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# School-Located Vaccine Clinics

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# Landscape of School Located Vaccine Clinics

- SLVs are administered on school grounds before, during and/or after school hours.
- They often involve collaboration between schools and the state and/or local public health department.
- Objectives include:
  - increase vaccine uptake
  - reduce absenteeism
- SLVs typically focus on students but frequently serve others.





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# Why Schools?

- Large numbers of children are found in schools.
- Schools are conveniently located throughout communities.
- Communities are familiar with and trust schools.
- School facilities can accommodate mass vaccination clinics.
  - School nurses are familiar with the health of individual students.
  - School staff have access to parental contact information.
  - The National Vaccine Plan calls for enhancing access to vaccination in non-health care settings, such as schools.
  - California Education Code §49404 requires school districts to cooperate with public health to control disease.





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# Key Gaps and Challenges-1

- Scheduling
  - School activities
  - Availability of vaccine
  - Vaccine formulas and medical contraindications
- Logistics
  - Volunteers
  - Consent forms
  - Translation of materials
  - Reimbursement incentives





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# Key Gaps and Challenges-2



- Funding
  - Low reimbursement rate for Vaccines for Children (VFC)
  - Lack of funds for non-VFC-eligible children
  - Foundations, private providers
  - Limited state and local health department resources
  - SLVs not seen as points of service for reimbursement



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# Key Gaps and Challenges-3

## Tracking and Communication

- SLV clinics need effective ways to record vaccinations given in school into public and private records.
- SLV clinics need access to immunization registries.
- Registries are often incompatible with electronic school records and/or only record child immunization data.
- Privacy laws can stymie communication.
- Rules vary about who can access and enter data.





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# Requirements for Success

## ■ Volunteers

- Planning & implementation of clinics
- Staffing clinics
- Calling parents with reminders

## ■ Partnerships

- Private providers
- Hospital systems
- Local medical societies

## ■ Consistent local funding

- More robust and sustainable activities
- Local funds cover costs of
  - Training volunteers
  - Conducting intensive community outreach
  - Developing and disseminating promotional materials





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# Benefit of Registries in the SLV Context

- SLV clinics able to rely on registries can help increase overall vaccination rates because of easier access to students.
- Registries can cut time spent reviewing student immunization records each year.
- Registries can cue the school regarding:
  - which immunizations are due,
  - which children have already been immunized
  - how many children are not in compliance with state requirements.
- Registries can help school nurses use their time more effectively.
- Registries have the potential for nurses working in the school setting to enter other critical student health information for the medical home .







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For school-age children, the school setting is the most obvious and logical platform for connecting children, annually, to influenza vaccines.

Questions?

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