

Statewide and Local Policy Updates



Immunization Coalition of Los Angeles County Meeting
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Presentation Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe at least one immunization-related bill that was considered in California
- Discuss pending changes to California pharmacists' scope of practice related to vaccination
- State the rationale for the LA County Flu Vaccination and Masking Health Officer Order



AB 599

Revocation of Minor Consent for Vaccinations that Prevent STIs

- Proposed to revoke the right of a minor who is 12 years of age or older to consent to receive vaccines that prevent STIs without parental consent
 - Would have reversed AB 499, which was chaptered into law in 2011
 - Would have impacted HPV and Hepatitis B vaccines
- Failed passage in the Assembly Health Committee



AB 332/640

Adult Film Industry Employee Health Requirements

- AB 332 would have required adult film producers to adopt practices and procedures to protect employees from exposure to STIs, including offering Hepatitis B vaccines.
 - Failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee
- Reintroduced as AB 640
 - Failed passage in the Senate



AB 689 Flu Vaccination Before Hospital Discharge

- Proposed to require hospitals to offer a flu vaccination before discharge to all inpatients recommended for vaccination
 - Would have expanded current requirements to offer flu vaccinations to inpatients who are ≥ 65 years of age
 - Would not have required hospitals to cover the cost of vaccination
- Failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee



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SB 492 Optometrists' Scope of Practice

- Proposed to allow optometrists to administer certain vaccines to protect the public's health during a disaster or public health emergency
 - Would have allowed for vaccination of patients ≥ 3 years of age only
 - Designated vaccination as an advanced procedure, requiring specialized training
- Included other scope of practices changes that did not relate to vaccinations
- Failed passage in the Assembly Committee on Business, Professions, and Consumer Protection



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SB 493 Pharmacists' Scope of Practice

- Authorizes pharmacists to independently initiate and administer vaccinations
 - Eliminates standing order requirements
 - Applies to routinely recommended childhood, adolescent, and adult vaccines
 - Allows pharmacists to vaccinate down to 3 years of age
 - Requires immunization training and certification in basic life support
 - Requires reporting to the patient's PCP and an approved registry
 - Establishes provider status for pharmacists
- Includes other scope of practices changes that did not relate to vaccinations
- Chaptered into law





Los Angeles County Health Officer Order Influenza Vaccination or Masking of Healthcare Personnel

- Requires licensed acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and intermediate care to require healthcare personnel to be vaccinated against influenza or wear a mask during the flu season
 - Excludes Long Beach and Pasadena
 - The City of Long Beach Health Officer issued a supporting order.
 - Includes employees, volunteers, residents/interns, and physicians with hospital/facility privileges
 - Mask must be worn when in contact with patients or when working in patient-care areas
 - In effect from November 1 - March 31, annually





Health Officer Order Rationale:
Flu impacts personnel and patients

- Up to 25% of healthcare workers are infected with influenza each season.
 - Asymptomatic personnel can spread influenza unknowingly.
 - Up to 1 in 2 infected people never show classic flu symptoms.
 - Even asymptomatic individuals can shed virus for 5-10 days.
- Flu in the workplace can lead to absences, lower productivity, and risks to patients.
 - Transmission from personnel to patients is well documented.





Health Officer Order Rationale:
Flu vaccination works

- Influenza vaccination prevents flu in personnel and patients.
- The Order builds on regulatory and accreditation standards designed to protect vulnerable patients.

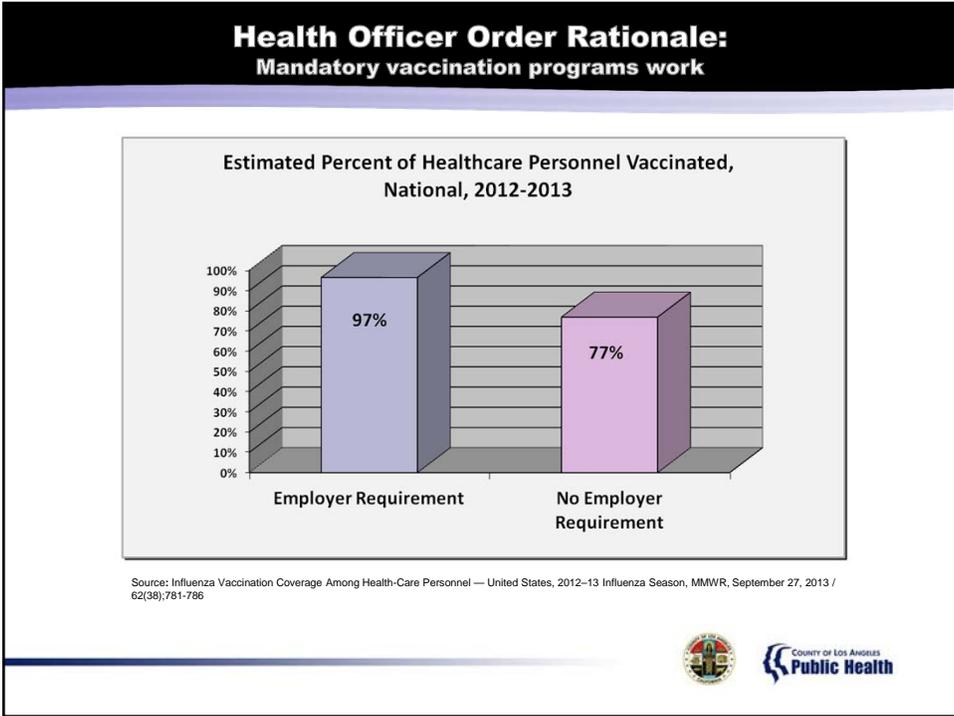










Health Officer Order Resources

Health Officer Order Resources

- [Los Angeles County Health Officer Order: Influenza Vaccination and Masking for Healthcare Personnel](#)
- [Supporting Rationale for Requiring Influenza Vaccination or Masking for Healthcare Personnel](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel Fact Sheet](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about Influenza Vaccinations](#)

Influenza Vaccination Information and Educational Materials for Healthcare Personnel

- [2013-2014 Influenza Vaccination Recommendations, ACIP](#)
- [Vaccination Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel, ACIP](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel, 2012-13 Influenza Season](#)
- [Influenza Vaccine Information Statements IIV LAIV](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination Information for Healthcare Personnel, CDC](#)
- [Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel Poster, CDC](#)

www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/flu_order.htm

Questions?



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