AIRA Members & Partners Quarterly Meeting

July 20, 2020
Welcome – Aaron Bieringer, AIROA President

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National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) Update

Lynn Gibbs-Scharf
IIS Data Quality: Blueprint for the Future

Immunization Awardee Meeting

Lynn Gibbs Scharf, MPH, Branch Chief
January 28, 2020
The blueprint focuses on driving improvement on four data quality characteristics. There are other enabling characteristics (e.g., **ACCURACY**, **CONSISTENCY**, and **UNIQUENESS**) and functional processes (e.g., interoperability) that are inherent to high quality IIS data and complement the blueprint data quality characteristics.
The Blueprint defines IISSB’s goals for IIS and guides awardee activities for data quality improvement

--- Blueprint Guiding Principles ---

**The Blueprint:**

1. Focuses on **improved IIS data quality**, which will support improved immunization outcomes by supplying **credible immunization data**

2. Prioritizes a **small set of meaningful, quantifiable** IIS measures

3. Informs **technical assistance approach** to address shared challenges

4. Adapts to **national, state, and local emerging priorities and needs**
We are Currently Planning for Two Potential Vaccination Scenarios

1. Mass Vaccination Scenario
   - Early vaccine supply will focus on priority populations and commence as early as Fall 2020
   - Vaccine supply will be limited initially
   - Administered primarily in mass vaccination clinics such as workplaces (e.g., distribution centers, hospitals), schools, community locations or mobile clinics

2. General Population Scenario
   - General population efforts may commence as early as January 2021
   - Vaccine supply with be widely available
   - Administered primarily in traditional healthcare setting such as primary care physicians, pharmacies, etc.
Our Proposed Approach Requires New and Existing Capabilities

1. Mass Vaccination Scenario

Approach for Vaccine Tracking:
• Provide clear reporting requirements for consistent and complete data
• Provide a new digital platform that supports state mass vaccination efforts, and provides near real-time data on COVID-19 vaccine administrations
• Over time, the IZ Gateway will facilitate data transfer to IIS

2. General Population Scenario

Approach for Vaccine Tracking:
• Provide clear requirements for reporting for consistent and complete data
• Ensure vaccination efforts are supported primarily by existing Electronic Health Records (EHR) and state-run IIS
• The IZ Gateway will facilitate data transfer to CDC for USG reporting
The IZ Gateway: An Effort to Improve Immunization Data Flow, Integration, Sharing, and Access

- The IZ Gateway is a data exchange hub that offers efficient data exchange between critical vaccine tracking systems.
- It will allow USG to analyze and report data faster and more accurately to inform response decision.
- Current status: 13 states participating in jurisdiction-to-jurisdiction exchange and 2 multi-state providers sharing data with jurisdictions.
The IZ Gateway: An Effort to Improve Immunization Data Flow, Integration, Sharing, and Access

IZ Gateway has 3 main components to improve exchange of immunization information

**CONNECT:** Multi-jurisdictional Provider Organizations to Multiple IIS – improves IIS information completeness and reduces provider burden for data exchange with multiple IISs

**SHARE:** IIS to IIS – enables IIS to exchange immunization data for patients with out-of-state addresses. The primary benefit of this project is for IIS to gain access to more complete vaccination records for patients

**ACCESS:** Consumer Engagement for Immunization Information Systems – enables consumers to directly query an IIS to access their consolidated vaccination record
Questions

For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)

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June 23, 2020

Dear General Perna and Dr. Slaiou:

As the nation’s leaders of state and local immunization programs, we applaud the commitment demonstrated in the Administration’s announcement of Operation Warp Speed (OWS) to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and ancillary supplies. We want to offer our support, expertise, experience, and partnership, which we believe will be crucial to planning and executing a successful national COVID-19 vaccine program. We particularly wish to offer feedback on the importance of building on existing vaccine delivery infrastructure and the opportunity to clarify the expected role of the military.

Following are some key questions and initial recommendations. We hope these can guide initial dialogue and underscore the need for close cooperation with state, territorial, tribal and local public health agencies and immunization programs:

- **Build on existing plans and infrastructure.** Does OWS anticipate utilizing a new vaccine distribution system? Under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) leadership, our nation has a decades-long track record of facilitating both public and private infrastructure to successfully deliver life-saving vaccines. Additionally, the CDC has required all states to both maintain and exercise pandemic influenza plans. Especially as time is of the essence, we strongly recommend building upon existing plans and assessing, enhancing, and utilizing the existing coordinated public and private vaccine delivery infrastructure.
COVID-19 VACCINATION PREPARATION TIPS FOR IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM MANAGERS

Stage 1

Focus on Relationships.
Governors, state health officials, medical society leaders, preparedness experts, and others may be making critical decisions. Not only do program managers need to be involved in those decisions, but they should be informing those decisions and ensuring their feasibility. Focusing on relationships with critical partners will be an essential step in helping to level-set and understand expectations and roles. Consider cultivating relationships with the state hospital association or directly with hospitals and large clinical practices, as the first wave of vaccine distribution is expected to focus on health care personnel. Working through your chain of command, consider asking them to advocate up the leadership chain for your engagement with COVID-19 response leaders, if you are not already engaged.

- Identify the key decision makers and their staff in your state, such as:
  - Preparedness Director
  - Medicaid Director
  - Governor’s health staff
  - Public Information Officer
  - State Health Officer

- Determine the expectations that the key decision makers have and understand the assumptions they are making. For example, what kind of data or reports will they expect from you and how often?

- Determine which data elements are
June 30, 2020

RE: COVID-19 and FLU Campaign

Dear Colleagues:
This letter is to encourage all primary care associations and health centers to collaborate with public health agencies to explore opportunities to maximize influenza vaccination activities during this critical time.

As CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield testified before the U.S. Congress on June 23, “In the context of likely ongoing COVID-19 activity, getting a flu vaccine is more important now that ever... This single act will save lives.”

Recommendation:
Adult Immunization activities vary by state, however this year there may be an opportunity for health centers to get additional flu vaccine doses for adults and/or additional flu vaccine doses in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Additional flu vaccine doses are expected to arrive later in the season, November – January.

- Health center leaders should collaborate with public health agency representatives or state/local immunization program managers.
- Be prepared to identify how your health center can increase influenza vaccine uptake this Fall through direct outreach to high risk patients, immunization clinics, health fairs and use of Pharmacists.
Public Health Organization’s Immunization Campaign Policy Principles

As Congress continues to work on legislation to address COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) acknowledges that authorizing language is not necessary to enable public health officials to plan and mobilize a rapid and comprehensive national vaccination campaign when a safe and effective vaccine is developed for the public. However, if Congress considers drafting authorizing language or guidance to federal agencies, we strongly encourage adhering to the principles listed below.

1) Coordination at the Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal, and Local Level: From the highest level of federal government down to state, territorial, tribal, and local public health agencies, our nation must ensure that collaboration, funding, technical support, and guidance is provided to bolster coordination in a timely manner. The federal government should provide a framework with clearly articulated planning assumptions for states and territories to use, which is informed by epidemiologic data to determine vaccination priority groups. Each state will need the flexibility to determine its own prioritization scheme, which addresses the imperative to identify and care for the most at-risk populations first, consistent with this framework and based on local data. Each state will also coordinate regionally, to appropriately communicate to the public how priority groups were determined and why they may differ in other states. COVID-19 hot spots will be fueled by different transmission circumstances. It is important for each state to have the flexibility to tailor the vaccination prioritization to its local needs, while maintaining consistency of the framework used to reach the determination of those priority groups.

2) Funding Mechanisms: We strongly encourage Congress to utilize existing funding mechanisms such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) 317 Immunization Program and the Emergency Response Crisis Council Cooperative Agreement (CoAg) currently in place to quickly provide resources from CDC to state, local, tribal, and territorial health agencies for scaling up the vaccine infrastructure to strengthen the immunization information system (i.e., registry), improve access to this important medical countermeasure, disseminate vaccine communications and educational materials to providers and the public, ensure quality immunization services, assess vaccine effectiveness and safety, and ensure accountability for the use of publicly purchased vaccine. CDC
Anticipating the greatest public health effort of our generation

BY CLAIRE HANNN, MIKE FRASER AND BRENT EWIG, OPINION CONTRIBUTORS — 06/25/20 04:30 PM EDT
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE THEIR OWN AND NOT THE VIEW OF THE HILL

The COVID-19 pandemic is challenging us all in previously unimaginable ways. It is stretching our healthcare and public health systems like never before.
Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) Update

Erin Roche
Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) Update

Laurel Wood
IAC Update
AIRA Members & Partners Call
July 20, 2020
COVID-19: Resources

- IAC & National Network of Immunization Coalitions
- Searchable by source, category, etc.
- Updated frequently

Repository of Resources for Maintaining Immunization during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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www.immunizationcoalitions.org/resource-repository
COVID-19: Ask the Experts

Ask the Experts
COVID-19 and Routine Vaccination

COVID-19 and Routine Vaccination

What does CDC advise about routine immunization services during the COVID-19 pandemic? CDC is clear; Routine vaccination is an essential preventive care service for children, adolescents, and adults, including pregnant women, that should not be delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The complete CDC interim guidance for immunization services during the COVID-19 Pandemic is at this link: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pandemic-guidance/index.html

What does CDC advise about administering recommended immunizations to children and teens when COVID-19 is circulating? It is important to assess the vaccination status of all children and adolescents at each patient visit to avoid missed opportunities for vaccination and ensure timely vaccine catch-up. All vaccines due or overdue should be administered according to the recommended CDC immunization schedules during that visit, unless a specific contraindication exists, to provide protection as soon as possible and minimize the number of healthcare visits needed to complete vaccination.

Due to COVID-19 in my community, many children in my practice missed well-child visits or were seen only on a telemedicine visit and need to be caught up on recommended vaccinations. How do we tackle this problem?

Begin by identifying children who have missed well-child visits and/or recommended vaccinations and contact them to schedule in-person appointments. Consider starting with newborns, infants up to 24 months, young children, and extending through adolescence. Consider the following strategies:

- Use a recall/reminder system or other vaccination assessment tools in your data immunization information system (IDS) or electronic health record to identify and notify children in need of catch-up vaccinations.
- Assess immunization status at every visit and provide all vaccinations due or overdue.
- Consider standing orders to simplify the process of vaccination. Templates are available here: www.immunize.org/standing-orders/
- Follow the CDC catchup schedule to get children up to date on vaccination as efficiently as possible: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imls/catchup.html#guidance

www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_covid19.asp

Coming soon!
New webpage on Vaccination during COVID-19
Key vaccination resources

- Foundation for building and sustaining vaccination skills
- Tools for staying up to date
- References for specific clinical situations
- 5 pages

New at immunize.org

New at immunize.org

Adolescent Vaccination information

- New gateway page to IAC educational materials & resources
- Includes links to partner resources

www.immunize.org/adolescent-vaccination
New at immunize.org

Flu vaccine promotion

- Buttons for HCPs
- Stickers for patients
  (similar to "I Voted" stickers)

Flyer: www.immunize.org/adolescent-vaccination
Direct: www.immunize.org/shop/buttons-stickers.asp
Customizable brochures on the benefits of using IIS

- Clinicians
- Pharmacists
- More to come

www.izsummitpartners.org/benefits-of-iis-brochures
New at izsummitpartners.org

2020 National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit Virtual Meeting (slides and recordings available online)

2020 Immunization Excellence Awards

www.izsummitpartners.org/2020-naiis

www.izsummitpartners.org/2020-immunization-excellence-awards
www.immunize.org
Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Update

Rachel Abbey

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Office of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) Update

Jim Daniel
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Update

Michelle Cantu
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Update
Kim Martin
ASTHO Immunization Activities

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
Kim Martin, Director, Immunization

July 20, 2020
VISION

State and territorial health agencies advancing health equity and optimal health for all.

MISSION

To support, equip, and advocate for state and territorial health officials in their work of advancing the public’s health and well-being.
COVID-19 Response at ASTHO

- Working with our members, the CDC, and other federal partners to ensure state agencies have the resources and information they need.
ASTHO COVID-19 Materials

- Communication
- Community Mitigation
- Contact Tracing
- Law and Policy
- Recovery
- Special Populations
- Supply Chain
- Testing and Screening

https://www.astho.org/COVID-19/
Vaccine Specific ASTHO COVID-19 Materials

- ASTHO/AIM developed a co-branded COVID-19 planning checklist for state health officials.

- ASTHO has also developed materials regarding the upcoming fall season:
  - A recent blog on the recent drop in routine vaccination rates.
  - A recent podcast to help state health officials prepare for the upcoming flu season and improve vaccination rates before school starts.
• ASTHO is working with federal agencies and partners to prepare and plan for the upcoming vaccine implementation.

• ASTHO developed guiding principles for congressional consideration.
Vaccine Hesitancy: Tools for State Health Officials when Communicating with Decision Makers

• Vaccine hesitancy barriers:
  • Myths (autism)
  • Individual freedoms (strong views on personal and individual freedoms)
  • Anti-vaccine mobilization (anti-vaccine groups overwhelm vaccine hesitant populations)
  • Avoid vaccine legislation (lawmakers may be afraid to propose legislation)

• Resources (proposed):
  • One-page message “kit”
  • Toolkit (three pages)
Questions

• [www.astho.org/COVID-19/](http://www.astho.org/COVID-19/)
• [preparedness@astho.org](mailto:preparedness@astho.org)
American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) Update

Rebecca Coyle
National Meeting Update
AIRA National Meeting: Postponed

New Dates, Same Location

- August 3 – 5, 2021
- Portland, Oregon
Upcoming AIRO Webinar Series

Select AIRO 2020 National Meeting Presentations
Virtually Advancing IIS Together

- Tuesdays, August 4 through September 22
- 3:00-4:00 PM ET

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Webinar Series Topics

- CDC Panel Discussion
- IZ Gateway
- Data Quality
- Data Use
- Working with End Users
- IIS Operations & Security
- Global Perspectives
- Measurement and Improvement

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Thank you!
AIRA’s Response to COVID-19
AIRA COVID Workgroup

**Purpose:** provide input into CDC’s vaccine monitoring and assessment plans for COVID-19, including CDC’s vaccine administration management system and the communication for related stakeholders

AIRA is the convener of this workgroup

This is an opportunity to leverage community expertise and provide feedback to help make this the best tool it can be
SnapShots

- Role of IIS in pandemic response
- Available in the AIRA repository now
Immunization in the Time of COVID

- AIRA-AIM joint Education Steering Committee webinar
- Supporting high levels of immunization coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Recording and slides are available in the AIRA repository

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Resources

- AIRA and partner resources
- One-Sheets
  - Tips for IIS: Preparing for a COVID-19 Vaccination
  - IIS Policies to Support Pandemic and Routine Vaccination
- Email info@immregistries.org with how AIRA can best support you during this time
AIRA Board of Director Elections
Elections

• AIRA received a record number of director nominations – thank you!

• Ballot will include
  • Electing 3 IIS directors and 1 non-IIS director
  • Bylaws amendment proposal
Elections Timeline

- **July 23 – August 12:** Elections period for voting members
- **August 12, 2:30pm ET:** Annual election meeting for voting members
- **August 13:** Announce election results
- **October 1:** Board year begins
Measurement & Improvement

- Submission and Acknowledgment Validation
  - July 7: Town hall meeting
  - Comments were collected through Friday, July 17
Added to the Repository

- Vaccine Code Set Considerations: If Only It Were Rocket Science
- MIROW Principles and Business Rules Reports
Upcoming Partner Meetings

• Quarterly schedule
• Register for remaining 2020 meeting
  • October 19
• Meeting information and the link to register are listed on our events calendar
AIRA has a new address

• Beginning July 27th AIRA’s new address is:
  1717 Pennsylvania Ave. Suite 1025
  Washington DC 20006

• Membership renewals include the new address – please notify your finance department
Additional Questions?

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Next Meeting: October 19, 2020 at 2 pm ET