



1615 Capitol Ave., Suite 73.771
P.O. Box 997377, MS 7003
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

PHONE: 916.440.7594
FAX: 916.440.7595
<http://www.cclho.org>

Leah Northrop, MPA, MAIS
Executive Administrator
Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov

December 11, 2017

Officers

Kenneth Cutler, MD, MPH
President
Nevada County

Karen Milman, MD, MPH
President-Elect
Sonoma County

Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH
Treasurer
Los Angeles County

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MSc
Secretary
Sacramento County

Lou Anne Cummings, MD, MPH
Legislative Coordinator
Sutter County

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH
Regulations Coordinator
Marin County

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Past President
Alameda County

Directors-at-Large

Connie Caldwell, MD, MPH
Yolo County

Charity Dean, MD, MPH
Santa Barbara County

Alvaro Garza, MD, MPH
San Joaquin County

Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH
Riverside County

Edward Moreno, MD, MPH
Monterey County

Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD
San Bernardino County

Robert Oldham, MD, MSHA
Placer County

Karen Relucio, MD
Napa County

To: Local Health Officers, Communicable Disease Controllers, Maternal Child Adolescent Health Directors, and Immunization Coordinators

Re: Prenatal Tdap Immunizations and Prenatal Care Providers

As you know, the best strategy to prevent infant pertussis is to immunize pregnant women with Tdap between 27-36 weeks of gestation. The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Communicable Disease Control and Prevention committee voted on August 17, 2017 to encourage Health Officers to inform the mother's prenatal care provider and health plan if a woman did not receive Tdap in this window and her infant went on to develop pertussis before four months of age.

I encourage you to use and modify the attached template letter to assist your work with prenatal care providers to ensure pregnant women are immunized appropriately.

Upon confirmation of a pertussis case in an infant less than four months of age, please consider taking these steps:

1. Determine immunization and insurance status of the infant's mother during pregnancy. Collecting this information is part of your routine case investigation of infant pertussis cases. On the Pertussis Case Report, make note of the mother's full name, mother's date of birth, mother's health plan (or Medi-Cal) identification number, health plan name, and the name of her prenatal care provider. Ask if her infant is covered under the mother's health plan.

If the mother was NOT immunized with Tdap at 27-36 weeks of gestation, please proceed to step 2 below.
2. Use and modify the attached "Template Letter to Prenatal Care Providers" to alert the woman's prenatal care provider of the infant case and to provide information about national recommendations. Offering assistance to better understand and resolve barriers may help prevent additional infant pertussis cases from mothers served by this provider. Please include a confidentiality disclaimer to protect personal health information.
3. You may choose to contact the Medical Director of the mother's Plan, if in Step 1 you determined that the mother and infant are on the same health plan. Since Plans are partners in promoting quality prenatal care, the Plan can contact the provider to evaluate and reduce barriers and better support its network providers in meeting national recommendations.
4. Share any successes and lessons learned with your colleagues via the CCLHO Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Committee meetings.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to reduce infant pertussis morbidity and mortality. Please feel free to contact me at ken.cutler@co.nevada.ca.us or at 530-265-7154.

Sincerely,

Ken Cutler, MD, MPH
President, California Conference of Local Health Officers

Attachment