

# **PROVIDER HEALTH ADVISORY**

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# SLO County Pharmacies to Be Offered Health Education Materials from Public Health

SLO County pharmacies have been amazing partners in providing health education and services to our community. To support this ongoing effort and equip pharmacists with the latest immunization schedules and resources, County of SLO Public Health staff will be distributing flyers about immunizations and COVID-19 treatment to pharmacies in early March.



### No-Cost COVID-19 Telehealth Appointments

To reduce barriers to treatment, the State of California is providing <u>no-cost COVID-19 telehealth appointments</u> to those who do not have insurance or cannot access a provider within 24 hours of receiving a positive test result. People who get COVID-19 tests at your pharmacy may benefit from knowing about this free telehealth service. This program will continue beyond the end of both the California state of emergency and the federal state emergency for COVID-19. Public Health staff will be dropping off these flyers for you to share with customers.

# Vaccine FAQs for Parents

Vaccine Safety: Answers to Parents' Top Questions (California Department of Public Health's Immunization Branch) is an updated resource for parents with questions about children's vaccine safety. Pharmacies can display or have the materials available for customers looking for answers about children's vaccines.



# **Updated Immunization Schedules**

The 2023 immunization schedules are now available. Public Health staff will share these up-todate schedules as resources for pharmacists:

- 1. <u>Immunization Timing 2023</u> EZIZ has released an updated immunization timing chart for needed immunizations for children, starting with vaccines given at birth all the way through age 18.
- 2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have also released their latest <u>Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older</u>.

*For more information about these materials, call Public Health at 805-781-5500.*