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Join Us! RSVP for the AIRA-AIM Reception at the National Immunization Conference

Please join [AIRA](#) and [AIM](#) for an evening of networking at the CDC's [National Immunization Conference](#) (NIC) in Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday, May 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Appetizers and drinks will be served.

To help us get a headcount, we ask that you please [complete a brief registration](#) to RSVP for the reception. If you do not already have an AIRA account, you will be prompted to register as

a guest. Feel free to share this invitation with colleagues who will be attending NIC. Please note that you will not be added to AIRA's mailing list by registering to attend the reception. If you are interested in receiving AIRA newsletters and other updates, you may [subscribe here](#).



The graphic is a vertical rectangular invitation with a green background and a dark blue header and footer. The header contains the text "JOIN US" in white. The main body of the graphic features the AIM logo (Association of Immunization Managers) and the AIRA logo (American Immunization Registry Association) on the left. On the right, the event details are listed: "AIRA-AIM RECEPTION at the CDC'S NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE", "Monday, May 14th, 2018", "5:30-7:30 pm", "Max Lager's", "320 Peachtree Street NE", "Atlanta, GA 30308", and a note: "Located at the corner of Peachtree and West Peachtree one block North of the Hyatt Regency." The footer contains a paragraph: "Join AIRA and AIM for an evening of networking before the National Immunization Conference. Kick off the conference by connecting with old friends and making new ones. Appetizers and drinks will be served." A large, stylized white and blue geometric shape is on the right side of the graphic.

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Message from Executive Director on Upcoming Changes to AIRA Membership

Hello, AIRA Community –

As you plan your budgets for the next fiscal year, we want to notify you of changes to AIRA's membership structure and pricing that will be effective starting October 1, 2018. Please visit the [AIRA website](#) for more information.

AIRA has grown and evolved over the years. Last fall, we evaluated AIRA's ever-expanding list of benefits. Currently, AIRA:

- Produces a variety of indispensable products, like AART, MIROW guides, data quality guides and coverage assessment guides



- Provides access to valuable services, such as technical assistance, address cleansing and geocoding, at no cost
- Creates enriching educational events, such as the AIRA National Meeting, regional meetings, webinars and discovery sessions
- Facilitates opportunities for peer networking and collaboration among the IIS community
- Provides a recognized and respected voice of leadership to the community at large

AIRA's membership rates are close to what they were almost 20 years ago. It is important for AIRA's membership rates to reflect the value we provide today.

For that reason, the AIRA board of directors voted to increase the price of membership, which we believe is fair to our members and reflects the value AIRA provides. Under the new structure:

- Members have exclusive access to specific AIRA services, such as address cleansing, information requests and a member directory
- Membership includes a set number of voting members along with an unlimited number of non-voting members
- A new Supporting Members option enables the larger community to participate in AIRA's ongoing work and sponsor the AIRA National Meeting
- IS implementers are both voting members of AIRA and part of the Supporting Membership

As we continue to serve the entire IIS community, our updated dues structure will allow AIRA to grow and continue its mission to promote and support the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities.

We understand budgets are tight and the future is uncertain, but by investing in AIRA, you are investing back into the IIS community. Our goal is to make our association strong so that we can provide more robust services, products and educational opportunities to make the IIS community even stronger.

We hope that you will continue to support AIRA as we strive to facilitate the sharing and use of immunization information by all partners and ensure that immunization information systems are fully supported and represented.

AIRA Website Treasure Hunt

Each month the AIRA Monthly Update will deliver a fun clue to guide you in exploring the new AIRA website. The first person to email the correct answer to info@immregistries.org will get a prize.

April Clue:

Messages arrive
But what quality is there
New open source tool

In case you were wondering about last month...**March Clue:**

Webinars, calls, and meetings galore
Visit this part of our website to see what's in store
April showers may bring by May flowers
But neither is better than happy hours

Answer to the March Clue:

[AIRA-AIM Reception at the National Immunization Conference](#)

Congratulations to Sydney Kuramoto from the Minnesota Department of Health for being the first person to guess the correct answer to the March clue!

Transport Validation Reports Now Available – Kudos to Those IIS Already Achieving 2018 Transport Validation!

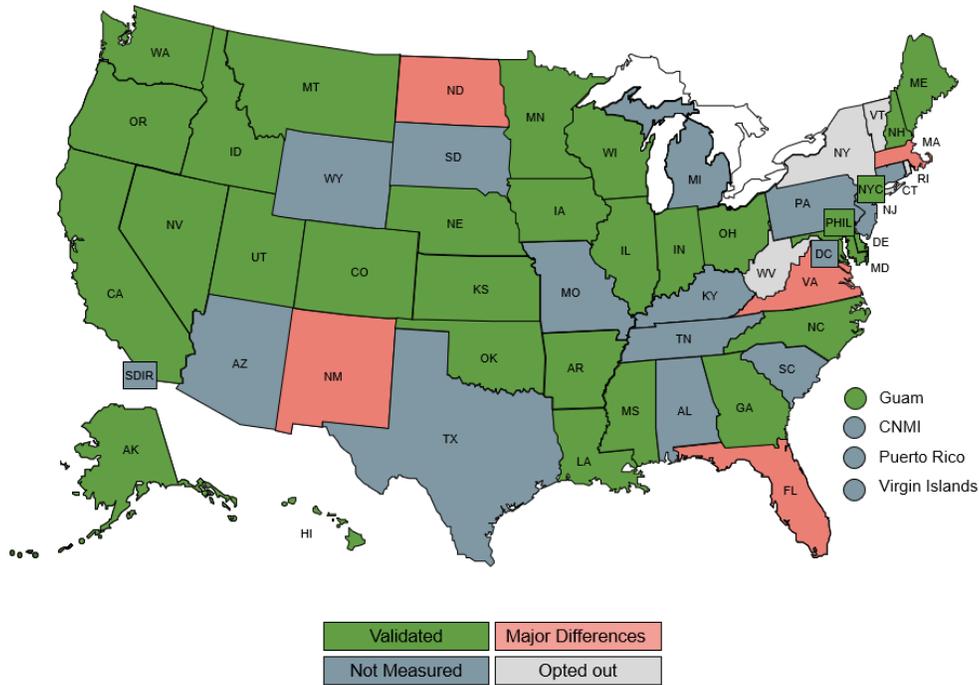
AIRA and the members of MACAW (Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup) are excited to announce that the Transport Validation Reports for both the [Basic](#) and [Complete](#) level are now available on the AIRA repository. Individual IIS Program results are also available on [AART \(the Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool\)](#) for authorized users.

Thirty-one jurisdictions met all measures for basic validation. Kudos to **Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Philadelphia, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin!**

Re-measurements in June, September, and December will offer opportunities for additional IIS to achieve 2018 Transport Validation. All validations will be renewed in 2019.

We are encouraged by the results of the first Transport Validation Report, including:

- 54 of 58 (or 93%) targeted IIS participated in Transport Validation for 2018.
- 36 of 54 (or 67%) participating IIS were connected with SOAP/Web Services and the CDC WSDL and measured
- 31 of 36 (or 86%) connected IIS were validated at the Basic Level for Transport
- 27 of 36 (or 75%) were validated or validated with Minor Differences at the Complete Level



If you have questions or comments related to the report, or if your program is interested in technical assistance, please contact [Kristi Siahaya](#). For more information about this Initiative, visit the [Measurement and Improvement page of the AIRA website](#).

Thank you, IIS programs and IIS vendors, for all the work you do to improve performance across IIS.

MIROW Co-Chair In-Person Meeting

The MIROW co-chairs met in-person April 17-19 in Decatur, Georgia. The main goal of the meeting was to discuss implementation of the MIROW strategic plan. The co-chairs used the strategic plan to develop a timeline for the next MIROW guide and discuss new processes to better gather information and engage subject matter experts. The group also discussed the repackaging of past guides to make the guides more user-friendly. On the final day, Baskar Krishnamoorthy (Florida) and Cindy Scullion (CDC consultant) joined the co-chairs and the group worked on a common vocabulary model for all MIROW guides.



From left to right (front sitting row): David Lyalin (CDC); From left to right (back standing row): Baskar Krishnamoorthy (FL), Rebecca Coyle (AIRA), Elaine Lowery (AIRA consultant), Alison Chi (AIRA), Amanda (Mandy) Harris (NV), Beth Parilla (AIRA), Cindy Scullion (CDC consultant), and Warren Williams (CDC)

AIRA Standards Team Meeting in Portland, Oregon

The AIRA Standards Team met in Portland, Oregon April 11 and 12 to focus on project planning and development. The action-packed two days covered technical and operational topics, including increasing technical assistance, promoting address cleansing, accelerating measurement and improvement, prioritizing AART development, and strengthening collaboration with electronic health record partners. Although it rained throughout the two days in Portland, creativity bloomed inside as the Standards Team planned new and better ways to support our members.



CDSi Corner

The CDSi project is in the process of publishing updated supporting data (version 3.7) and age-based test cases (version 3.4). The supporting data updates include new ACIP recommendations, recent clarifications, and technical corrections in HepB, Meningococcal, Meningococcal B, Polio, Varicella, and Zoster. The test case updates include both new and updated test cases. New test cases have been added in HepB and Zoster, while nearly all test cases have been refreshed to use current dates. The same published test cases are now available in two places. The first is the traditional spreadsheet format that has been used since version 1.0 found on the [CDSi website](#). The second place is a new interactive test case management tool developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Forecast for Immunization Testing Suite (FITS) allows users to view the published CDSi test cases and develop their own test cases. The tool can be found at <https://fits.nist.gov>.

Recent Information Requests Added to the AIRA Repository

Recent information requests regarding organization verification for IIS access and IIS support models have been added to the AIRA [repository](#), and can be found by using the "Information requests" filter. Information Requests are viewable only by individual members and individuals affiliated with member and partner organizations. Just log in to view these valuable resources! If you have any questions, please contact [Amanda Branham](#), AIRA Membership and Executive Administrator.

Steering Committee Updates: April Recap

Assessment Steering Committee

- The next coverage assessment guide, *Small Area Analysis to Identify Pockets of Need*, underwent internal review.
- The next data quality guide, IIS Data Quality Practices: To Monitor and Evaluate Data at Rest, was sent out for external review.
- The ASC meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on April 11 and reviewed a draft document for EHRs that describes common areas of variability across jurisdictions. The committee also discussed the history of disease related to HIMSS-IIP.
- The SISC Technical Workgroup met on April 25 and discussed the CMS proposed rule on promoting interoperability. AIRA is gathering comments on this rule with a deadline of May 18. The workgroup also reviewed ballot comments proposed resolutions and accompanying comments from SISC members regarding the ORC-3 description in an RSP, CVX codes, fatal error severity, baby names, and actor responsibilities.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee met on April 18 and received an update from Public Health Informatics Institute on its upcoming IIS manager training.
- A discussion was held regarding an opportunity for the committee to provide feedback on CDC communication.
- The committee also received updates on the next edition of *SnapShots*, the AIRA 2018 National Meeting, and education plan.
- Planning for the upcoming year continues, and a workgroup convened to plan the next two webinars.

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee (SC) selected the topic of business continuity for the next guide. The SC used a process created during the 2017 in-person meeting to solicit topics, identify topics to rank, and determine ranking criteria. The SC selected five candidate topics to rank and ranked those topics via an online survey in April. The rankings were discussed at the SC meeting on April 12, and the group selected the topic of business continuity.
- There was a Co-Chair In-Person Meeting from April 17 to April 19 to determine how to implement the new strategic plan for development of MIROW guides. The meeting is described in greater detail in the “MIROW Co-Chair In-Person Meeting” article.

- Three MIROW subgroups continue to work on: repackaging past guides, creating a common vocabulary document for all MIROW guides, and promoting the work of MIROW. The MIROW SC is also in the process of updating the MIROW charter.