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TO: Medical Community CEOs and CIOs

FROM: Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H.,
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RE: **Transition of the San Diego Immunization Registry (SDIR) Transition to the California Immunization Registry (CAIR2)**

Thank you for your efforts in supporting immunization reporting to the San Diego Immunization Registry (SDIR) over the past 20 years. This is an important update regarding the future of the local Immunization Information system. After a period of deliberation, technical reviews, reflection during the COVID-19 response, and strategic planning discussions, the County of San Diego (County) has decided to transition to the state's California Immunization Registry (CAIR2) system. The following information provides the rationale leading to this decision:

- Contributing factors include a collaborative benefit to become part of the statewide immunization registry system, with additional CAIR2 functionality; greater efficiencies for system administration; future interface onboarding opportunities, for San Diego County to be part of a future CAIR3 system; and the end of the multiyear SDIR system vendor contract, on June 30, 2022.
- It is anticipated that the transition will take much of this fiscal year, through June 30, 2022. There are some timeline details in progress and planning efforts to consider. The SDIR system is expected to be fully transitioned to CAIR2 by Spring 2022.
- The state will train providers on the CAIR2 system, but there also will be some support by the County's local immunization team.
- Current interfaces will be reconfigured and redirected to the state CAIR2 system. This transition will be a gradual process, which will require careful coordination of all parties and validation work.

The County is extremely grateful for the many years utilizing the SDIR system and function. Additional details and updates will be provided soon. Thank you in advance for your continued support, during the months ahead, as details for this transition are further defined. I am optimistic that our future beyond COVID-19 will result in a stronger, more robust, and integrated immunization information system, for San Diego County and California.

Sincerely,

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