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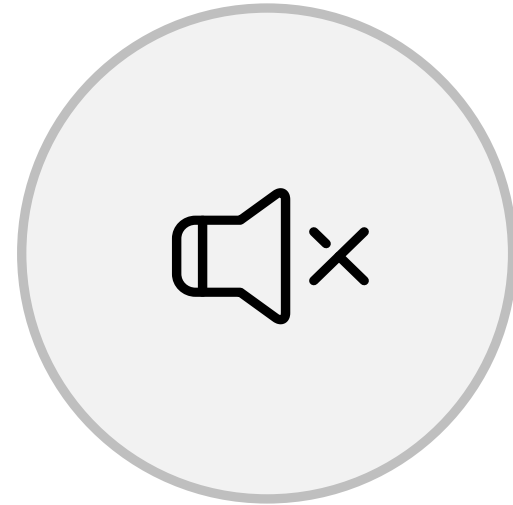
# AIRA Members & Partners Quarterly Meeting

January 25, 2021

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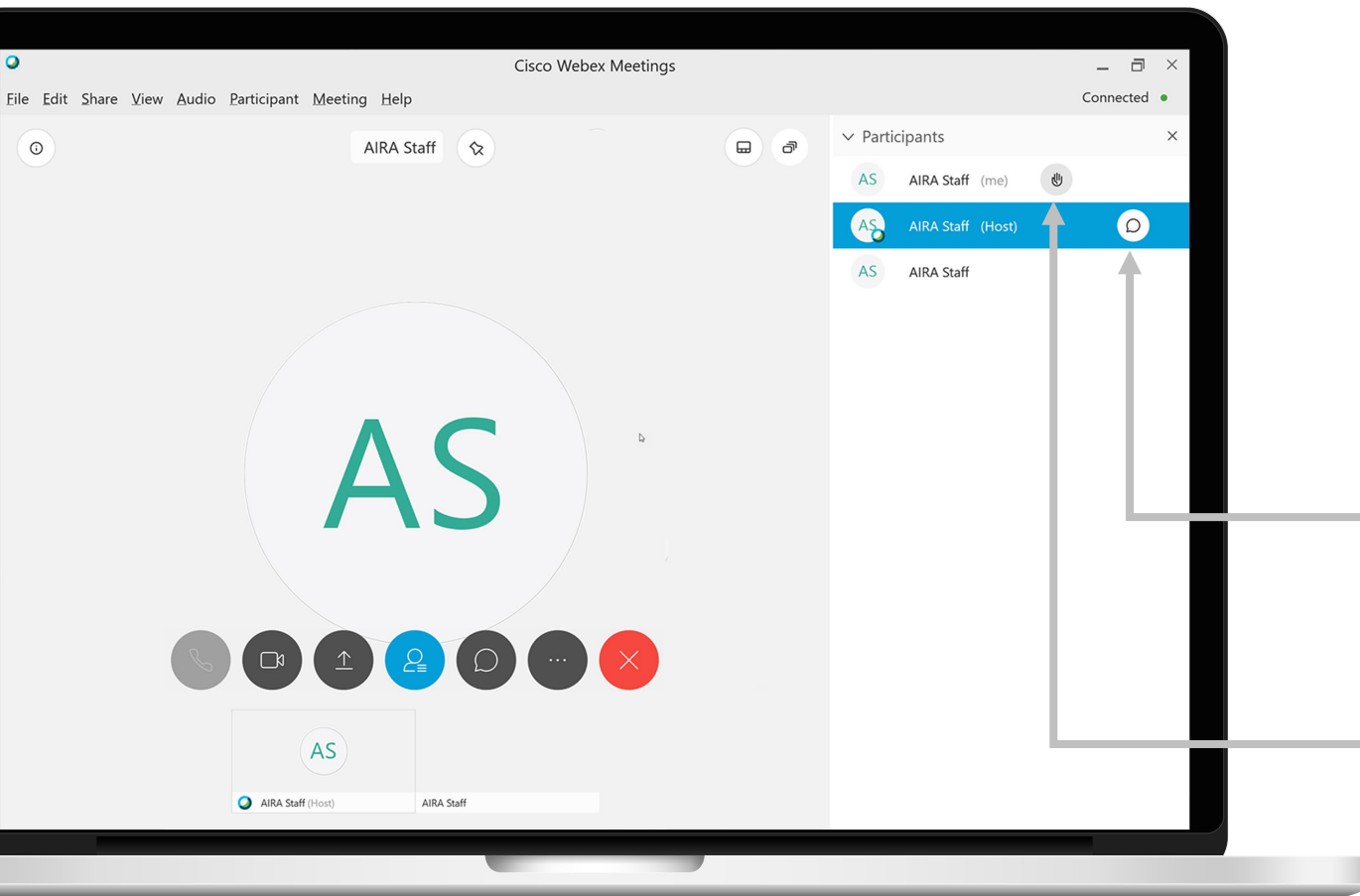
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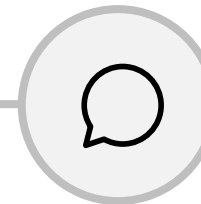


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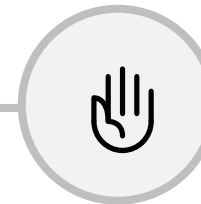


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# American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Update

Dana Bright



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# Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) Update

Claire Hannan



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# AIRA Members & Partners Meeting: January 2021

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JANUARY 25, 2021

# AIM 2020-2021 Goals/Objectives

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- **Goal/Objectives**
  - Support AIM members and immunization programs with their COVID-19 vaccination campaign, and catch-up on routine vaccinations
  - Advocate/educate for COVID vaccine campaign needs
  - Collaborate with stakeholders to increase the success of COVID vaccination campaign

# Recent and Upcoming Activities

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- **Activities to Support**

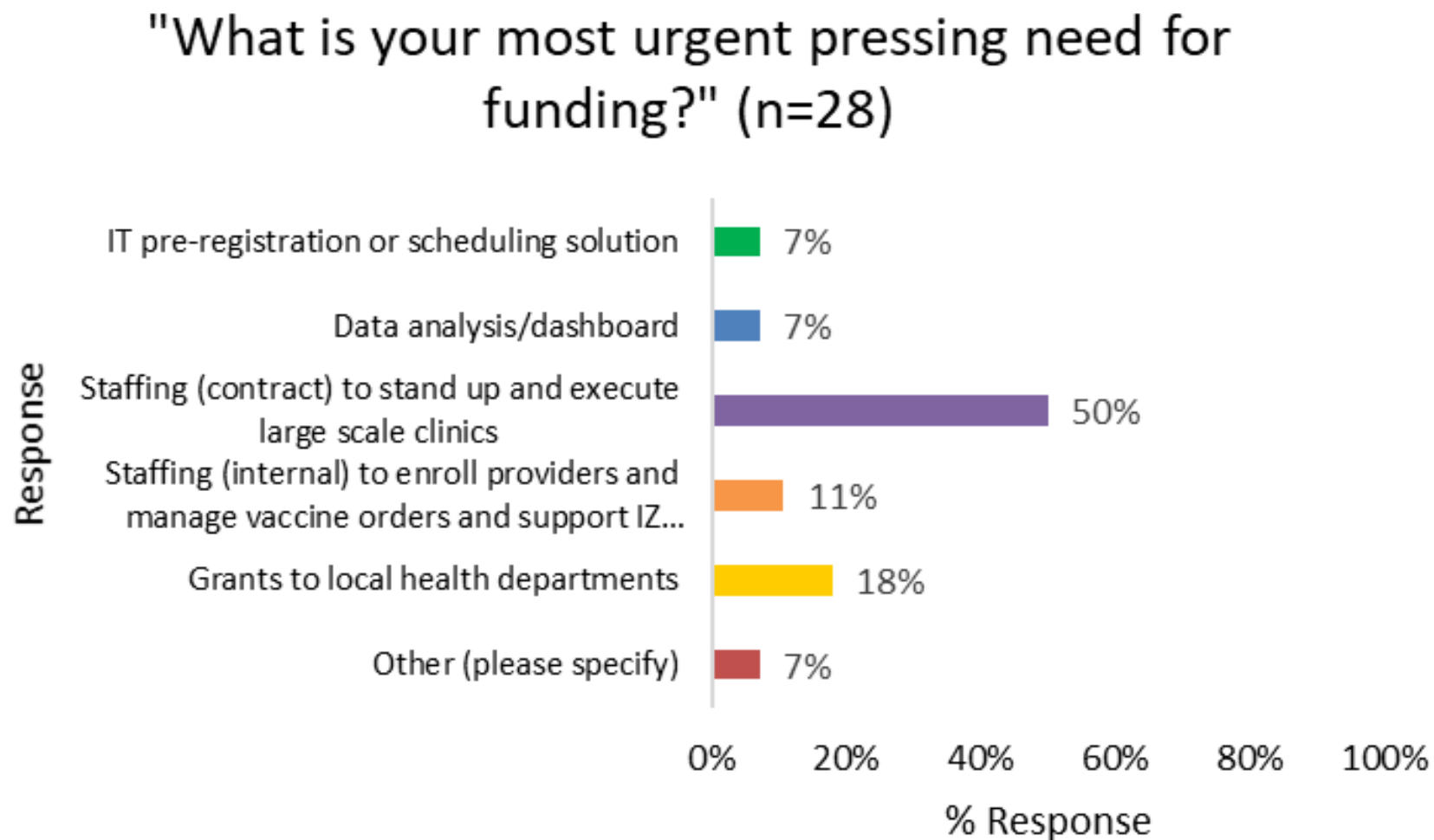
- Create space and opportunity for discussion: AIM Influenza/COVID-19 + Preparedness Committee, AIM Peer Connects, AIM General Membership Webinars, etc.
- Advocate at a national level for funding
- REACH Project:
  - AIM is supporting 36 community health programs that are CDC REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) flu recipients to increase influenza vaccination rates for 2020-2021 season
  - Publishing a weekly REACH Newsletter to capture best practices for increasing flu vaccination rates
- Developed talking points regarding mRNA vaccine technology with CommunicateHealth
- State immunization legislation tracking
  - Identify key issues in immunization legislation (ex. Mandates related to COVID-19 vaccine, etc.)

# Immunization Landscape

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- **Immunization Funding: \$3 billion awarded to immunization programs on 01/15/21.**
  - \$3 billion IN TOTAL was awarded to the 64 jurisdictions last week
  - Guidance on the funding was released this week.
  - Budgets and Workplans are due to CDC within 45 days of NOA.

# AIM Situational Awareness Survey (12/30/21)



# Related to AIRA and IIS

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- **Activities:**

- Working with Pew Charitable Trust to identify successes and challenges with immunization data and Immunization Information Systems

- **Key issues for the near future:**

- Sustainability: How do we work towards data modernization, interstate data exchange, and investment in IIS from lessons learned so far from COVID-19 pandemic?

# Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) Update

Bill Brand



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# Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) Update

Laurel Wood



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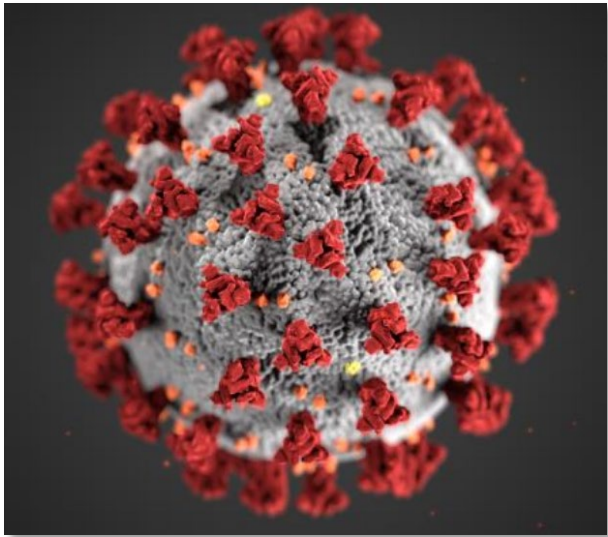


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## IAC Update

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January 25, 2021



# IAC's COVID-19 Resources



## Mass Vaccination Resources

### Resources for Developing Mass Vaccination Clinics

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Are you aware of additional resources or guidance documents that should be considered for inclusion in this listing? Please send information about additional resources to [info@mass-vaccination-resources.org](mailto:info@mass-vaccination-resources.org).

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11/18/20	131	Parent Instructional Video on Curbside Flu Clinic	Atlanta Pediatric Partners	Video	Flu	I, C	CS
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09/15/20	127	Back to School Vaccine Clinic Operations	Immunize NV	Toolkit	Not specified	I, C, T, A	S, WT
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Guidance from CDC about COVID-19 vaccines is evolving rapidly. To ensure access to the most current guidance, Ask the Experts answers connect our readers directly to vaccine resources provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). For alerts about new IAC or CDC COVID-19 resources, subscribe to our weekly newsletter, *IAC Express*.

## Disease Issues

### What is COVID-19?

COVID-19 is the name given to the disease caused by infection with the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. This new virus was first detected as a cause of human illness in late 2019 in Wuhan, China, and triggered a global pandemic in 2020. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

The incubation period after exposure ranges from 2–14 days, with an average of about 5 days. People with COVID-19 are generally considered infectious up to 48 hours before symptom onset through 10 days after onset, though people with severe illness may be infectious longer. Severity ranges from asymptomatic infection to severe illness. Symptoms may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

### Where can I find answers to more clinical questions about COVID-19 disease, diagnosis, treatment and care of patients?

The CDC has assembled clinical questions and answers at this site: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html).

## Vaccine Recommendations

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### Where can I find current COVID-19 vaccine recommendations?

The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has published recommendations for mRNA COVID-19 vaccines that have received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Until vaccine supplies are sufficient, the ACIP also has issued recommendations for prioritizing recipients based upon either risk of serious outcomes or risk of occupational exposure. All ACIP COVID-19 vaccine recommendations can be accessed here: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/vacc-specific/covid-19.html).

In addition to ACIP recommendations for the use of these vaccines, CDC has published important interim clinical considerations for vaccination of eligible recipients: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/clinical-considerations.html).

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[www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts\\_cov.asp](http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_cov.asp)

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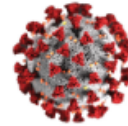
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Talking about Vaccines

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## Vaccines: COVID-19

- This page provides links to key COVID-19 vaccine resource pages from IAC, CDC, and other partners.
- For the most current COVID-19 vaccine information, subscribe to IAC's weekly e-newsletter, *IAC Express*.
- For information about routine and catch-up vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit IAC's [Vaccination and COVID-19](#) page.



### MORE VACCINES

Anthrax	HPV	Pertussis	Rubella
COVID-19	Influenza	PCV	Smallpox
Diphtheria	Measles	PPSV	Tetanus
Hepatitis A	MenACWY	Polio	Varicella
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### Key COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

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### SUBSCRIBE

**IAC Express** provides new and updated COVID-19 and immunization information every week

### Partner Resources

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccination \(CDC\)](#) [main page]

**World Health Organization (WHO)**

- [COVID-19 Vaccines](#) [main page]

**Food & Drug Administration (FDA)**

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[www.immunize.org/covid-19](http://www.immunize.org/covid-19)

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### ➔ Information about COVID-19 Vaccine Products

#### General product information

- COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines - What Clinic Personnel Need to Know (IAC) [pdf]
- U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information

#### Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA)

- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (CDC)
- Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Administering Vaccine – Pfizer-BioNTech [pdf]
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: Quick Access to Important Information (Pfizer-BioNTech)

#### Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA)

- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (CDC)
- Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Administering Vaccine – Moderna [pdf]
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (Moderna) [pdf]

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## COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines



## What Clinic Personnel Need to Know



	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna
<b>Product</b>	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (BNT162b2)	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (mRNA-1273)
<b>Vaccine type</b>	mRNA (messenger RNA)	mRNA (messenger RNA)
<b>Age indication</b>	16 years of age and older	18 years of age and older
<b>Basic information</b>	<p><b>CDC Resources:</b> Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Overview <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/index.html">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/pfizer/index.html</a></p> <p>ACIP Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950e2.htm?cid=mm6950e2_w">www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6950e2.htm?cid=mm6950e2_w</a></p> <p><b>Pfizer-BioNTech Resources:</b> Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine website <a href="https://www.cvdvaccine-us.com">www.cvdvaccine-us.com</a></p>	<p><b>CDC Resources:</b> Moderna COVID-19 Overview <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/index.html">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/moderna/index.html</a></p> <p>ACIP Interim Recommendation for Use of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm695152e1.htm?cid=mm695152e1_w">www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm695152e1.htm?cid=mm695152e1_w</a></p> <p><b>Moderna Resources:</b> Moderna COVID-19 vaccine website <a href="https://www.modernabx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/">www.modernabx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/providers/</a></p>
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<b>Minimum shipment</b>	975 doses (195 multidose vials)	100 doses (10 multidose vials)

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# COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines – What Clinic Personnel Need to Know

- 5-page summary
- Side-by-side comparison of 2 mRNA COVID-19 vaccines
- Includes information and/or links for:
  - storage & handling
  - preparation & administration
  - coding
  - etc.

[www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3210.pdf](https://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3210.pdf)

# “I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine” Buttons & Stickers



- Developed by IAC, with support from CDC
- Original distribution (*1 million buttons and 10 million stickers*) only through jurisdictions
- Soon to be available for order at nominal cost (similar to our flu vaccine buttons)
- Watch for announcements in *IAC Express*

## WEEKLY EMAIL NEWS AND INFORMATION

IAC Express keeps you informed about new and updated vaccine recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and new vaccine licensures by the Food and Drug Administration. You'll read about newly posted Vaccine Information Statements and their translations, new immunization education materials from IAC, and the latest resources released from CDC and other organizations.



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- IAC offers a collection of its new COVID-19 vaccine resources for healthcare personnel
- "Learning from Errors with the New COVID-19 Vaccines" published by Institute for Safe Medication Practices
- COVID-19 vaccines should not be withheld from pregnant or lactating individuals who meet criteria for vaccination, recommends ACOG
- "Allergic Reactions including Anaphylaxis after Receipt of the First Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine—United States, December 14–23, 2020" published in *MMWR*
- HHS releases new HPV vaccination campaign for young adults ages 18–26 years
- Two additional universities require flu vaccination for staff and students. Do you know of more?
- Flu activity remains unusually low, but don't take chances; make sure all of your patients get vaccinated against influenza
- IAC experts called on by news media
- Not-to-miss immunization articles in the news

#### IAC Handouts

- Reminder: IAC publishes "COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines – What Clinic Personnel Need to Know," a side-by-side comparison of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines

#### Featured Resources

- Updated 65+ Flu Defense website offers resources for healthcare professionals serving older adults
- In IAC's "Video of the Week," Dr. Anthony Fauci and leaders of healthcare organizations answer questions about COVID-19 vaccine logistics
- It's still flu season! Order bright red "FLU VACCINE" buttons and stickers today!
- IAC's "History through Film" web page features public television documentary about 30 years of IAC titled "Protecting Health: Saving Lives." Please share.

#### Education and Training

- Ad Council and COVID Collaborative will host a briefing on their COVID-19 vaccine education campaign on January 21

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# Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Update

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

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# NACCHO Update: Immunization and COVID-19 Response

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**Senior Program Analyst, Immunization**

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# Immunization Program Activities

**NACCHO**  
National Association of County & City Health Officials

[FACT SHEET]  
June 2018

**Immunization at NACCHO: Reinforcing the Power of Vaccination to Protect Public Health**

**The Role of Local Health Departments: Connecting Communities to Services**

Vaccines are one of the most successful and cost-effective ways to protect against infectious diseases and death. Local health departments (LHDs) play a critical role in providing and connecting people in their communities with immunization services and counseling. These local agencies work with public and private sector physicians and other stakeholders to assure effective immunization practices, disease surveillance and reporting, education and outreach, and program oversight. Nearly all LHDs provide immunization services, with 90% providing services for adults and 88% providing services for children (see Figure 1).

Immunization is one of the safest public health measures available, with an unparalleled record of disease reduction and prevention. Still, efforts to promote vaccination are needed more now than ever. With a resurgence of diseases such as measles and mumps and emerging domestic and global health threats such as influenza, LHDs can increase vaccine access to ensure people in their communities stay safe and healthy.

**The Role of NACCHO: Supporting Local Health Department Efforts**

NACCHO facilitates coordination among the nation's nearly 3,000 LHDs through the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control program, which manages communications, outreach, technical assistance, and training resources for a nationwide network of infectious disease professionals who work in immunization, HIV/STI, and other infectious disease programs at LHDs.

NACCHO's Immunization program is committed to helping LHDs increase their capacity to prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases and meet nationally established immunization standards. As the national voice for LHDs, NACCHO ensures that members have input on federal immunization policies and guidance. Further, NACCHO staff and workgroup representatives provide critical representation on leading immunization coalitions and committees such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Department of Health and Human Services' National Vaccine Advisory Committee, and the Adult Vaccine Access Coalition.

**FIGURE 1. TRENDS IN IMMUNIZATION**

Category	Percentage
90% of local health departments provide adult immunizations	90%
88% of local health departments provide child immunizations	88%
85% of local health departments have implemented an immunization registry	85%
84% of local health departments have billed a third-party payer for immunization services	84%


Source: NACCHO's 2013 and 2016 National Profiles of Local Health Departments

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July 2020

**Local Public Health: An Integral Partner for Increasing Vaccine Confidence**

Vaccines remain the best defense against infectious diseases and play a vital role in protecting the health of individuals and the communities in which they live. Due to the development of safe and effective vaccines, immunization is one of the most successful and safest public health measures available to populations worldwide, with an unparalleled record of disease reduction and prevention. In the United States, relatively high immunization rates for many recommended vaccines have led to the near elimination of several vaccine-preventable diseases and significant reductions in mortality. Our nation's robust, scientifically-based vaccine safety system carefully studies, evaluates, and monitors vaccine safety and efficacy. Despite the success and strong safety record of vaccines, vaccine hesitancy continues to pose a significant public health threat by producing an environment where vaccine-preventable diseases can spread quickly from person-to-person among under-/un-immunized individuals and communities.



**What is Vaccine Confidence?**

Vaccine confidence is defined as the trust that parents, patients, or providers have in recommended vaccines; providers who administer vaccines; and processes and policies that lead to vaccine development, licensure, manufacturing, and recommendations for use.<sup>1</sup> In contrast to vaccine confidence, vaccine hesitancy is defined as the delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccination services.<sup>2</sup>

Vaccine confidence is a complex concept largely dictated by an individual's personal experiences, attitudes and beliefs towards vaccines and potential risks, trust and confidence in their healthcare professional, sources for health information, and many other potential confounding factors. Vaccine hesitancy occurs on a continuum ranging from an individual's total acceptance of all vaccines to total refusal of all vaccines (Figure 1). In an assessment of the state of vaccine confidence in the United States, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee's (NVAC) Vaccine Confidence Work Group noted that although vaccine acceptance remains relatively high and stable, data on school exemptions, vaccination delays and declinations, and perspectives of parents, healthcare providers and public health workers indicate that there is room for improvement in building confidence to maintain

**Vaccine Hesitancy Continuum**


**Figure 1. Vaccine Hesitancy Continuum, from the World Health Organization's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts**

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**AWARDS & RECOGNITION, IMMUNIZATION**

**NACCHO Selects Local Health Departments to Participate in Project to Address Vaccine Hesitancy**

Dec 16, 2020 | Amy Frandsen



— Local Health Departments in Florida, Iowa, and Washington State Received Awards —

**Washington, DC, December 14, 2020** - The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), the voice of the country's nearly 3,000 local health departments, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has selected three local health departments (LHDs) to participate in the Equipping Local Health Departments to Address Vaccine Hesitancy project. This project will provide LHDs with the resources to address vaccine hesitancy in at-risk populations or under-vaccinated communities. This will include providing one additional staff in the LHD dedicated to addressing vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, building partnerships with other local organizations, and identifying areas of need to improve vaccine confidence.

Local health department awardees for the project are:

- Florida Department of Health in Manatee County, FL
- Linn County Public Health, IA
- Public Health - Seattle & King County, WA

The main activities of the project include working with a consultant staff member to assess areas of vaccine hesitancy and identify ways to improve vaccine confidence in their counties as well as building partnerships between local public health and other local organizations to address vaccine hesitancy.

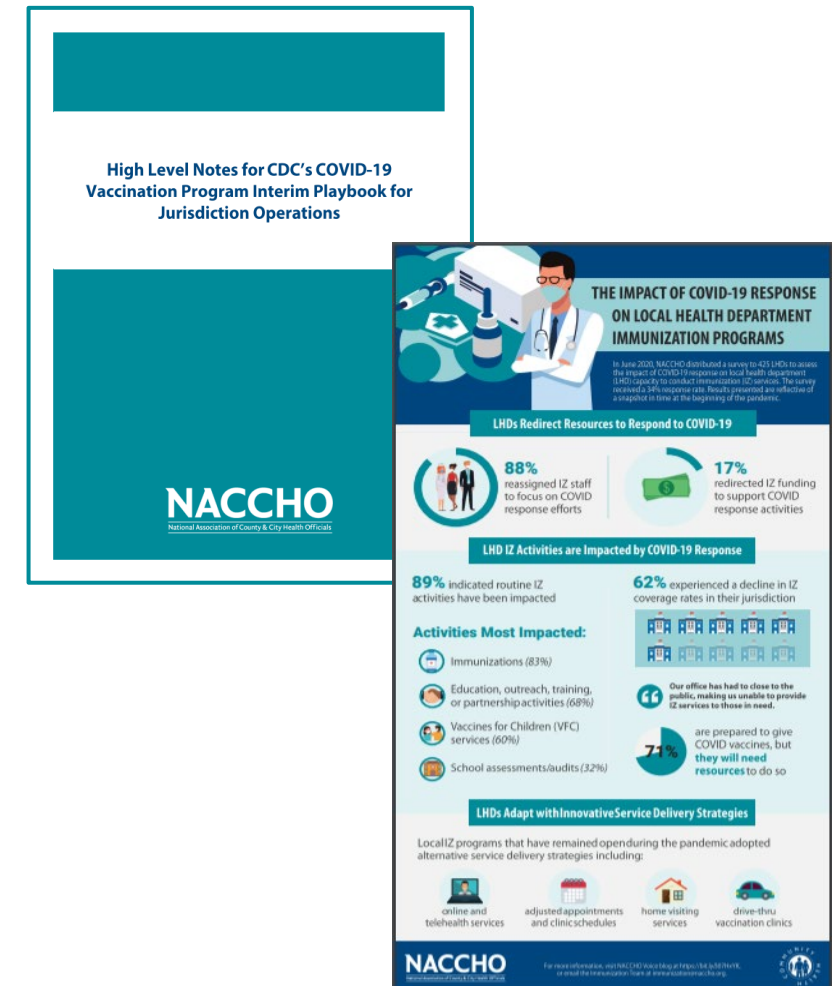
## Immunization Program

## Local Public Health Initiatives to Increase Vaccine Confidence

## Equipping Local Health Departments to Address Vaccine Hesitancy

# NACCHO COVID-19 Vaccine Response Efforts

- Impact of COVID-19 Response on Local Health Department Immunization Programs
- High Level Notes for Jurisdiction Operations/Local Plan Collection
- Policy Statements and Letters
- *Story from the Field*: Innovative Ways to Maintain Immunization Coverage During a Pandemic
- COVID-19 Immunization webinar series
  - Immunization in a Time of COVID-19
  - COVID-19: Vaccination Planning and Local Health Departments
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook and Planning for Local Health Departments
  - Vaccine Administration Planning: Drive-thru Clinics and Other Innovative Ideas
  - The Impact of COVID-19 on School Re-opening
  - Technology Approaches to Managing COVID-19 Vaccine
  - Engaging Communities to Increase Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines
  - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Training and Education
  - Understanding Diverse Communities to Support Equitable and Informed COVID-19 Vaccine Decision Making



# NACCHO COVID-19 Vaccine Response Efforts



## Funding Opportunity:

### ***Supporting Local Health Departments to Increase Vaccine Uptake through COVID-19***

- Fund up to 15 LHD sites at up to \$25,000 each.
- Application deadline: January 29, 2021; 11:59 pm PT
- RFA available at:  
[https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Vaccine-Uptake-RFA\\_Final\\_deadline-extended\\_210119\\_182408.pdf](https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Vaccine-Uptake-RFA_Final_deadline-extended_210119_182408.pdf)

## Webinar:

### ***Increasing Vaccination Coverage Among Racial and Ethnic Groups: Lessons Learned from CDC's REACH Program***

- Tuesday, January 26 @ 3:00 pm ET
- Registration available at:  
[https://naccho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hyrC6UX0QyO97YL1u9UMsw](https://naccho.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hyrC6UX0QyO97YL1u9UMsw)

# Questions?

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<https://www.naccho.org/programs/community-health/infectious-disease/immunization>

# Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Update

Kim Martin



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# ASTHO Immunization Activities

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Kim Martin, Director, Immunization

Jan. 25, 2021

# ASTHO COVID-19 MATERIALS

- Continue to expand our COVID-19 materials. Found here: <https://www.astho.org/COVID-19/>
- Plan to have a new podcast to describe COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

## COVID-19: SIMPLE ANSWERS TO TOP QUESTIONS

RISK COMMUNICATION FIELD GUIDE  
QUESTIONS AND KEY MESSAGES

### A National Plan to Enable Comprehensive COVID-19 Case Finding and Contact Tracing in the US

COVID-19 

#### Issue Brief

#### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Shortages: Considerations for Donation Management and Homemade Equipment

March 25, 2020 (Updated as of 9 p.m. ET)

#### OVERVIEW

On March 17, CDC issued [guidance](#) for optimizing the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) in response to shortages connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC's guidance indicates homemade masks should only be used as a last resort and in combination with a face shield. To address these shortages, state and territorial health agencies have implemented donation management procedures and provided guidance for the use of homemade masks. Below are policy examples and resources state and territorial health leaders can consult as they craft strategies in their own jurisdictions.

#### STATE AND TERRITORIAL POLICY ACTIONS

Health agencies are actively seeking PPE donations and issuing guidance regarding homemade masks:

- **Connecticut** [activated](#) a framework for PPE donations through the state's 2-1-1 system.
- The **Tennessee** Department of Military [established](#) a donation management system.
- **Texas** [unveiled](#) an online portal allowing people to provide leads on PPE and make donations.
- **Rhode Island** and **Utah** have developed forms for cataloguing prospective PPE donations.
- **New York state** is [requesting](#) that all PPE providers sell non-essential PPE products to the state.
- **Illinois** is [accepting](#) unopened PPE donations for first responders.
- **Washington state** healthcare workers [launched](#) a PPE donation portal.
- Several hospitals are [requesting](#) donations of unused surgical and N95 masks.
- **Arizona**, **Kansas**, **Michigan**, and **Vermont** have issued statements acknowledging their commitment to [CDC's updated guidance](#) regarding homemade PPE.

#### CONSIDERATIONS

State and territorial health agencies may adopt the following strategies to mitigate PPE shortages:

- Implement [measures](#) preserving PPE and ask healthcare facilities to employ PPE prioritization plans, such as those in **Massachusetts** or **Washington state**.
- [Instruct](#) facilities to postpone elective surgery or encourage them to use telehealth practices.
- [Prohibit](#) distribution of PPE without health department knowledge.

## NEW COVID-19 SENIOR LEADERSHIP BOOTCAMP

- Creating a series of virtual learning sessions for state/territorial health officials to help with new information related to COVID-19.
- One of the sessions will focus on data systems and will cover immunizations.

## NEW PROJECT

- Hope to embark on a new project to build on and expand ONC's Program to improve the sharing of health information related to vaccinations.
- Through these collaborations, public health agencies can get additional help tracking and identifying patients who have yet to receive their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and better identify those who may be high-risk who have not yet received a vaccination.
- We plan to work with AIRA and AIM on this project.

# TechXpo

- ASTHO will hold a TechXpo on March 31, from 2-7 pm.
- There will be 4 breakout sessions, one will focus on immunizations.



# American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) Update

Rebecca Coyle



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# AIRA's Response to COVID-19



# Ways AIRA is Supporting Jurisdictions



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Facilitating Answers  
to Policy Questions

Defining and Supporting  
COVID Extracts



# Resources

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### Preparing for a COVID-19 Vaccine One-Sheet

Featured Resource



Issued on May 5, 2020 by AIRA

A national strategy for a novel COVID-19 vaccine rollout is currently being developed. In the interim, there are things that all immunization programs and immunization information systems (IIS) can do to better prepare for pandemic vaccination. This one-sheet ...



### AIRA Discovery Session: H1N1 Lessons Learned, and How They Are Informing the Response to COVID-19

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**Who are we?**  
The American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) exists to support and promote the use of immunization information to ensure healthy communities through the development and implementation of immunization information systems (IIS) as a crucial tool in preventing vaccine-preventable diseases. If you want to know more about us, visit the [About AIRA](#) page.

[Learn More About AIRA's COVID-19 Response](#)

**What can you do on the AIRA website?**

- Check out useful resources like best practice guides, data quality guides, and coverage assessment guides in our [Resource Repository](#).
- Take advantage of great tools and services like the [Aggregate Analysis Reporting Tool \(AART\)](#), the [Message Quality Evaluation \(MQE\) Tool](#), [address cleansing](#), and [technical assistance](#).
- Use these [one-sheet resources](#) to communicate with partners about the role and value of IIS.
- Watch a [webinar](#) or [training video](#) to learn more about important current topics.
- Visit the [Events Calendar](#) to find out what's happening in the community.
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**Upcoming Events**

- Thu Oct 15, 2020  
[MIRROW Steering Committee](#)  
Category: Committees
- Mon Oct 19, 2020  
[AIRA Members & Partners Meeting](#)  
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[AIRA Board Meeting](#)  
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**AIRA 2019 Annual Report**  
Check out the [Annual Report](#) to learn about the amazing work our community accomplished!

**AIRA's COVID Response**  
AIRA is working hard to support our members in this unprecedented time. IIS will be instrumental in the management and distribution of this novel vaccine. Utilizing the existing IIS infrastructure is critical to quickly respond to and support COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

[Click here to learn more about AIRA's COVID-19 response](#)



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<https://repository.immregistries.org/resources/search/covid/>



# Digital Vaccination Records

- Interest is significant
- Focus is on COVID-19 vaccine
- Approached by multiple organizations
- Currently staff are providing subject matter expertise
- SISC - the AIRA Workgroup is aware of the interest

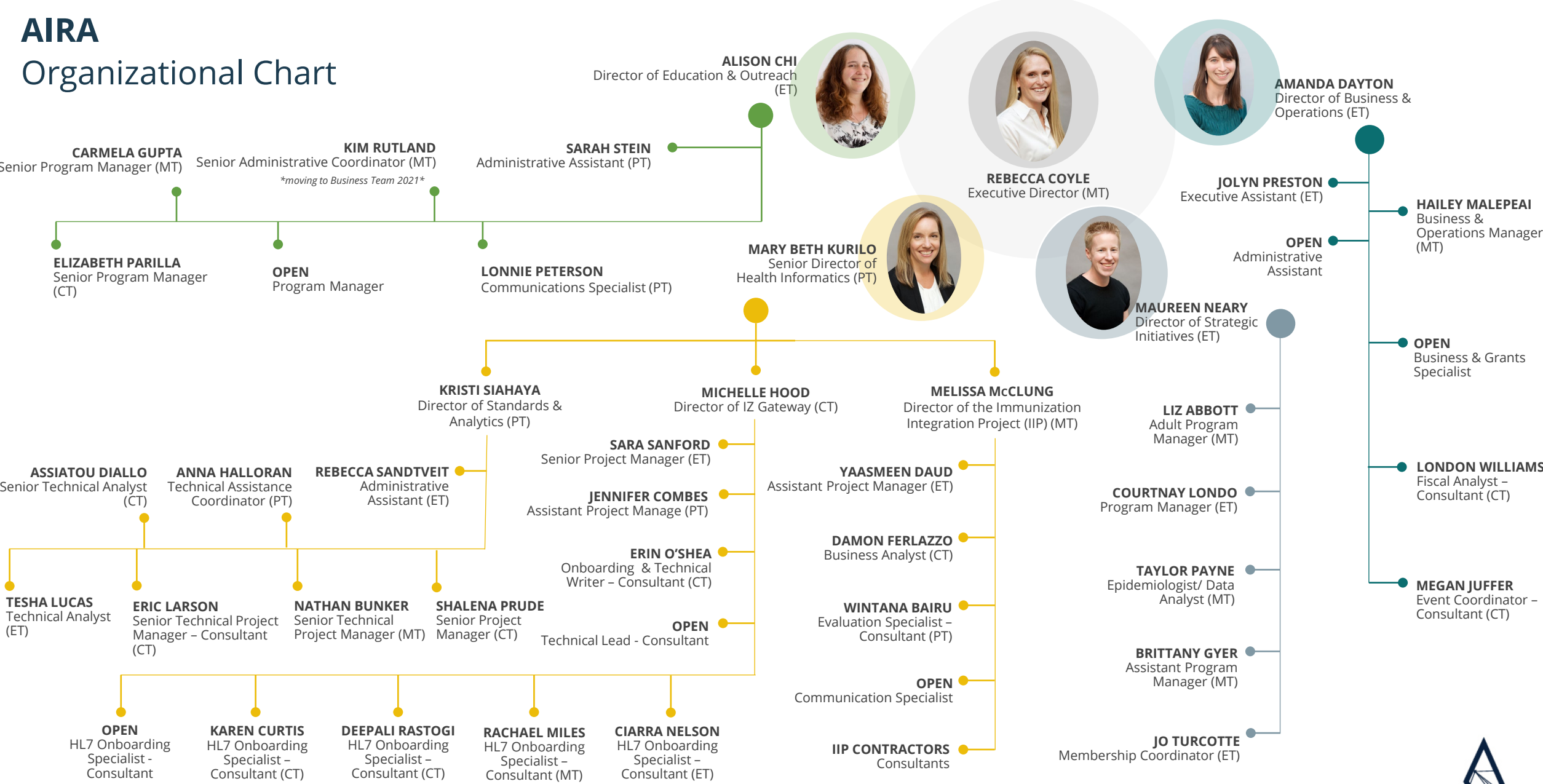


# Staffing Update

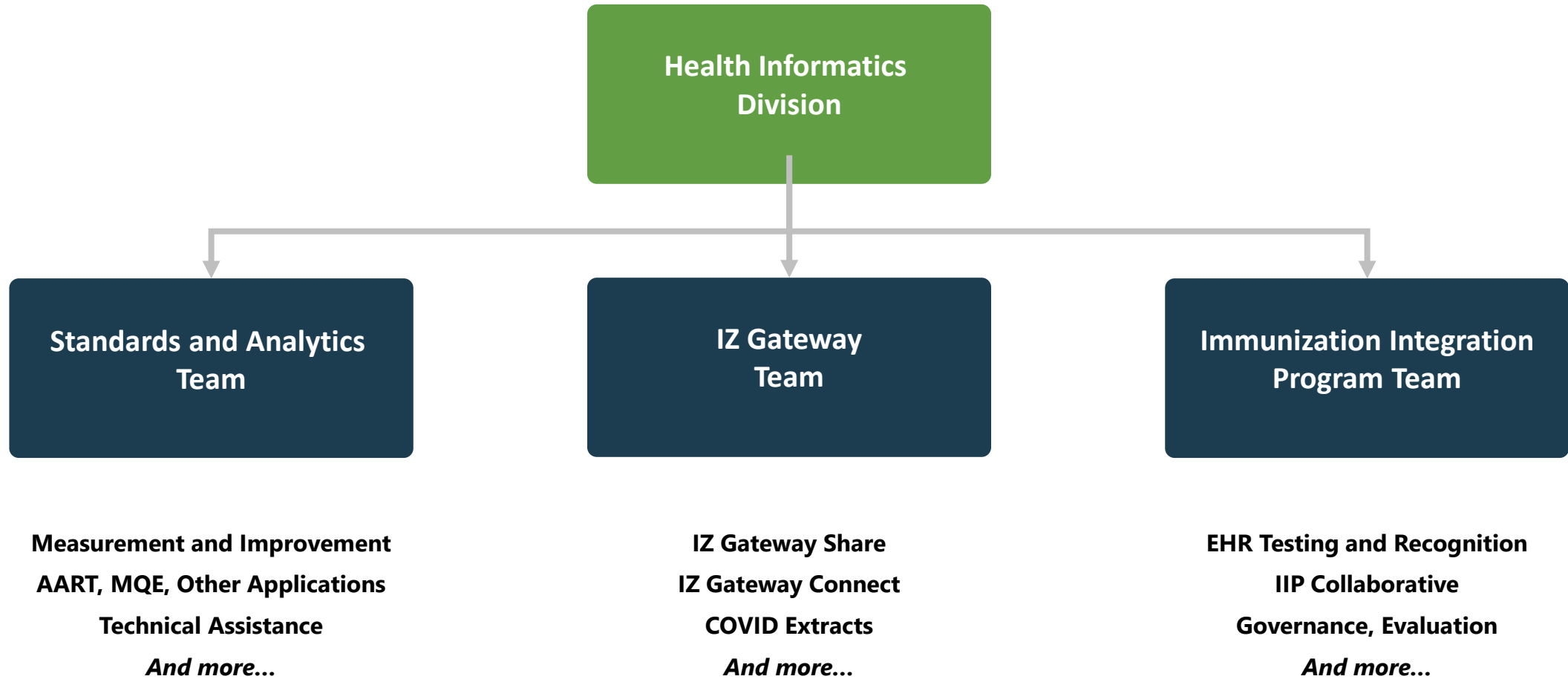


# AIRA

## Organizational Chart



# AIRA's Health Informatics Division is a new entity created to bring together 3 synergistic teams



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Other Updates



# *SnapShots*: Contributors Wanted

March 2021 edition:

- Article deadline is **January 29**
- Send articles to *SnapShots* editor, Katie Reed ([catherine.reed@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:catherine.reed@gainwelltechnologies.com))

Search for ongoing columnists/regular contributors:

- Looking for contributors from across the country/regions
- Interested? Contact Lonnie Peterson ([lpeterson@immregistries.org](mailto:lpeterson@immregistries.org))



# Opportunities to Get Involved

- AIRA Education Survey
  - Take the [survey](#)
- Discovery Session: February 22 at 4 p.m. ET
  - Topic: **Mindfulness**
  - Registration link is coming soon



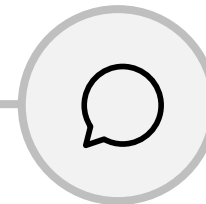
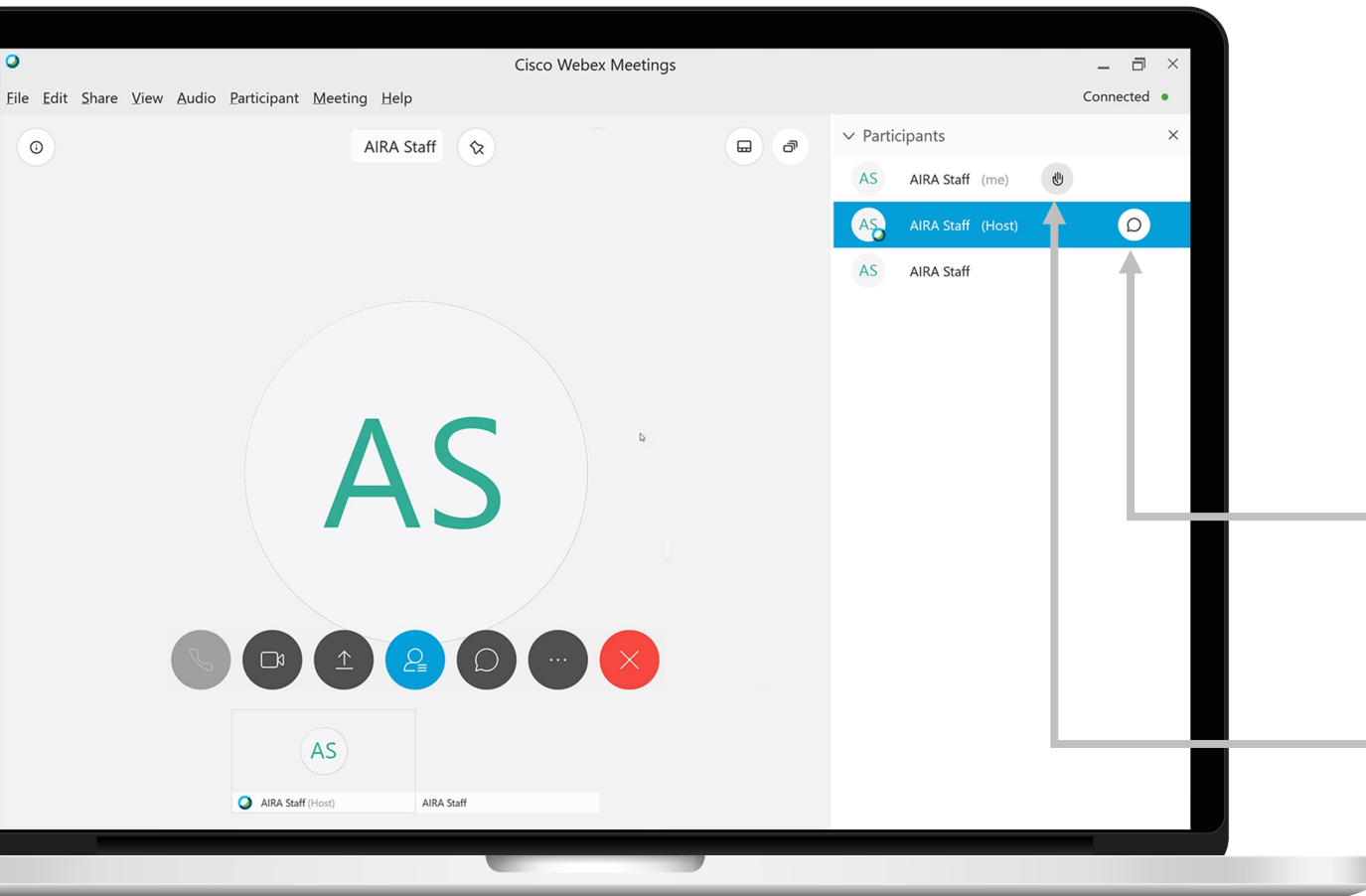
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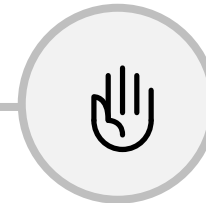
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# Thank you for joining us!

Next Meeting: April 19, 2021 at 2 pm ET

