



# TALKING POINTS

## Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021

The American Immunization Registry Association created these key messages and talking points for you to use as you answer questions or talk about the [Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act](#) with agency leadership, legislators, etc.

### Key Messages:

- The Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act amends the Public Health Service Act with respect to immunization system data modernization, expansion, and more.
- The bill would clearly define the role and expectations of IIS.
- The bill provides \$400 million for modernization and improvement of IIS.
- The bill provides funding for CDC to help jurisdictions modernize their systems.

### Talking Points:

What is the Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act?

- The Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act provides a national framework for IIS operations.
- The framework would provide resources to modernize IIS to better manage routine immunization efforts and enhance their ability to successfully respond to pandemics and outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases.
- The bill was introduced by Representatives Kuster (D-N.H.) and Bucshon (R-Ind.) and has bipartisan support in both the House and Senate.

How much funding is included in the bill?

- The bill provides \$400 million for modernization and improvement of IIS.
  - There is no deadline to spend these funds, which allows a more thoughtful approach to be taken.
  - The bill provides this funding for CDC to help jurisdictions modernize their systems.



- The bill would authorize funding to:
  - Assess current capabilities and gaps among immunization providers
  - Expand enrollment and training of immunization providers
  - Support real-time data exchange and reporting
  - Improve secure data collection, transmission, bidirectional exchange, maintenance, and analysis of immunization information
  - Enhance security of bidirectional exchange and interoperability of IIS with health information technology platforms
  - Enhance data exchange interoperability with other jurisdictions

How will the bill improve and enhance IIS?

- The bill would provide resources and support for:
  - The improvement, enhancement, and expansion of IIS to securely exchange real-time immunization data
  - Real-time data exchange and reporting to quickly identify coverage gaps
  - Efficient enrollment and training of health care providers, including pharmacies and other places that immunizations are given
  - Standardization of IIS to fast-track interoperability with health information technology
  - Adoption of CDC IIS functional standards

How does the bill support IIS during pandemics and outbreaks?

- The bill supports expanding IIS for outbreak response, including the management, distribution, and storage of doses and ancillary supplies.