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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers  
Health Officers  
Immunization Coordinators

FROM: Howard Backer, M.D., M.P.H., Chief  
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SUBJECT: Resumption of Immunization of 11-12 Year Olds with Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) [Menactra®, manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., Swiftwater, Pennsylvania]

In a June 8, 2006 letter, California VFC Program Providers were requested by CDHS to defer vaccination of children aged 11-12 years with MCV4 in concordance with national recommendations reflecting vaccine supply limitations.

Sanofi Pasteur now reports that the limitations in the MCV4 supply have been resolved. Therefore, you should resume providing VFC supplied MCV4 to all VFC-eligible children aged 11-12 years. Where possible, providers who deferred vaccination of children aged 11-12 years should recall those patients for vaccination.

In addition to 11-12 year olds, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices continues to recommend routine vaccination with MCV4 for individuals in the following groups, if not previously vaccinated with MCV4:

- adolescents at high-school entry (at approximately age 15 years)
- college freshmen living in dormitories
- other persons at increased risk for meningococcal disease, including
  - travelers to areas in which meningococcal disease is hyperendemic or epidemic,
  - persons with anatomic or functional asplenia
  - persons with terminal complement deficiency)

An announcement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on this topic is available at: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5543a5.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5543a5.htm). For additional information, please contact your local VFC representative or the VFC customer service line at (877) 243-8832.

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Enclosures

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# New Preteen Materials!

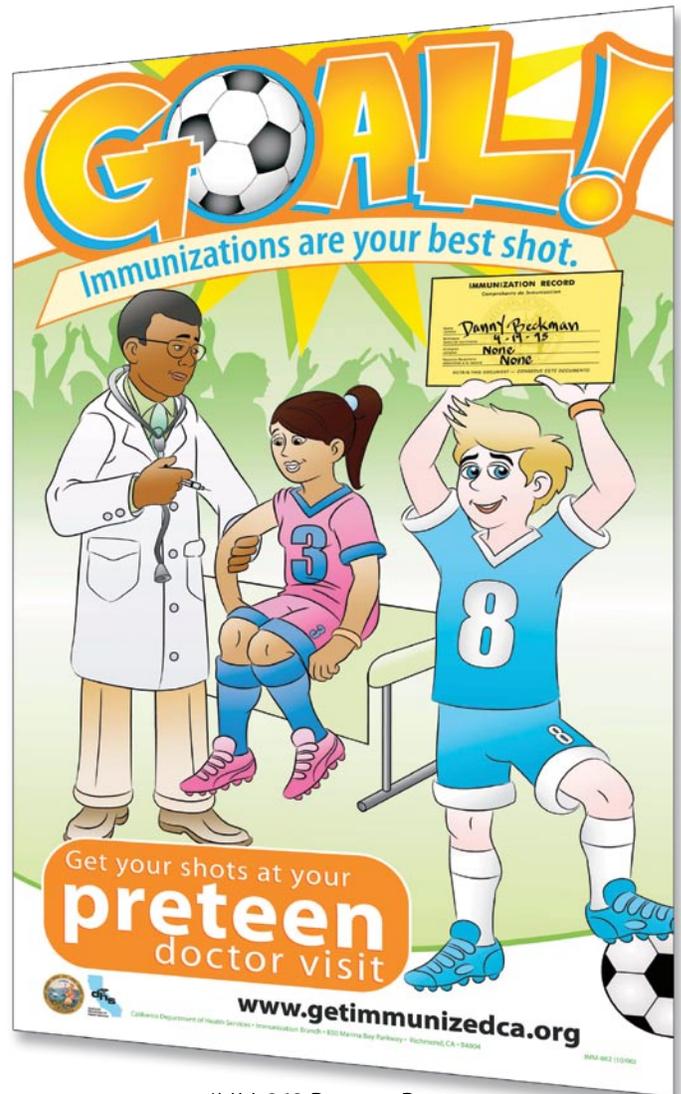
## Preteen Vaccine Week is January 21-27!

This year, more than one million 11- and 12-year-olds in California make up the “preteen” population. Preteens are at an age when important decisions and habits about one’s own health are being established. The preteen doctor visit is a great opportunity for parents and health care providers to discuss with preteens the challenges of growing up and preventive measures such as immunizations.

*Preteen Vaccine Week* is a celebration of the preteen doctor visit as the first step in the right direction for a healthy start as an adolescent. Help us spread the word, and urge families of preteens to schedule their child’s preteen doctor visit!

To order any of these materials, please contact your Local Health Department. Supplies will be available soon.

Some materials are also available for download at [www.GetImmunizedCA.org](http://www.GetImmunizedCA.org)



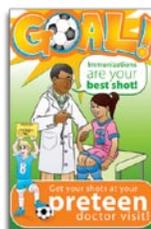
IMM-862 Preteen Poster



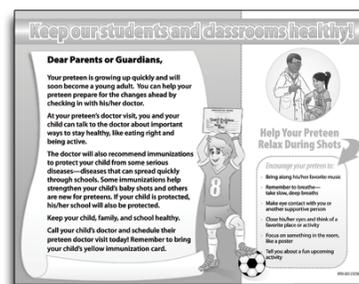
IMM-631 Preteen Rx Pad



IMM-657 Case of the Missing Shots Video



IMM-863 Preteen Doctor Visit Reminder Postcard



IMM-860 Preteen Vaccine Parent Flyer from Schools\*  
Available for download only



IMM-851 Preteen Brochure

## Available in Spanish soon!