Provider Name

Provider Address

Date

Dear Dr. [Provider’s Name]:

A patient who may be receiving prenatal care at your practice, [Mother’s First and Last Name], received the tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine on [date] at the [name of health department].

The health department’s supplies of prenatal Tdap vaccine may no longer be available in the future. Therefore, we urge you to stock or identify long-term sources for prenatal Tdap immunization.

If you do not currently stock Tdap at your clinic, help your pregnant patients get immunized by:

* **Receiving FREE State Tdap starter doses to help you begin to stock onsite.** To learn more, contact [IZ Coordinator Name] at [XXX-XXX-XXXX.]
* **Making a strong recommendation and referral** for your patients to receive Tdap immunization off-site, stressing the benefits to the baby and safety for mother and baby.
* **Assisting patients in locating a local immunization provider/clinic** that is covered by their insurance. Medi-Cal patients can get immunized at their pharmacies. To locate in-network pharmacies, ask your office manager to contact the health plan’s member services, request a list of nearby pharmacies, and call the pharmacies to confirm their immunization clinic hours and that they can immunize your patients. [For your convenience, we have included a list of in-network pharmacies for (name of local managed care plan(s)). Please note: This list may change.]
* **Providing patients with a prescription**. Although a prescription for Tdap vaccine is not needed, it may reinforce the importance of your recommendation and may also help the pharmacy know to notify you of the vaccinations administered. You can also submit an e-RX (just remember not to choose a particular formulation as some pharmacies may stock one brand of Tdap but not the other.) [For your convenience, we have included a copy of the prenatal immunization prescription pads which you can order FREE from us by calling XXX-XXX-XXXX.]
* **When referring patients to be vaccinated off-site, ensure patients’ ability to travel off-site.** Medi-Cal managed care plans now offer free transportation for medical services with pre-authorization. Ask your office manager to contact the health plan’s member services.
* **Close the loop.** Confirm that your pregnant patients got immunized, and document it in their charts. If your patient declines immunization, we suggest you counsel your patient at subsequent visits. If they still decline, ask patients to sign a declination form (available at <http://www.bit.do/prenatalTdaptoolkit> under provider tools).

For additional information on prenatal Tdap immunization, please review resources from

ACOG: <http://www.immunizationforwomen.org>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/pregnant/index.html>

CDPH: <http://www.bit.do/prenatalTdaptoolkit>

Sincerely,

[Signatory]

[Title]

[Local] Public Health Department

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