

AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

JUNE 2016 IN REVIEW

SAVE THE DATE: AIRA AT THE 2016 NIC

We hope you will join AIRA at the 2016 National Immunization Conference (NIC) in Atlanta this September. AIRA will be hosting a reception on Wednesday, September 14th and a Post-NIC Workshop on September 16th, 2016. Workshop registration information will be posted on the [AIRA website](http://www.immregistries.org) and emailed to our mailing list very soon. Please plan to join us as we continue building partnerships

and collaborating to advance IIS development and implementation. We hope to see you there!

CHANGES IN ACIP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INFLUENZA

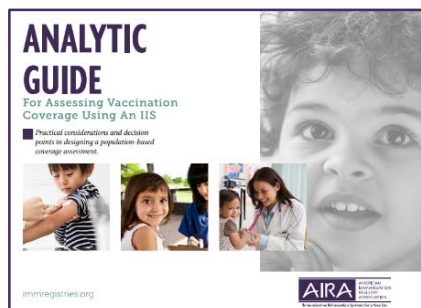
Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV): The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met in Atlanta on June 22–23. Because of data indicating poor effectiveness of live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV, FluMist) in children age 2 through 17 years of age during the past three influenza seasons, ACIP voted to recommend that LAIV should not be used in any setting during the 2016–17 influenza season. ACIP also voted to remove LAIV from the VFC program for the 2016–17 influenza season. Please read the [CDC media statement](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0623-acip-laiv.html) for additional information. The final annual recommendations on the prevention and control of influenza with vaccines will be published in a [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr).

JULY AT AIRA

- July 1st 1 – 2 pm ET: **Joint Development & Implementation Advisory Workgroup Meeting**
- July 5th, 2 – 3pm ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 6th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **AIRA Town Hall Meeting on IIS Transport Assessment**
- July 13th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 14th, 2 – 3 pm ET: **HL7 Immunization User Group**
- July 18th, 2– 3:00 pm ET: **AIRA Board, Partners & Membership Meeting**
- July 18th, 3– 4:00 pm ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- July 20th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- July 20th, 3 – 4 pm ET: **Awardee Developed Joint Development & Implementation User Group Meeting**
- July 21st, 4 – 5 pm ET: **MIROW Meeting**
- July 25th, 4 – 5 pm ET: **AIRA Discovery Session**
- July 27th, 1 – 2 pm ET: **Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee Technical Workgroup Meeting**

[Recommendations and Reports](#) in late summer or early fall. Clinical Decision Support questions can be directed to Eric Larson (vev5@cdc.gov).

REQUEST FOR EXAMPLES OF IIS COVERAGE ASSESSMENTS



AIRA is creating an addendum to the [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS](#), which will provide practical examples of coverage assessments being conducted in the IIS community. AIRA is looking to include examples in the addendum of coverage assessments with denominators from school census data or vital statistics/birth data. Would you please email info@immregistries.org if you know of any coverage assessments being done in the IIS community that fit this criteria? We would love to hear from you!

AIRA ATTENDS EUROPEAN CDC MEETING ON STARTING AN IIS



Rebecca Coyle attended the Immunisation Information Systems – 2nd Technical Expert Consultation Meeting in Stockholm, Sweden from June 15th – 16th. The meeting took place at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) with the overarching mission of the technical experts to provide input and guidance on the development of a handbook or guide for countries or jurisdictions wanting to start an IIS.

The first day focused on work that has been conducted since the first meeting, which was held in November

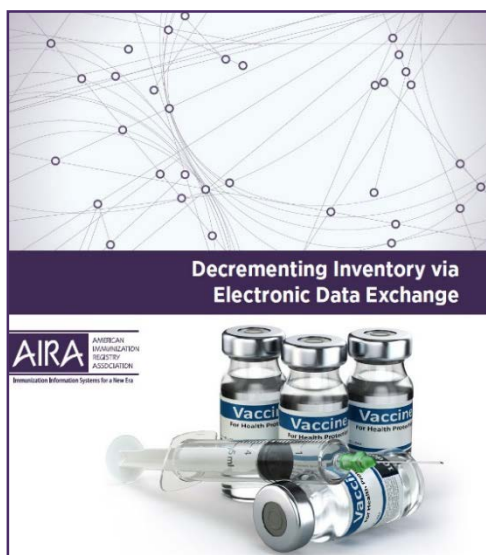
2015. Technical Experts were asked to provide updates on progress within their respective jurisdictions. Rebecca gave a presentation on the recently released AIRA [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS](#), which was well received and generated good dialogue about assessment and the role of IIS.

Additional work was conducted on identifying key aspects of an IIS, including common needs, core functionalities, and core data elements. There was also a robust discussion about the differences between an IIS and a registry. While the two terms, registry and IIS, have been used synonymously in the U.S., they have very different meanings within the global community and to date no clear definition between the two has been established. A final review of the proposed “chapters” for the IIS handbook was held and moving forward the technical experts will continue to be involved in the review of the chapters as they are created. Finally, there was a strong interest in identifying a journal that would consider publishing a journal supplement on registries and IIS. Once a journal has been identified a call for articles will be solicited broadly. The next steps include ECDC hiring a consultant to develop the actual guidance document and identifying a journal for a special IIS supplement.

AIRA PRESENTS AT STC USER GROUP IN ARIZONA

Two AIRA staff, Alison Chi and Nathan Bunker, attended and presented at STC's annual user group meeting (UGM) that was held in Scottsdale, Arizona from June 13th – 16th. The UGM is about networking, generating ideas, and providing user support for STC clients. Most attendees are from public health departments, and this year's focus was on public/private partnerships. Nathan gave a presentation on the IIS Interoperability project and Alison spoke about IIS and AIRA efforts with various public and private partners, including pharmacy, adult immunization and metric development projects.

MIROW MINI GUIDES ARE BEING MAILED TO IIS COMMUNITY



AIRA is in the process of mailing copies of the recently published MIROW mini guides on *Decrementing Inventory via Electronic Data Exchange*. Copies of this best practice guidance will be sent to IIS and community partners in late July. The guides present best practice recommendations to automate and standardize the process of decrementing a provider organization's vaccine inventory in an IIS via electronic data exchange between the provider organization and IIS. The [mini guide](#) provides a high-level summary of the detailed guidance presented in the [full guide](#). If you do not receive copies of the mini guide by the end of July and would like paper versions, please email info@immregistries.org to request a copy. All MIROW best practice guidance is also available to download on [AIRA's website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Available Now: MIROW Survey on Consolidating IIS Records

The MIROW Steering Committee has developed a community wide [survey](#) to assess the upcoming topic: Consolidating IIS Records. The workgroup is looking at how to best consolidate data elements from multiple sources to ensure that the best information is available in the IIS. Responses to this survey will help inform the workgroup on current practices used by IIS on this topic. To complete the survey, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/IISRecords. Only one person from each IIS should respond. For questions, please contact [Elaine Lowery](#), MIROW Co-Chair.

July 6th: Town Hall Meeting on IIS Transport Assessment Measures

The Measurement for Assessment and Certification Advisory Workgroup (MACAW) would like to invite you to a town hall meeting to discuss the newly developed assessment measures for message transport, and the community-driven process for moving towards assessment. We ask that every IIS manager and technical staff review the transport measure summary (emailed to the community last month), and be

Town Hall Meeting: IIS Transport Assessment Measures

- July 6th, 3-4 pm EST
- [Join WebEx meeting](#)
- Meeting number: 736 612 177
- Meeting password: Assessment
- Phone: 1-800-326-0013, passcode: 1670187#

present at the town hall meeting to share any questions or concerns about these measures or process. For more information about these measures, please see [AIRA's website](#).

These measures are the first of many that will be developed by the MACAW group. Later this summer they will meet in person to discuss VXU/ACK and QBP/RSP measures, which will be available in the fall for community review. For questions, please contact [Nichole Lambrecht](#), Sr. Project Manager.

Late July: Confidentiality and Privacy

AIRA embarked on a new project this year to research the issues that impact IIS confidentiality, privacy, and security and devise recommendations on how to solve them. The project was broken down into two phases: 1) confidentiality and privacy, and 2) security. The first phase of the project is coming to an end and a document outlining confidentiality and privacy considerations for IIS has been drafted. The document is currently being reviewed internally by the AIRA Board and staff. It is anticipated to be released for community review by late July. As soon as the document is ready, an email will be sent requesting feedback. For more information, please contact [Nichole Lambrecht](#), Sr. Project Manager.

Early August: Data Validation for the Onboarding Guide

The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) stood up an ad hoc workgroup that researched the different data quality processes currently in use by IIS. A guide is being developed that incorporates the different data validation processes used during the onboarding process. This guide is currently going through internal review by the ASC and is anticipated to be released in early August for community review. As soon as the document is ready, an email will be sent requesting feedback. For more information, please contact [Nichole Lambrecht](#), Sr. Project Manager.

INFORMATION REQUEST: INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

Virginia requested information from the community on an Incident Response Plan. To read responses to this request for information, please visit [AIRA's website](#) and login to Member Resources and then click on Members Only and Information Requests (as shown below). For questions or if you believe you are an active AIRA member but do not have access to the members only section of AIRA's website, please email info@immregistries.org.



JUNE RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The Assessment Steering Committee (ASC) met on June 6th and continued their discussion on the addendum to the [Analytic Guide for Assessing Vaccination Coverage Using an IIS](#). This addendum will include case studies that explore ways in which IIS are being used for coverage assessments. An update was also presented on the data quality project which will develop an onboarding guide to help with the data quality assessment. This guide will leverage existing MIROW best practice guidelines and other IIS resources.

Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee

- The Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC) met on June 8th and were presented with a proposal to ballot the Implementation Guide through HL7. The committee began discussing the specific details of this process. The SISC Technical Workgroup meeting on June 22nd served as another opportunity to receive additional feedback from the community on balloting the HL7 Implementation Guide.

Education Steering Committee

- The Education Steering Committee (ESC) met on June 15th and began planning the next edition of Snapshots. The ESC is interested in including articles in Snapshots that highlight work that is happening in the IIS community. If you have an article you would like to share, please email Info@immregistries.org.
- In partnership with AIM, the ESC hosted a webinar on [Using IIS Data for Coverage Rates](#) on June 21st. The webinar featured Bob Swanson (MI), Molly Howell (ND), and Mary Waterman (AIM). This topic was selected as one of the standout sessions from the 2016 AIRA National Meeting, and became known as the “Shark Tank” session. A recording of the webinar is [now available](#).

MIROW Steering Committee

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on June 16th to finalize the selection of the facilitation team for the upcoming topic: Consolidated IIS Records. A community survey is being developed to capture more information about the upcoming topic and will be sent out soon. In addition, MIROW is working on updating the committee charter and evaluating the effectiveness of the small group process for the last topic. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2016.