



BOARD LETTER: AUTHORIZATION FOR IMMUNIZATION SERVICES PROCUREMENT

Epidemiology & Immunization Services Branch
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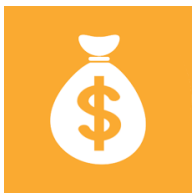




Immunizations are primary public health prevention activities useful to prevent death and disability from infectious diseases



California State Immunization Branch establishes a framework for immunization related services in all counties



On average, \$1.8 million a year received in state grants funds. Historically, some of this is used for contracted immunization services.



Existing contracted immunization services end June 30, 2022. Request approval to procure immunization services



The Immunization Program works to eliminate vaccine preventable diseases by optimizing the ability of the San Diego community to immunize its residents.



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San Diego County Context

Increases in Diseases

- 46% increase in vaccine preventable disease reports (2010 vs. 2019)
- In 2019, EISB responded to 824 cases of pertussis, 66 cases of mumps, 2 cases of measles and dozens of cases of Hepatitis A.
- In 2020, received 2,354 reports of vaccine prevention disease incidents (not including COVID-19) requiring action.
- COVID-19 pandemic cases

Recent High-Profile Events and Outbreaks

- Hepatitis A outbreak – 2017
- SDSU Meningococcal B outbreak – 2018
- Measles cases – 2019
- COVID-19 pandemic response

IMMUNIZATION UNIT AREAS OF EMPHASIS



PREVENTION

**DISEASE
CONTROL AND
RESPONSE**



CORE ACTIVITIES

Prevention and Immunization Promotion

Disease Reporting & Surveillance

Case and Outbreak Investigations

Vaccine inventory & management

Health Outreach & Education

Immunization Registry

Technical assistance for schools

PEP/POD activities

Data Analysis, Evaluation & Assessment

IMMUNIZATION UNIT CONTRACTED SERVICES



Services and Activities	Current Contract	New Procurement
Vaccine inventory and management support	X	Reduced role
Immunization Registry Help Desk	X	N/A
Evaluation of immunization coverage rates	X	X
Training, education and outreach	X	X
School entry immunization requirements assessment	X	X
Provider quality assurance	X	X
Coalition building	X	X
Immunization registry interface implementation	X	N/A
Education campaigns	X	Reduced role
Health equity and disproportionality work	X	Expanded role
Vaccine response and points of distribution (PODs) support	X	X
Contracted staff	19	Reduced FTE



- **Population of San Diego County**
- **Congregate settings (Jails, Dorms, skilled nursing and long-term care facilities)**
- **Healthcare and laboratory partners**
- **Schools**
- **Disease Response Partners**
- **Others**



- **Continuity of existing immunization support services**
- **Establishment of new targeted immunization services**
- **Strengthening of local disease prevention and control capacity**
- **Establishment of additional capacity for health equity evaluations and data driven priorities**
- **Support during outbreaks and surge response**



- **Long history of stable state grant funding for Immunization Unit and services**
- **Total Funding for 5-Year Term (ends June 30, 2022): \$24 million**
 - **Includes \$14 million in COVID-19 funding for vaccine operations**
 - **Approximately \$800k per year for procured services**
- **New grant award notice anticipated by March 2022 and future Board letter planned**



- 1. Authorization to competitively procure new contract(s) for programmatic and operational support for the San Diego County Immunization Unit**
- 2. Authorize the Health and Human Services Agency to pursue future infectious disease funding opportunities**



Today we are requesting HSAB approval to move forward with this Board Letter action which would allow authorization of procurement of contracted immunization services



Thank you!

