Overview:
The purpose of this lecture is for front line service providers to review the significant changes and challenges in immunizations for 2009. We will review the new vaccines that were licensed and introduced in 2008. We will also discuss vaccines that have pending Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval and may be licensed in 2009. Vaccine storage, handling and vaccine administration will be reviewed, with an emphasis on fragile vaccines. The federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program will be mentioned as well as any significant program changes. The 2009 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Harmonized Recommended Childhood, Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedule(s) will be highlighted and the recently published ACIP statements will be described. The lecture will conclude with closing statements on late breaking immunization information. There will be time for questions and answers at the end.

Objectives:
- Discuss the ACIP harmonized schedules for 2009
- Describe any vaccine specific recommendations that have been changed or adjusted
- Discuss vaccines recently added to the harmonized schedules.
- Briefly discuss the VFC program, eligibility and available vaccines.
- Describe some of the vaccine storage and handling challenges.
- Describe California school laws and any changes
- Briefly review any current vaccine issues including safety concerns