: 2025-11-08

#### **Projected Total:**

**592** 

95% CI: 235 - 1414

Ensemble Forecast for week ending on 2025-11-29

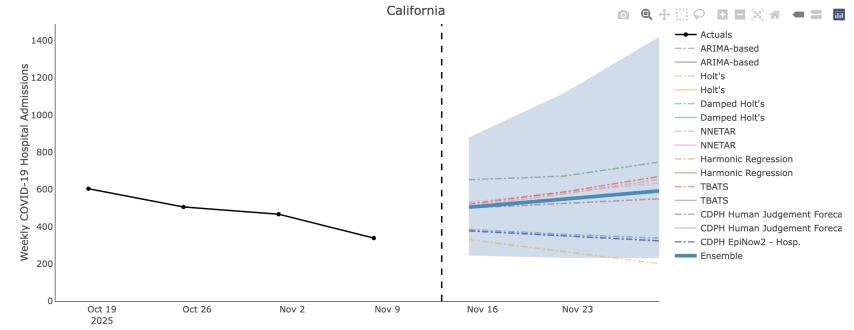
#### **Plot Options:**

Show 95% CI

♣ Download Hospital Admits Forecasts

#### Statewide Admits Forecasts

The black box (left) represents the current number of COVID-19 hospital admissions in California.





## 2025-2026 Influenza, RSV immunization in California: CAIR data

#### Influenza vaccine

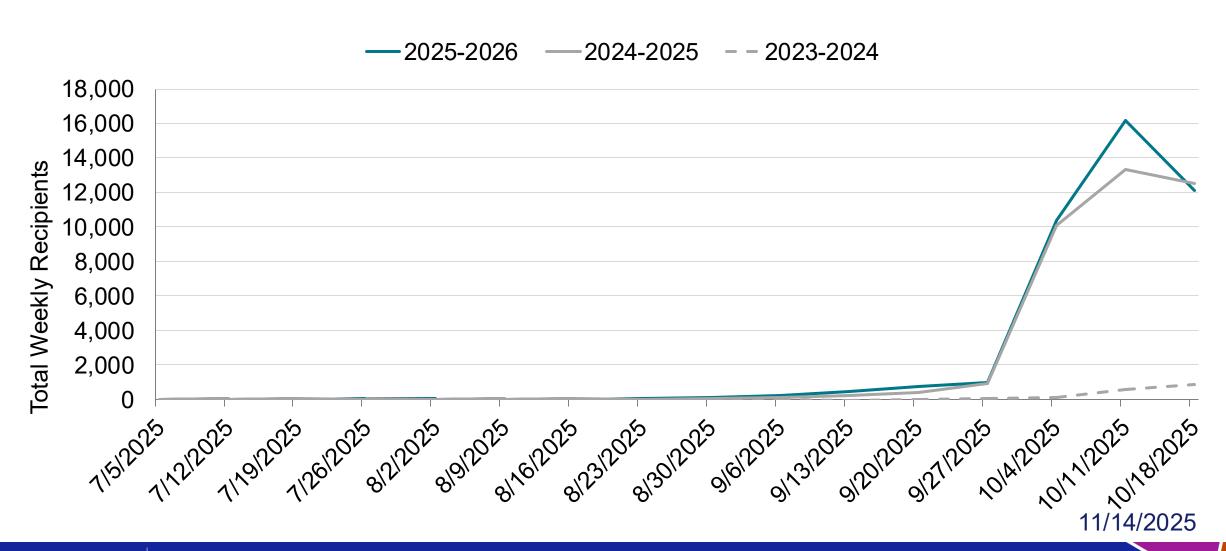
- Doses to date: 96% of 2024-2025 volume
- Projected end-of-season coverage:
  - 45% for ages 6 months and older
  - 70% for ages 65 years and older

#### Pre- or post-natal RSV Immunization to protect infants

- 30→35% of eligible infants protected, compared to 2024-2025
- Projected end-of-season coverage: ~60%?
- Cost concerns limiting stocking of antibody at birth hospitals



### Infants Receiving RSV Antibody by Season: CAIR



#### Total CA Population

Percent of Up to Date Persons by County of Residence

County Age Group

Statewide ▼ (All) ▼

2,579,461

Up to Date Recipients

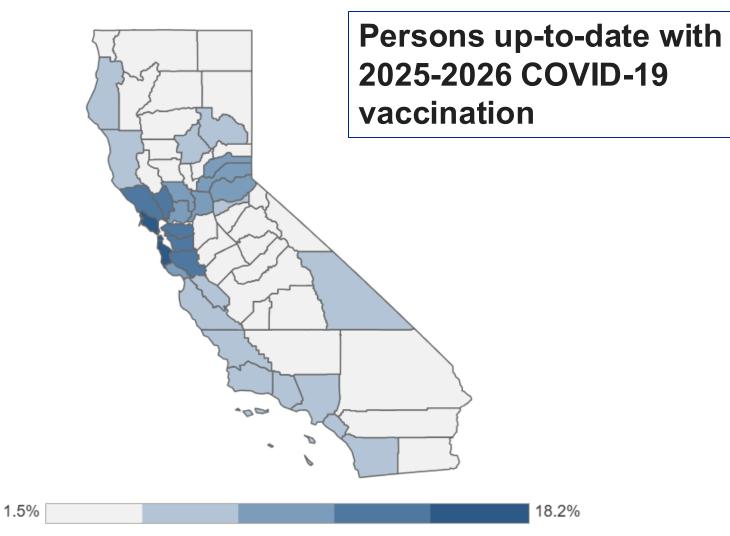
6.6%

of California Population

106,449,237

Total Doses Administered

See **Data Dictionary** for Details.



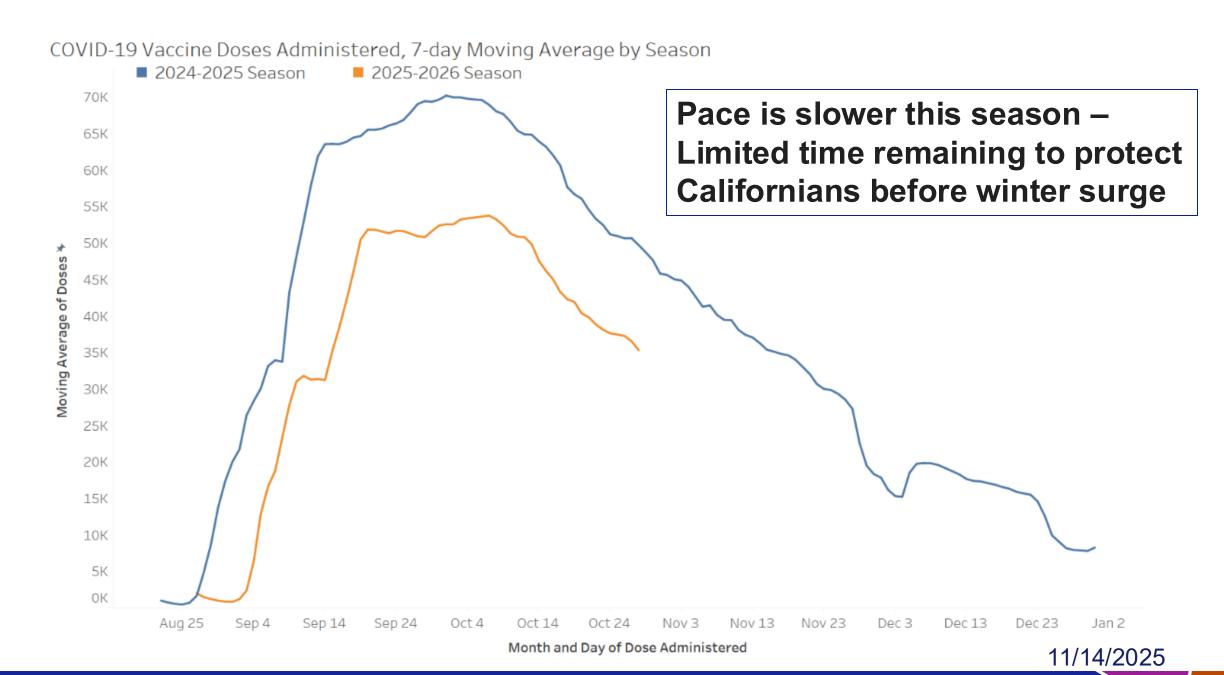
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### 1+ Current Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine, California

Coverage even lower so far this year; ongoing wide age gradient

Age, Years	11/2/2024	11/2/2025
< 5	1%	2%
5-11	3%	2%
12-17	3%	2%
18-49	5%	4%
50-64	11%	7%
65+	27%	20%





## Fewer Providers Giving COVID-19 Vaccine Ages 18 Years and Older

Vaccine	Season	# of Provider Sites Reporting Doses in CAIR	% of Doses in CAIR Given at Pharmacies
COVID-19	2024-25	7,700	52%
	2025-26, to date	6,100 ↓↓	59% <b>↑</b>
Influenza	2024-25	11,900	38%
	2025-26, to date	11,300	39%

## Fewer Providers Giving COVID-19 Vaccine Ages Younger Than 3 Years

Vaccine	Season	# of Provider Sites Reporting Doses in CAIR	% of Doses in CAIR Given at Pharmacies
COVID-19	2024-25	1,900	<2%
	2025-26, to date	1,100 ↓↓	<2% =
Influenza	2024-25	4,400	<2%
	2025-26, to date	4,500	<2%

Pharmacies are an option at older ages, but not any time soon for younger children





## Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Meeting December 4 – 5, 2025: Preliminary agenda

- Hepatitis B vaccines (Possible Vote & VFC vote)
- Childhood and adolescent immunization schedule
- Vaccine Safety

ACIP Meeting Information | Agenda: TBD | ACIP Recent Meeting Recommendations

## **CDPH Vaccines For All web page**

Recommendations guiding California laws (AB 144)

#### **CDPH Immunization Recommendations**









#### **Routine Immunization Schedule**

**Children and adolescents through age 18 years:** CDPH recommends immunization of children and adolescents in accordance with the <u>American Academy of Pediatrics immunization schedule (PDF)</u> (version September 17, 2025).

**Adults age 19 years and older:** CDPH recommends immunization of adults in accordance with the <u>American Academy of Family Physicians immunization schedule (PDF)</u> (version August 28, 2025).

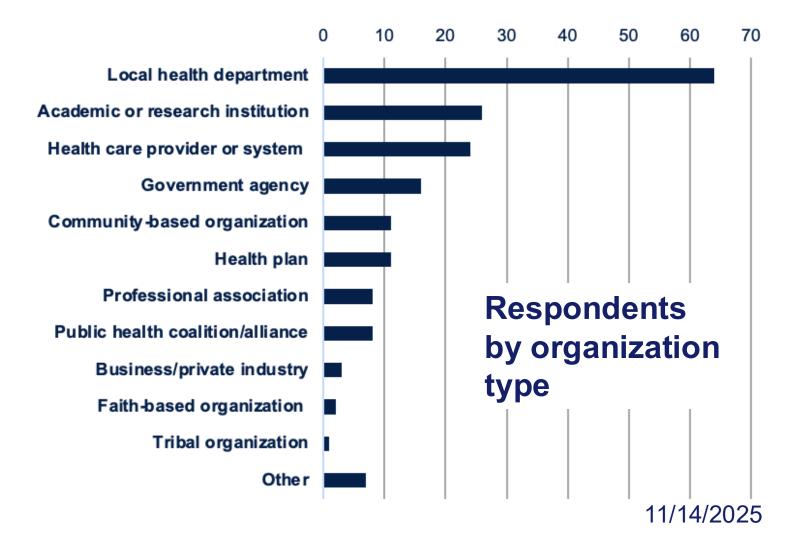


## **Coalition Survey Results**

### **PHACT Interest Survey Overview**

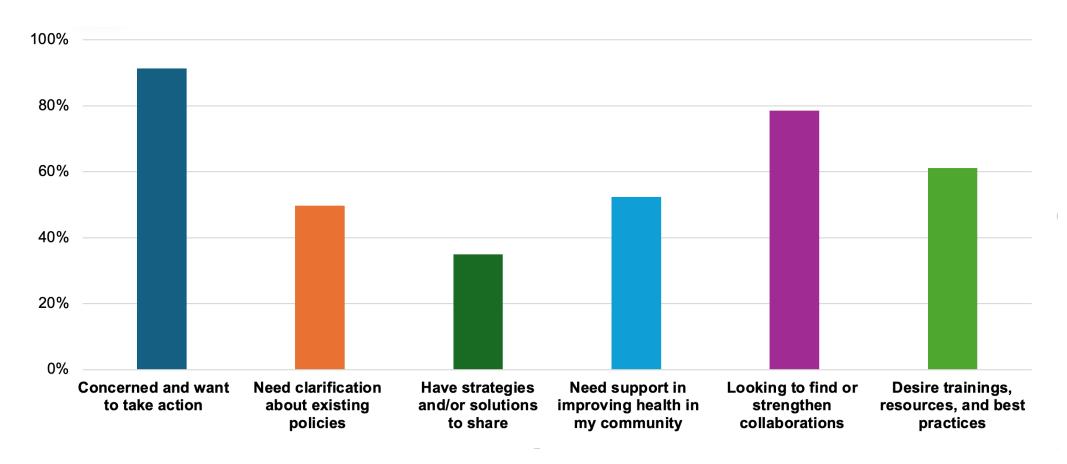
(n=181)

- 115+ organizations represented including 30+ county public health depts
- We're continuing to work with community, faith-based and tribal organizations to ensure representation and involvement
- Data as of 11/11/2025





### What Brings Us Together: Collaboration & Action



Relative consistency across sectors and organization types



### Priorities: Prevention, Equity and Social Determinants

## What focus areas would you most like to see this coalition address? Rank order 5 options

- Majority prioritized vaccine-related issues, but could be skewed by selection bias
- Addressing health inequities driven by underlying structural and social determinants are a priority
- Growing concern about preventative care guidelines, e.g. USPSTF

Weighted score	Topic area
530	Vaccine recs, access & messaging
314	Health equity
288	Preventative care guidelines & coverage
238	Social determinants of health
165	Chronic disease prevention & care
126	Maternal & child health
122	Emergency preparedness & response
112	Sexual & reproductive health
102	Behavioral health
70	Climate & health
40	Other

"Other" often used to specify: e.g., rural health; substance use disorder; medication access; water fluoridation; gender affirming care; TB

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## **Coalition Working Group Update**

### **Coalition Focus: Vaccines**

Acceptance & Uptake

**Access & Provision** 

Supply Chain & Logistics

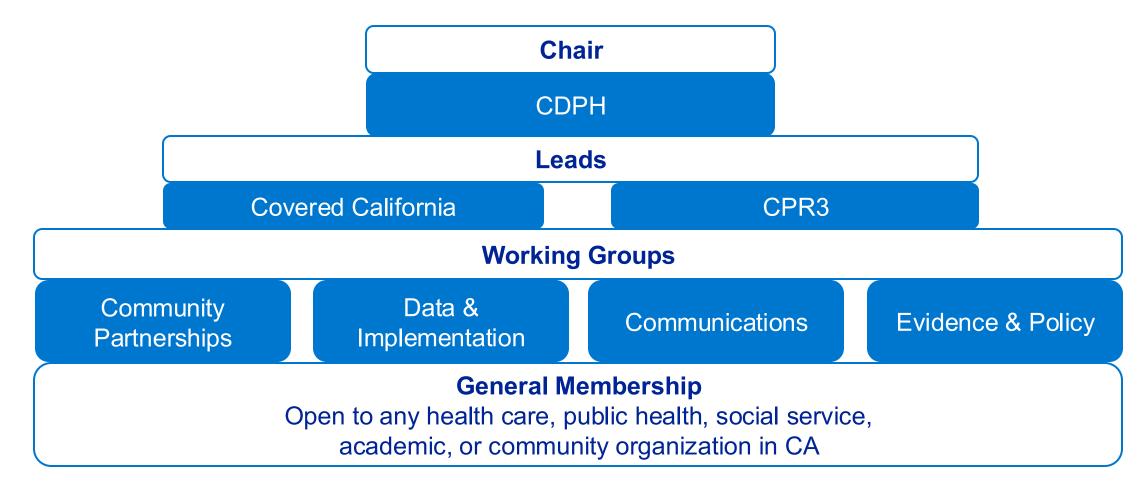
Policy, Regulation & Reimbursement

Interventions, messaging and best practices to support patients, communities, care teams in accessing and receiving evidence based, high quality preventive care

Policy decisions, guidelines, legislation, and payment concerns can be raised and funneled to existing responsible parties via the coalition; information from responsible parties will be shared via the coalition



#### **PHACT Coalition Structure**





## **Coalition Working Groups**

### **Community Partnerships**

- Embed the community voice
- Identify gaps & challenges
- Conduct needs assessment

#### **Data & Implementation**

- Data mapping, identify hotspots
- Intervention recommendations
- Training and education

#### **Communications**

- Develop comms plan
- Disseminate tools & resources
- Share WG findings

#### **Evidence & Policy**

- Track guidelines
- Review evidence
- CA Context: Global to Local



## **Community Partnerships**

#### **Community Partnerships Working Group Update**



Leadership Team & Support Staff

#### Co-Chairs

- Melissa Stafford Jones, MPH, Public Health Institute (PHI)
- Rea Pañares, MHS, California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI)

#### **CDPH Liaison**

Wendy Kaplan, CDPH Office of Health Equity

<u>Two Local Health Department Liaisons</u> – TBA

#### **PHACT Coalition Support Staff**

Leah Murphy, CPR3 Director of Operations & Strategy



**Focus** 

- Integrate community perspective
- Conduct needs assessments with community partners (initial focus: respiratory vaccines)
- Identify evidence-based community strategies
- Curate & share resources across partner networks

#### **Next Steps**

- Identify & prioritize activities
- Identify members & send invitations
- Launch meetings



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## Data & Implementation

#### **Data & Implementation Working Group Update**



Leadership Team & Support Staff

#### Co-Chairs

- Ravi Kavasery, MD, Blue Shield of California
- Eric Ball, MD, FAAP, Southern Orange County Pediatric Associates

#### **CDPH Liaison**

 Amy Pine, MPH, CDPH Center for Infectious Disease, Immunization Branch

Two Local Health Department Liaisons - TBA

#### **PHACT Coalition Support Staff**

Nicole Santos, CPR3 Director of Research



**Focus** 

- Define critical priorities to address vaccine challenges
- Identify, curate and elevate evidence-based solutions for communities, providers and systems
- Understand relative advantage of different data assets to match hotspots with strategies/investments

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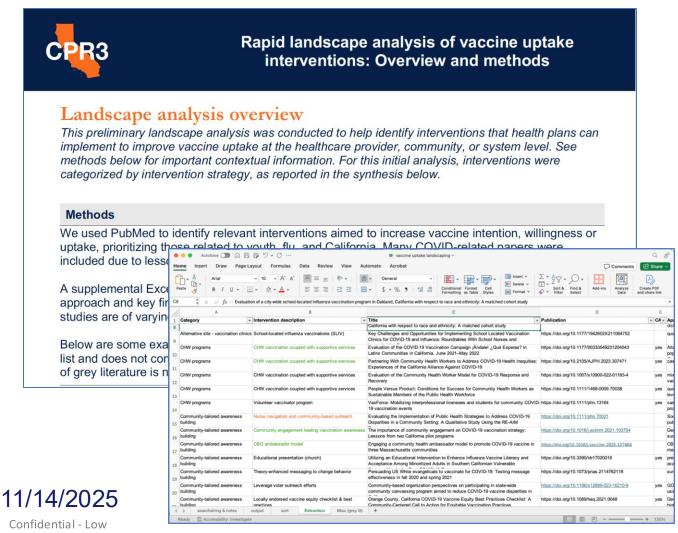


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## Landscape Analysis Identifies Potential Strategies for Health Plans to Improve Vaccine Uptake

#### Synthesize evidence to:

- ✓ Increase childhood immunization rates and well-child visits
- ✓ Enhance access to pediatric and adult preventive care services
- ✓ Reduce health disparities among children and vulnerable populations





## **Next Steps**

### **More to Come**

#### **Communications Working Group**

- Review, curate, and generate tools and resources
- Develop dissemination strategy
- Create process for "bidirectional" communications
- Provide communications support for other WGs

Co-chairs, members, activities still TBD

#### **Evidence & Policy Working Group**

To be launched in 2026

Co-chairs, members, activities still TBD

#### **Coalition Resources**

- Clinician Primers
- Standing Order Templates
- Landscape Analysis
- Child Vaccination Overview



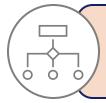
## **Coalition Engagement Opportunities**



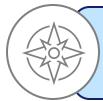
Thank you to those who filled out the survey. Your contact info will be forwarded to Working Group leads.



Email CPR3@ucsf.edu to send us your vaccine tools & resources.



Go to <u>cpr3.ucsf.edu/phact</u> to register for updates and share with a friend or colleague to sign up, too!



Coming soon: A Working Group sign-up form will be added to the <a href="mailto:cpr3.ucsf.edu/phact">cpr3.ucsf.edu/phact</a> website. We'll let you know when it's up!



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the health of our communities



#### About the PHACT Coalition

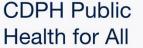
The Public Health for All Californians Together (PHACT) Coalition was launched on September 26, 2025, to bring together a network of multi-sectoral partners across the state of California to provide timely, evidence-based guidelines and culturally appropriate health messaging to protect the health and advance the well-being of all Californians.

The Coalition is led by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), with support from Covered California and UCSF's Collaborative for Public Health Research (CPR3).

#### **PHACT Coalition Objectives**

#### This Coalition connects leaders and organizations throughout the state who are committed to improving

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Bookmark the CDPH Public Health for All page for evidence-based public health recommendations and resources. 11/14/2025

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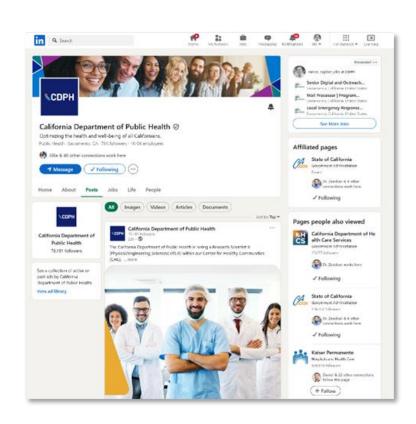
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## Resources for Communicators

- CDPH Comms Weekly Newsletter
- CDPH News Releases
- CDPH Policy & Web Updates

## Resources for Clinicians & Providers

- CDPH Immunization Branch Newsletter
- Sign up for CDPH
   Immunization Webinar
   Series

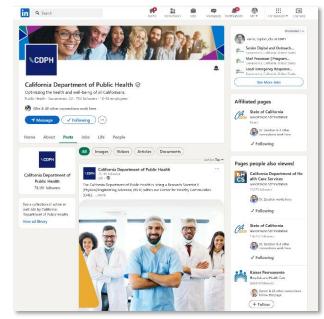




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