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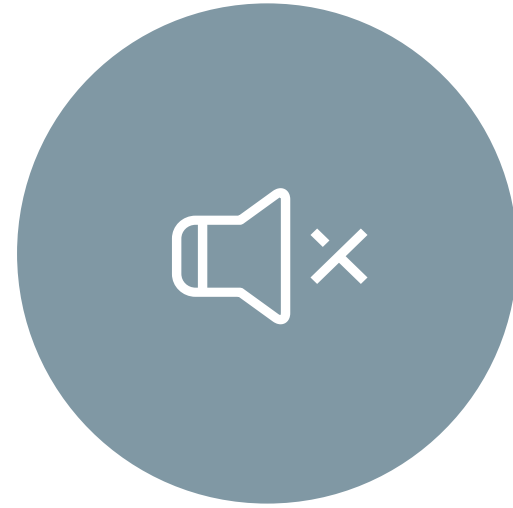
# AIRA Members & Partners Quarterly Meeting

January 29, 2024

# Welcome – Melissa Mickle-Hope, President Elect



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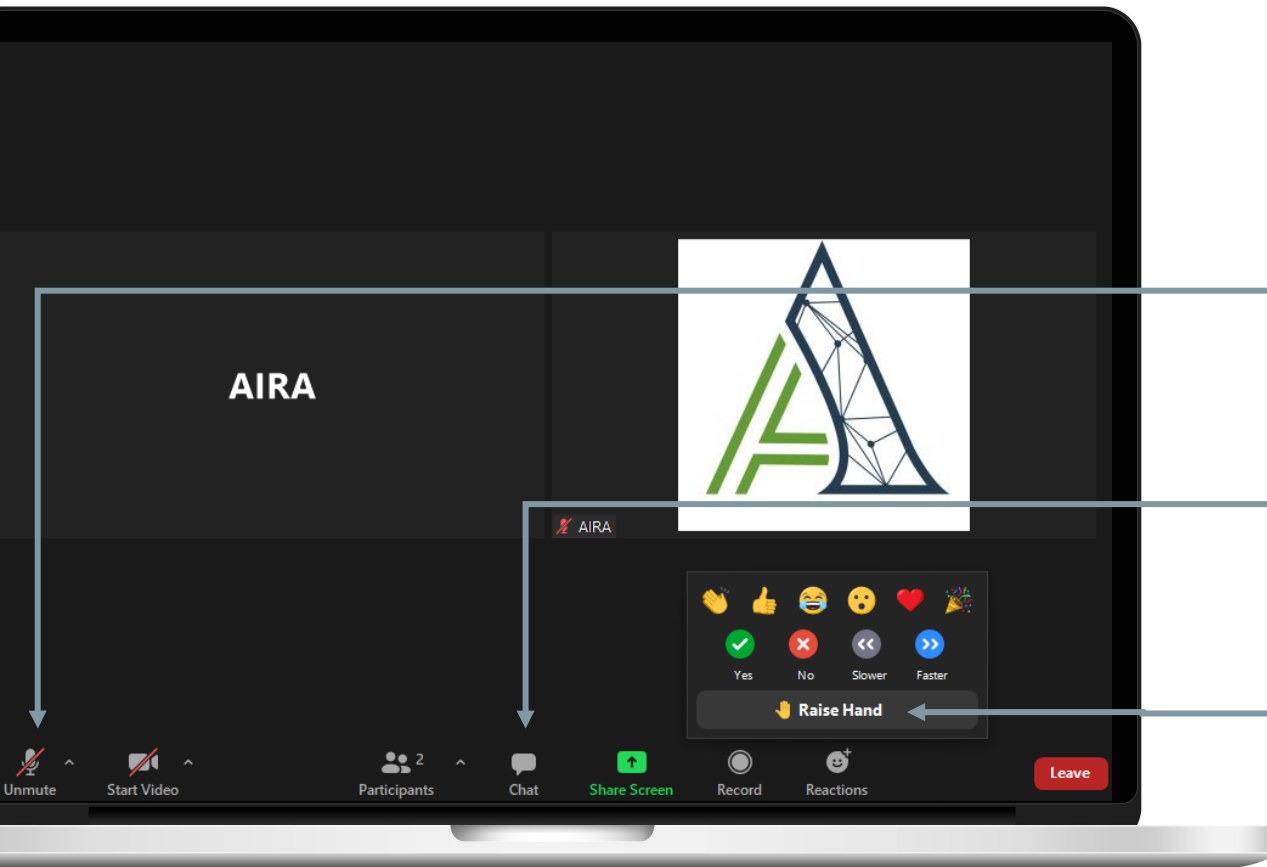
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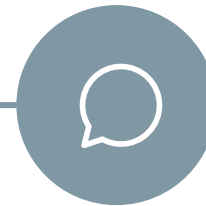
# Welcome – Melissa Mickle-Hope, President Elect

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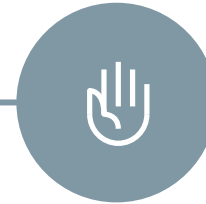
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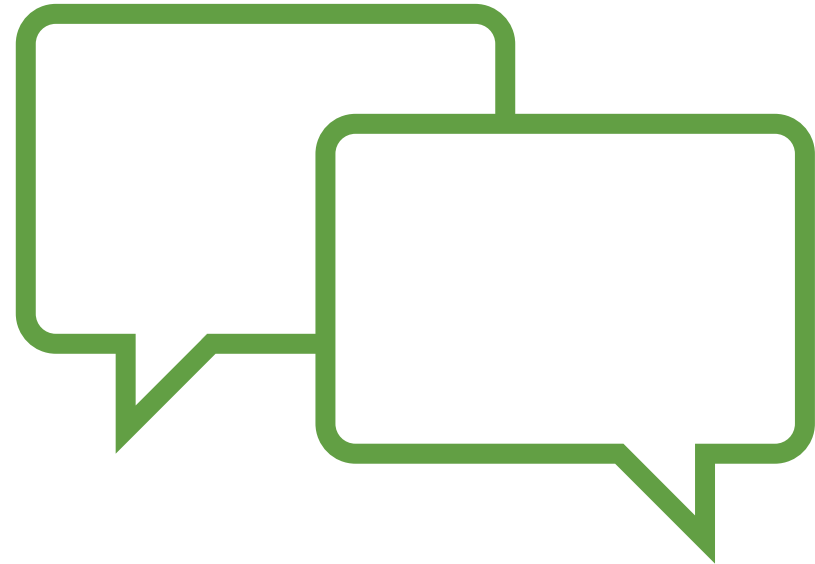


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# Technical Support

If you experience any technical issues during the meeting, please contact **Jo Turcotte** via direct message in the Chat.



# American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) Update

Rebecca Coyle



# Member Perks – Reminder!



- **IIS Measurement and Improvement**

- **Data at Rest (DAR)** to assess data quality at patient and vaccine levels
- **HL7 Patient Matching** to assess IIS ability to match patient records

- **Support**

- Priority **technical assistance** from subject matter experts
- Access to **Smarty address cleansing** and geocoding services

- **Networking and collaboration**

- **HL7 User Group**
  - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month from 2-3PM/ET
- **Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee (SISC)**
  - Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 1-2PM/ET

**Questions?**  
**Looking to get started?**

Email [info@immregistries.org](mailto:info@immregistries.org) or submit  
AIRA's online request form  
([www.immregistries.org/ta-request-form](http://www.immregistries.org/ta-request-form))  
today!



# AIRA at HIMSS24

- AIRA and the IIP will be at HIMSS24, March 11-15th in Orlando
- The IIP, Oracle Health, and ShowMeVax will present "***Improving Immunization Data Quality Through EHR and Public Health Collaboration***", Tuesday, March 12th, 1:30pm ET
- AIRA is hosting a networking lunch, Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm ET
- AIRA is a HIMSS24 Collaborator – use code **H24AIRA** for a discount on registration
- Let us know if you are attending – we'd love to connect!





A woman in a white lab coat is standing in a pharmacy, reaching up to a high shelf to retrieve a box. She is holding a small white card in her other hand. The pharmacy has wooden shelves stocked with various boxes and containers. Large windows in the background let in bright light.

# IIP Key Updates

- New IIP Collaborative Topic – **Pharmacy Immunization Data Exchange**
- Initial work will focus on:
  - Learning the current state of pharmacy immunization functionality and interoperability
  - Understanding challenges and obstacles
  - Identifying current and near-term initiatives and potential opportunities for partnerships, effort alignment
- Email [IIP@immregistries.org](mailto:IIP@immregistries.org) to get involved!



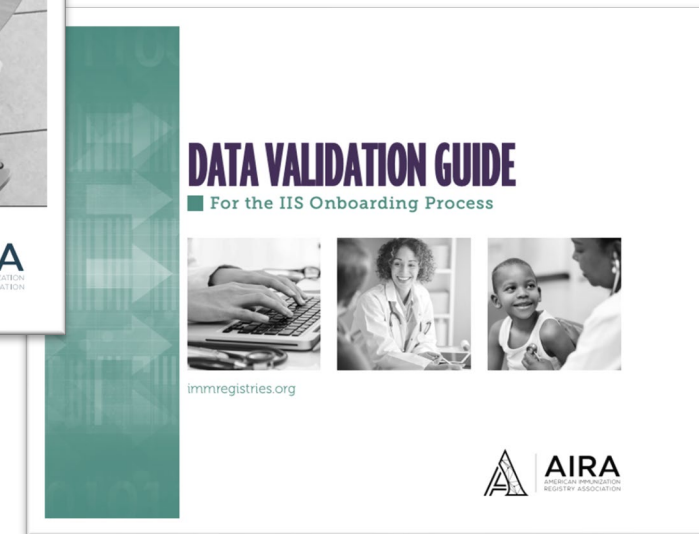
# Provider Organization Onboarding for IIS Course

## Course objectives:

- Build or enhance participants' capacity to conduct onboarding in alignment with best practices
- Support standardization of onboarding processes and documentation across jurisdictions

## This course is not intended to...

- Cover technical HL7 and interoperability topics in depth



# Save the Date for the Spring 2024 Course!

- Course sessions will be held on **Thursdays from 3:00pm-4:15pm ET from March 14<sup>th</sup>-April 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Intended Audience
  - Jurisdictional IIS staff responsible for activities associated with the provider onboarding process
  - Individuals interested in this course should have basic knowledge of Provider Organization Onboarding
- Registration will be open from **February 5<sup>th</sup>-February 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Look for upcoming communication in AIRA weekly update emails!

# AIRA's Resource Development Recommendations Workgroup (RDRW)

- **Purpose of Workgroup**

- To inform the prioritization and approval of topics for the development of guidance, best practices, and other CDC-funded resources developed by AIRA

- **Scope**

- To review new resource topics proposed for development in the next fiscal year and make recommendations to CDC leadership for topics' approval



# Discovery Sessions

## Discovery Sessions

- Average attendance: 100

## Recently Covered:

- IIP Collaborative
- IISAR
- IDEAS Project & HIEs

## Up Next

- **February:** PEW/Mathematica IIS Research
- **March:** IIS Functional Standards



# IIS Manager Meetings

- Space for IIS managers to connect with peers
- Bi-monthly virtual meetings
- Avg attendance: 40 IIS Managers

**July 2023:**

**Reprioritizing  
Work Plan  
Activities**

**September 2023:**

**Medicaid Funding  
to Support IIS**

**November 2023:**

**Provider  
Engagement**

**January 2024:**

**Medicaid Funding  
Part 2**



# Join us for #AIRA2024 in Orlando!



**Speaker Acceptance Notifications:** Monday, January 29

**Early Bird Registration Closes:** Sunday, March 31

[www.airanationalmeeting.org](http://www.airanationalmeeting.org)







# AIRA 2024 National Meeting Keynote Speaker

**Rachel Montañez**

*How to Win Against Burnout and Flourish*





# UNITY

Judy Klein & Kim Wolfe





# UNITY

United for adolescent vaccination

## ***Adolescent Immunization Action Week 2024 (AIAW24) Overview for AIRA***

*January 29, 2024*



# Unity Consortium Disclaimer

UNITY Consortium is a 501(c)3 organization with diverse members and a common objective - to improve adolescent health through a focus on prevention and immunization. The Consortium intends to drive or support efforts to protect adolescents against all vaccine-preventable diseases, as recommended by the CDC. The Consortium does not seek to influence policy.

The UNITY Consortium does not endorse or recommend any commercial products, processes, or services.

This document represents the collective vision and views of the UNITY Consortium members and are not necessarily endorsed by the Consortium members' organizations.





# UNITY Vision and Mission



## VISION

Coverage is 90% or greater  
for all nationally recommended vaccines for  
adolescents and young adults

**MISSION:** Provide action-oriented leadership, innovation and education on preventive health and immunization for adolescents and young adults:



### ESTABLISH

immunization as a central component of preventative health and as an investment in lifelong health



### DEVELOP

healthcare providers as advocates that make strong recommendations for all nationally recommended vaccines



### ENGAGE

parents, adolescents and young adults to embrace the value of immunization



### ENSURE

easy access to and timely delivery of all recommended vaccines





# Unity Members, Liaisons, Partners and Associates







# Adolescent Immunization Action Week (AIAW) is *April 1-5*







# AI AW Audiences and Desired Actions



## Parents/Caregivers

- ✓ Contact adolescent's healthcare provider (HCP) to schedule a vaccination
- ✓ Share with other parents



## Healthcare Providers

- ✓ Reminder/recall to parents of adolescents to schedule needed vaccination appointments
- ✓ Make confident, concise, consistent vaccine recommendations (3Cs)

## Adolescents and Young Adults

- ✓ Ask parent/caregiver to contact their HCP to schedule a vaccination
- ✓ Share with other AYAs







# Theme: Stay on TASK



**T** **TRUST**  
GOOD RESOURCES

**A** **ASK**  
QUESTIONS

**S** **SCHEDULE**  
AN APPOINTMENT

**K** **KNOW**  
WHERE TO GET VACCINATED

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**ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION ACTION WEEK**  
April 1-5  
#AIAW24



# Theme: Usa la CLAVE





**C**ONSULTE  
CON SUS HIJOS SOBRE QUE PREGUNTAS  
TIENEN SOBRE LAS VACUNAS

**L**OCALICEN  
A UN EXPERTO MÉDICO DE CONFIANZA

**A**SISTIR  
A UNA CONSULTA PARA OBTENER RESPUESTAS  
A SUS PREGUNTAS

**V**ACUNAR  
A SU HIJO ES AYUDARLE A PREVENIR RIESGOS  
Y COMPLICACIONES EN EL FUTURO

**E**STEN RECONFORTADOS  
QUE SUS HIJOS ESTARÁN PROTEGIDOS POR MUCHO TIEMPO



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# AI AW24 Daily Themes



Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 3

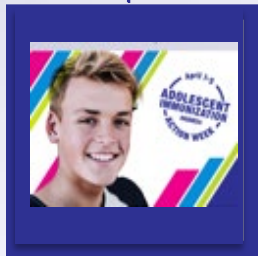
Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

## Trust good resources

Clinton Panel Webinar

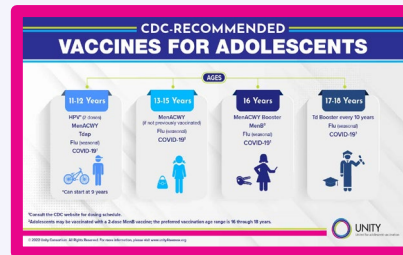


**AI AW Kickoff:**  
**Stay on TASK**  
Social media takeover



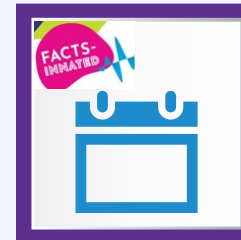
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New FACTSinnated episode



## Ask questions

HCP to answer questions;  
Recommended vaccines



## REMINDER

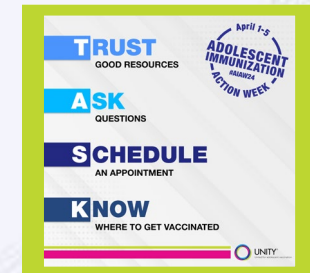
STAY UP TO DATE  
ON YOUR VACCINES.  
CONTACT US TO  
SCHEDULE AN  
APPOINTMENT.  
#AI AW23

**Know where to  
get vaccinated**



## TASK

Find additional  
resources &  
information.





# What Can You Do?



## Amplify AIAW24 messages

- Post on your **Social Media** and **Website**
- Announce in your **Newsletters**
- Share AIAW **Posters/Flyers** and **Video**
- Promote and attend AIAW24 **Webinar**
- Direct people to the **AIAW24 Page**: [www.unity4teenvax.org/aiaw24/](http://www.unity4teenvax.org/aiaw24/)



## Start planning now by

- Signing up for **Unity AIAW24 Toolkit** on the AIAW24 Page: [www.unity4teenvax.org/aiaw24/](http://www.unity4teenvax.org/aiaw24/)
- Attending **Communications Briefing** on JAN 30, 12:30-1:00 ET. To register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvd-upqDltEtWjlktR42IFl2ZQOVYPm1ma#/registration>

# Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) Update

Kristy Westfall



# AIM Update

Kristy Westfall

IIS Policy Associate Director



Association of  
Immunization  
Managers



# 2023 AIM Leadership in Action Conference

## December 5-7 Houston, TX

- 293 total conference attendees
- 45 program managers
- 8 new program managers
- 55 total jurisdictions
- 29 Corporate Alliance companies
- 106 total Corporate Alliance attendees





25 years

# AIM Leadership in Action Conference

New Orleans, LA  
December 10 -12, 2024



# Welcome to the 2024 AIM Executive Committee!

- **CHAIR** – Tom McCleaf (PA)
- **CHAIR ELECT** – Heather Roth (CO)
- **PAST CHAIR** – Amber Tirmal (Phila)
- **SEC-TREAS** – Heather Burris (DC)
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
  - Bindy Crouch (NYC)
  - Molly Howell (ND)
  - Emman Parian (CNMI)
  - Sarah Aho (AK)
  - Bob Wines (WV)
  - Kathy Kudish (CT)
  - Cassandra Walkama (WY)
  - Rob Schechter (CA)
  - Ron Balajadia (HI)
  - Sarah Leeds (ID)

# VISER Network

- Join us for monthly VISER (Vaccine Information Sharing and Education Resources) Network calls hosted by NASHP, AIM, and AcademyHealth
- Every 2nd Thursday 1pm ET/12pm CT/11am MT/10am PT
- Next call February 8: **VPD Outbreaks in Special Populations**
- Need an invite? Email [ViserNetwork@nashp.org](mailto:ViserNetwork@nashp.org)

# Adult Vaccine Access Cooperative Regional Meetings

- 1½ day regional meetings of jurisdiction-based cross-agency teams
- Focus on improving adult immunization rates
- Meet new partners
- Develop goals and work plans
- Set recurring meetings
- Catalyze change!

Region(s)	Dates	Location
SE (GA, SC, NC, TN, KY, WV, VA)	May 15-17	Atlanta, GA?
West (AK, CA, WA, OR, ID)	May 21-23	Boise, ID?
GL (MN, IA, WI, Chi/IL, IN, MI, OH)	June 5-7	Minneapolis, MN?
Beaches/SW (LA, MS, AL, FL, PR, USVI, TX/Houston/San Ant, NM, AZ)	June 11-13	Albuquerque, NM? Austin, TX?
Frontier/Heartland (MT, ND, SD, WY, CO, UT, NV, NE, KS, MO, OK, AR)	June 25-27	SLC, UT?
USAPI (HI, MH, MP, AS, FM, GU, PW)	July 9-11	Kona, Hawai'i
NE (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT)	July 17-19	Boston, MA?
Mid-Atl (NY/NYC, PA/Philly, NJ, MD, DE, DC)	July 22-24	Baltimore, MD?

# Adult Vaccine Access Cooperative Regional Meetings

- Jurisdiction teams of cross-agency representatives (6+ team members)
  - Immunization programs can use COVID-19 funding to attend (PM + Adult Coord)
  - AIM has funding for 4 outside partners per jurisdiction
- Considering:
  - Pharmacists/Pharmacist Associations
  - AAFP or other adult med organization
  - Coalitions on aging (AARP, National Council on Aging, etc)
  - Immunization coalitions
  - Black/AA, Hispanic/Latino, Tribal organizations (Nat'l Council of Negro Women, Nat'l Black Nurses Association, etc)
  - Faith-based leaders
  - Higher education
  - Others?

# Adult Vaccine Access Cooperative Regional Meetings

- Stay tuned for information, including recommendations for participants!
- Have an idea for a great speaker or plenary topic? Let us know!
  - Mikaela Pereira [mpereira@immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:mpereira@immunizationmanagers.org)
- Have an idea for a great low/no cost meeting location?
  - Alexa Rodriguez [arodriguez@immunizationmanagers.org](mailto:arodriguez@immunizationmanagers.org)

# AIM/NPHIC Webinar: Navigating State Legislative Sessions

February 1 2-3pm ET

- Webinar will cover:
  - State legislative trends and what to expect for this legislative season
  - How to work with state legislative liaisons
  - Successful vaccine messaging
- Audience: Immunization program managers/staff, PIOs, and state legislative liaisons
- Speakers
  - Brent Ewig, Chief Policy and Government Relations Officer, AIM
  - Erica DeWald, President & Founder, Coffeehouse Communications
  - Maggie Davis, Director of State Health Policy, ASTHO



# Thank you!



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# Immunize.org Update

Laurel Wood





# Immunize.org Update

AIRA Members & Partners Call

January 29, 2024

# UPDATED! Pneumococcal Vaccine Recommendations and Standing Orders for Children and Teens

**Recommendations for Pneumococcal Vaccines Use in Children and Teens**

Recommendations for pneumococcal vaccines in children are based upon the child's age, pneumococcal vaccination history, and (in children age 2 years or older) the presence of immunocompromising (IC) or non-immunocompromising (non-IC) risk factors for pneumococcal disease. For a specific child, locate the relevant table and follow the recommendations based on the child's vaccination history and risk conditions.

**Table 1. Recommended schedule for administering pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) to all children (healthy and those with risk conditions) age 2 through 23 months**

Child's age now	Number of previous PCV13, PCV15 or PCV20 doses	Number PCV15 or PCV20 doses to complete series by age 24 mos <sup>1</sup>
2 through 6 months	0	4 doses: 3 doses 8 weeks apart; last dose at age 12–15 months
	1	3 additional doses: 2 doses, 8 weeks apart; last dose at age 12–15 months
	2	2 additional doses: 1 dose 8 weeks after most recent dose; last dose at least 8 weeks later at age 12–15 months
	3	1 additional dose at age 12–15 months
7 through 11 months	0 before age 7 months	3 doses: 2 doses 8 weeks apart; last dose at age 12–15 months
	1 or 2 before age 7 months	2 additional doses: 1 dose 8 weeks after most recent dose; last dose at least 8 weeks later at age 12–15 months
	3 before age 7 months	1 additional dose at age 12–15 months
	1 at age 7 months or older	2 additional doses: 1 dose 8 weeks after most recent dose; last dose at least 8 weeks later at age 12–15 months
	2 at age 7 months or older	1 additional dose at least 8 weeks later at age 12–15 months
	3 at age 7 months or older	0
12 through 23 months	0 before age 12 months	2 doses: 2 doses 8 weeks apart
	1 before age 12 months	2 additional doses: 1 dose at least 8 weeks after most recent dose; last dose at least 8 weeks later
	2 or 3 at 12 months	1 additional dose, at least 8 weeks after most recent dose
	1 dose at age 12 months or older	1 additional dose, at least 8 weeks after the most recent dose
	2 or 3 at age 12 months or older	0

<sup>1</sup>If only PCV13 is available when the child is scheduled to receive PCV, PCV13 may be given as previously recommended.  
<sup>2</sup>Minimum interval between doses: for children younger than age 12 months = 4 weeks; for children age 12 months or older = 8 weeks

**Table 2. Recommended schedule for administering pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) to healthy children age 24 months through 18 years**


Child's age now	Number of previous PCV13, PCV15, or PCV20 doses	Number of PCV15 or PCV20 doses needed <sup>2</sup>
24 through 59 months	Completed any PCV schedule, including an all-PCV13 schedule by 24 mos	No additional doses
5 through 18 years	No previous doses, or any incomplete PCV schedule by age 24 months	1 additional dose, at least 8 wks after most recent PCV dose
	No previous doses or any incomplete PCV schedule by 24 months	No additional doses

<sup>1</sup>If only PCV13 is available when the child is scheduled to receive PCV, PCV13 may be given as previously recommended.

**Table 3. Risk conditions for which additional doses of PCV15, PCV20, or pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23) vaccines are indicated for children age 24 months through 18 years**

Non-immunocompromising conditions (non-IC)	Immunocompromising conditions (IC)
Chronic lung disease (including moderate persistent or severe persistent asthma)	Asplenia or splenic dysfunction
Chronic heart disease	Congenital or acquired immunodeficiency
Chronic liver disease	Treatment with immunosuppressive drugs or radiation therapy
Diabetes mellitus	HIV infection
Cerebrospinal fluid leak	Solid organ transplant
Cochlear implant	Sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies
Chronic kidney disease (except as specified in the IC list)	Kidney disease and on maintenance dialysis
	Kidney disease with nephrotic syndrome

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 Item #P2016 (1/19/2024)

[www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2016.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2016.pdf)

**STANDING ORDERS FOR Administering Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine to Children and Teens**

**Purpose**  
 To reduce morbidity and mortality from invasive pneumococcal disease by vaccinating all infants and children through age 18 years who meet the criteria established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

**Policy**  
 Where allowed by state law, standing orders enable eligible nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals to assess the need for and vaccinate children and teens who meet any of the criteria below.

**Procedure**

**1 Assess Infants and Children in Need of Vaccination** against invasive pneumococcal disease based on the following criteria:

**Routine pneumococcal vaccination**  
 A pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) series (either PCV15 or PCV20<sup>2</sup>) should be administered routinely to all children ages 2 through 59 months. Either PCV15 or PCV20 may be used any time pneumococcal conjugate vaccination of a child younger than 19 years is indicated. Children who have completed vaccination with PCV13 are not recommended to receive an additional dose of PCV15 or PCV20.

**Risk-based pneumococcal vaccination**  
 Risk-based pneumococcal vaccination recommendations are divided by type of risk condition (also listed in Table 3):

- Non-immunocompromising:** age 2 years and older with chronic lung disease (including moderate persistent or severe persistent asthma), chronic heart disease, chronic liver disease, diabetes mellitus, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak, cochlear implant, and chronic kidney disease (excluding maintenance dialysis and nephrotic syndrome which are included in immunocompromising conditions)
- Immunocompromising:** age 2 years and older with chronic kidney disease and on maintenance dialysis or with nephrotic syndrome, congenital or acquired immunodeficiency, treatment with immunosuppressive drugs or radiation therapy, HIV infection, solid organ transplant, and sickle cell disease or other hemoglobinopathies
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT):** specific recommendations for children of any age following HSCT (see Table 5)

<sup>2</sup>Note: If only PCV13 is available when the child is scheduled to receive a PCV, PCV13 may be given as previously recommended.

**2 Screen for contraindications and precautions**


**Contraindications**

- Do not give pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV15, Vaxneuvance, Merck; PCV15, Prevnar20, Pfizer) or pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23, Pneumovax 23, Merck) to a person who has experienced a serious reaction or anaphylactic reaction to a prior dose of the vaccine or to any of its components (including diphtheria toxoid, which is in pneumococcal conjugate vaccines). For a list of vaccine components, refer to the manufacturers' package insert ([www.immunize.org/official-guidance/fda/pkg-inserts/](http://www.immunize.org/official-guidance/fda/pkg-inserts/)) or go to [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/exipient-table-2.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/appendices/B/exipient-table-2.pdf).

**Precautions**

- Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever

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[www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3086.pdf](http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3086.pdf)

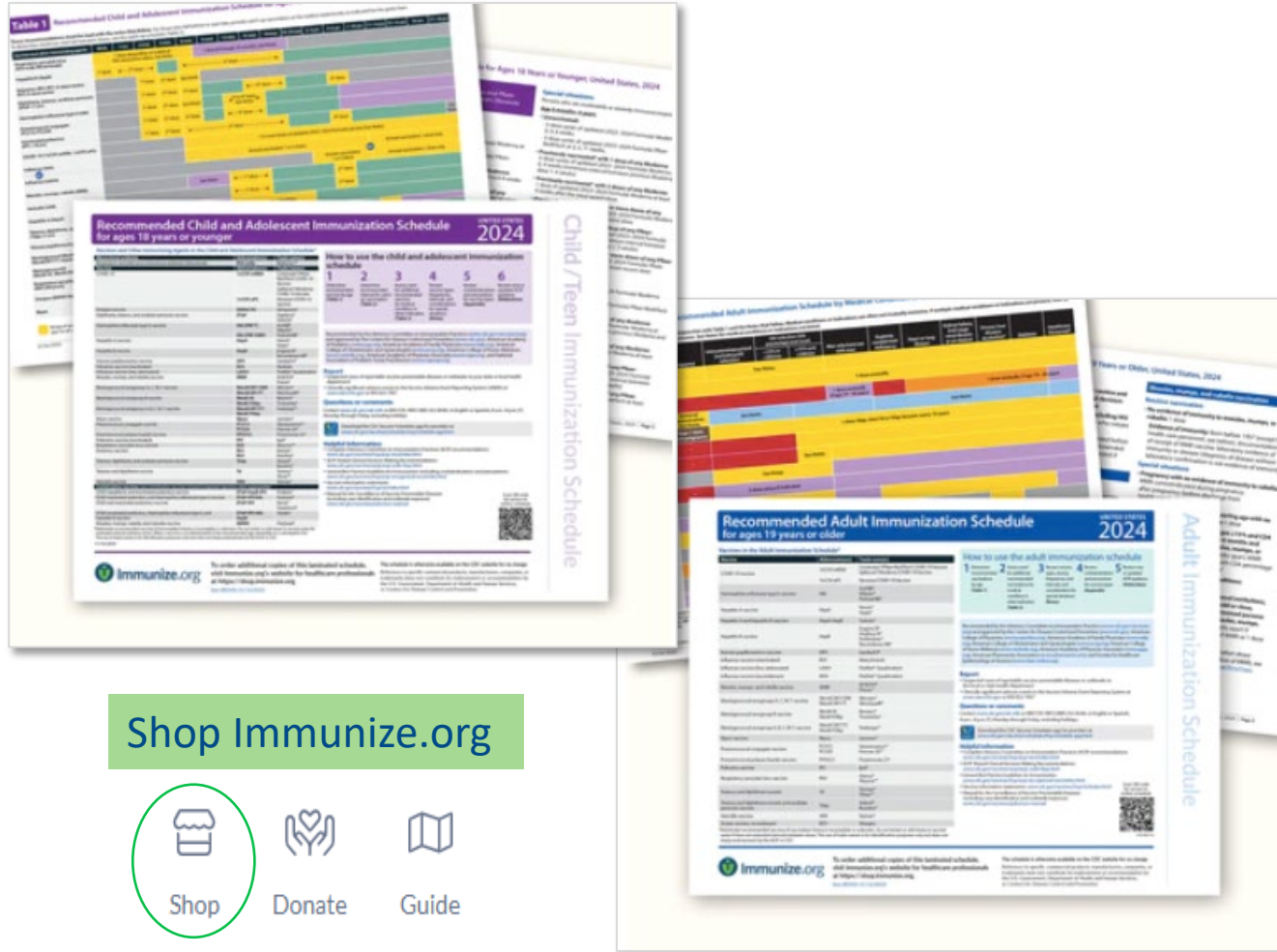
Resources incorporate latest CDC recommendations for pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV15 and PCV20) and indications for pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) in certain high-risk children

Tables address:

- Children 6 wks through 18 yrs
- Risk-based recommendations for immunocompromising and non-immunocompromising conditions
- Child's pneumococcal vaccine history



# Laminated 2024 Recommended Immunization Schedules



- **Format:** 16-pg, 8.5"x11" booklet; replicates all CDC tables and notes
- **Easy access to CDC updates:** QR code to CDC addendum page for new ACIP recommendations during 2024
- **Bonus info:** Adult schedule includes Immunize.org's popular 1-pg handout on dose, route, and needle size
- **Shipment date:** early February

# VaccineInformation.org (*website for the public*)



- Basic facts about vaccines & diseases they prevent
- Patient-oriented resources from Immunize.org
- Links to resources from trusted partners
- Personal testimonials
- Videos and historic PSAs
- Resources for those anxious about getting vaccinated
- Contact information for PH programs
- Links to where to get vaccinated
- New pages with basic information and key links on COVID-19, mpox, RSV, and dengue vaccines

# User Feedback Survey

- Coming in February
- Watch for announcements
  - *IZ Express*
  - Banner on homepage



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

Kim Martin





# ASTHO Activities

AIRA Partners Update, Jan. 2024

# NEW RESOURCES

ASTHO has new blogs:

- [Containing and Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease: A Cornerstone of Public Health | ASTHO](#)

New Newscasts:

- [577: COVID Vaccine Messaging](#)
- [557: Pharmacists Give RSV Vaccine Without Prescription](#)
- [531: RSV Vaccine Pitch](#)
- [529: Vaccine Uptake Strategies](#)

## Containing and Preventing the Spread of Infectious Disease: A Cornerstone of Public Health

DECEMBER 10, 2023

### Introduction

Preventing, identifying, and containing disease is at the heart of public health. Public health entities have a responsibility to protect the health and safety of their populations and are typically granted legal authority to conduct routine public health actions like investigating a disease outbreak and enforcing proper food safety protocols.



### Legislative Trends

**Guaranteeing Legal Authorities to Keep Communities Healthy and Safe**

Measures like isolation and quarantine, contact tracing, masking, and venue closures work to

# VACCINE EQUITY

ASTHO, in partnership with the [National Community Action Partnership](#) (NCAP), worked with five community action agencies and a network of partners to use locally-tailored evidence-based strategies to increase vaccine acceptance and uptake.

By engaging trusted messengers, increasing access, and most importantly, linking vaccination opportunities to other resources to meet the wholistic needs of community members, our partners have been able to increase vaccination rates and acceptance of vaccines in their communities.

ASTHO is currently finalizing a Vaccine Equity toolkit for community leaders and providers which will be forthcoming later this year.

## Partnering with Community Action Agencies Can Improve Trust in Vaccines

OCTOBER 06, 2022 | GEETIKA NADKARNI

Author

In the current climate surrounding vaccinations and other large-scale public health measures, it's more important than ever to engage community action local entities that v poverty and reduce the populations through the Community public health's mis equity.

With support from and five CAAs in 1 acceptance and u

## Public Health and Healthcare Partner to Promote Influenza Vaccination

DECEMBER 06, 2022 | SHALINI NAIR

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States has seen historically low influenza activity for the past two flu seasons. However, as the use of pandemic-related mitigation measures such as masking decrease, CDC data appear to suggest we may be in for an earlier—and possibly more tumultuous—flu season this year, further exacerbated by the surge in respiratory viruses observed nationwide.

One of the best ways to reduce the risk posed by seasonal flu viruses is to get vaccinated. Flu vaccination can not only help prevent illness, but also significantly reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization—particularly in people with certain chronic conditions. However, only about 50% of Americans received a flu vaccine during the 2021-2022 season.



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Infectious Disease



# IDEAS PROGRAM

- ASTHO, with support from ONC, hosted the COVID-19 Immunization Data Exchange, Advancement & Sharing Program (IDEAS) Learning Community. This learning community convened state health agency leaders, their staff, and HIE partners from Alaska, Colorado, Ohio, Vermont, and West Virginia to advance and achieve sustainable change in immunization information system & HIE partnership and data sharing.
- ASTHO is in the final stage of this project and is reviewing the overall lessons learned and accomplishments. As part of this project, ASTHO released two reports: (1) characterizing the dynamics influencing IIS-HIE partnership and data exchange, and (2) the legal landscape of public health data sharing, which includes information on immunization data sharing.



# VACCINE POLICY ACADEMY

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ASTHO has conducted two policy academy sessions. These sessions focus on vaccine policy implementation and engage legislative liaisons at public health agencies. During sessions, participants listen to subject matter experts discuss various vaccine topics and then break into small groups to share successes, challenges, and lessons learned.

- Session 1: Landscape of vaccine policy
- Session 2: Policies to support vaccine-like preventative products

ASTHO hopes to develop materials to report on trends and lessons learned from these sessions.

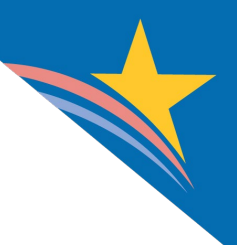
# Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) Update

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# ONC Updates January 29, 2024

- Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Certification Program Updates, Algorithm Transparency, and Information Sharing (HTI-1) Final Rule
- USCDI Version 5 out for comment until April 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET  
<https://www.healthit.gov/isa/sites/isa/files/2024-01/Draft-USCDI-Version-5-January-2024-Final.pdf>
- USCDI+ for public health, initial focus on case reporting and laboratory exchange, the new platform also includes maternal health and cancer domains. More use case domains in the future. Open for public comment until March 4, 2024.
- TEFCA Updates:
  - QHINs went Live and data is flowing via TEFCA
  - Common Agreement V2 and Standard Operating Procedures (including one for public health) are open for comment: <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/rce-draft-documents-for-feedback/>
- ONC and CDC continue to collaborate with AIRA on the Immunization Bulk Query use case via Helios.







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

Matthew Bobo



# **NACCHO Update Slides**

## **AIRA Partner Call**

**January 2024**

# Adolescent Immunization Project Overview

## *Strengthening Vaccine Confidence and Uptake among Adolescents and their Families through Community Partnerships*

- NACCHO is funding five LHDs to identify and address COVID-19 and/or routine vaccine confidence among adolescents and their families through collaboration with trusted community leaders
  - Cass County Health Department, IL
  - Los Angeles Department of Public Health, CA
  - Putnam County Health Department, WV
  - St. Mary's County Health Department, MD
  - Panhandle Public Health District, NE
- The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) will be a key partner in developing and disseminating messages through various communication platforms and supporting LHDs to build connections with adolescents in their communities.

# Scope of Work for NFHS

- NFHS/TPG will work with NACCHO to create new messaging and identify channels for effective communication on vaccine confidence for adolescents. TPG will develop a strategy to reach adolescents and families with the objectives of:
  - Increasing COVID-19 vaccine coverage, as well as all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines, among adolescents and their families;
  - Creating new messaging and identifying channels for effective communication on vaccine confidence for adolescents (NFHS Network, Athletic Directors Conference, High School Today Magazine);
  - Rebuilding trust between communities, governments, and LHDs via coordinated local, state level, and regionally specific **in-person activations** to coincide with large sporting events.
  - Providing access to NFHS's large and disperse network of email recipients, social media users, athletic directors and coaches, teachers, parents, and adolescents.





# Faith Based Immunization Project Overview

## *Improving Vaccine Access, Education, and Outreach Through Faith-Based Partnerships*

- NACCHO is funding six LHDs working with faith-based partners to identify and implement strategies to improve COVID-19 and other routine vaccine confidence, education, and access.
  - Durham County Department of Health, NC
  - Rockland County Department of Health, NY
  - Grant County Health Department, KS
  - Trumbull County Combined Health District, OH
  - Mobile County Health Department, AL
  - Monongalia County Health Department, WV

# Key Activities- Faith based partnerships

## Rapid Learning Network

- Regularly convene and communicate with identified local health departments to share best practices and updated clinical guidelines, support peer connections and provide technical assistance related to project needs.
- Support LHDs in adapting or creating communication materials or strategies which promote vaccination through faith-based settings.

## Technical Assistance through National Partnerships

- Establish and sustain national and state-level partnerships with faith-based stakeholders and subject matter experts to inform technical assistance, project strategy, best practices and vaccine communication or educational products for identified local health departments.

## Identifying Best Practices

- Collect and compile lessons learned, promising practices and barriers to vaccine acceptance within faith communities through regular monitoring of local health department project progress and stakeholder engagement practices.

# Partnering for Vaccine Equity (PAVE)

- Project Goals across three cohorts (2022-2024)
  - Support LHDs in **identifying and addressing inequities** in adult COVID-19 and influenza vaccination coverage among racial and ethnic minority populations.
  - Provide LHDs with the **technical assistance, capacity building, and resources** to increase COVID-19 and influenza uptake among racial and ethnic minority adults.
  - **Collaborate and coordinate with partners** at the national, state, and local level to provide capacity building and technical assistance, training, information and resource sharing to strengthen public health.
- Forty LHDs funded to conduct Rapid Community Assessments (RCA), developing and implementing a vaccine communications campaign informed by the RCA, and developing best practices, resources, or tools that identify and address vaccine inequities among adults.

# Summary Findings from PAVE Cohorts 1-3: Increased Capability to Implement Vaccine Strategies

- Access to data through the Data Informed Technical Assistance (DITA) team was instrumental in identifying locations to promote vaccines
- Ability to translate materials to meet language needs
- Monthly calls demonstrated different strategies which helped integrate new ad methods and strategies to increase vaccine uptake
- Fostering relationships within the racial and ethnic minority community
- Cover staffing and operational costs of Mobile Health Unit



# Challenges to Improve Vaccine Equity

## Commercialization of COVID-19

- Delays in FDA approval, standing orders, VIS, availability of vaccines from suppliers
- Increase in price to purchase COVID-19 vaccine

## Identifying and targeting priority populations

## Internal health department bureaucracy

## Establishing consistent events that align with population needs



# American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Update

Jorie Ouimet



# AIRA Members & Partners Meeting

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# RSV (Fall/Winter Respiratory Viruses)

- The AAP has put together a new resource to help immunizers discuss immunizations that can protect families against these infections. [Communicating With Families About How to Protect Against Fall and Winter Respiratory Viruses](#) includes strategies, tips, and sample language for communication with families.
- The [AAP Reminder and Recall Strategies](#) page has also been updated with a new reminder/recall script.

# RSV – Concern for the pediatric office

## Two questions in pediatric office for newborn visit

1) Did pregnant person receive vaccine dose?

[Frequently Asked Questions About RSV Vaccine for Pregnant People | CDC](#)

2) Was infant immunized at birth hospital?

Can registry assist with this type of scenario?

**The AAP publishes regular updates on Nirsevimab**

[Nirsevimab Frequently Asked Questions \(aap.org\)](#)

# Immunization Partnership Grantees

The AAP Immunization programs are funding the following organizations promote vaccine confidence in their community:

- Vaccinate with Confidence: **Montana, Washington, and Illinois AAP Chapters**
- Increasing HPV and Pediatric Influenza Vaccination Rates in Rural Areas: **Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, and Washington AAP Chapters**
- COVID-19/RSV/Flu Health Equity Grants: **Illinois Public Health Association, Bingham Healthcare, Autism Society of America, New Mexico Pediatric Society, Kentucky Rural Health Association, Indiana Immunization Coalition, Mariposa Community Health Center, Missouri Immunization Coalition, Karen Society, and the Arizona, Florida, DC, New York 3, Mississippi, and Michigan AAP Chapters**
- COVID-19/RSV/Flu Community Partnership Grants: **Elena's Light, Packard Health, Somali American Social Service Association, and YWCA New Britain**





## AAP Immunization Initiatives Newsletter

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### AAP RESOURCES

- [AAP Immunization Website](#)
- [AAP COVID-19 Vaccine Resources](#)
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- [AAP Influenza Resources](#)
- [Red Book Online](#)

The Childhood Immunization Support Program (CISP) is a cooperative agreement between the CDC and AAP. (Cooperative Agreement: 5 NU38OT000282-06-00)



### Updates and Alerts

## Newsletter

- Quarterly newsletter with immunization updates, resources, research findings, and more!
- Click [here](#) to view the October issue.
- Subscribe by emailing [immunize@aap.org](mailto:immunize@aap.org) with “IZNews” in the subject.

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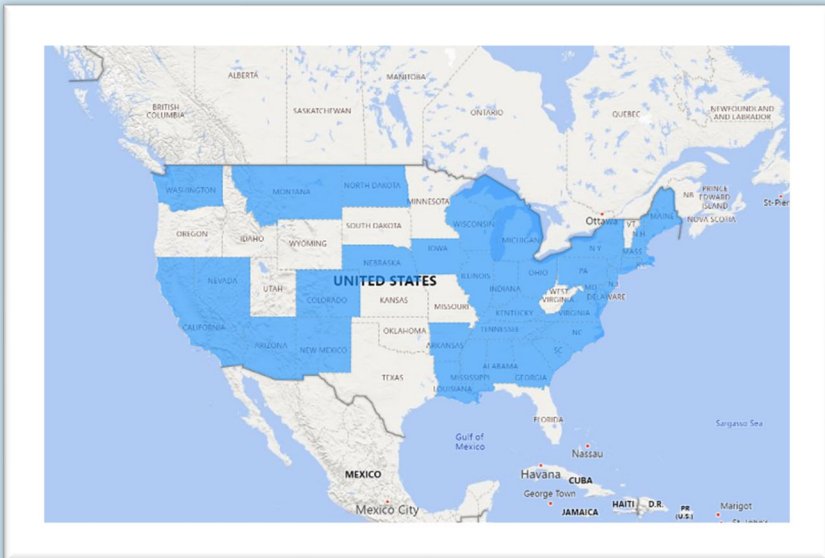
# AAP Chapter Immunization Representatives (CIRs)

Currently, there are **44 CIRs** representing **38 chapters** recruitment is ongoing

- Increased recruitment and engagement with AAP CIRs, who:
  - Assist in the development and coordination of AAP Chapter immunization activities and educational programs
  - Serve as a liaison between the chapter and the national AAP
  - These individuals are resources for you
  - **How can you connect with a CIR?**

To locate your state's CIR, please submit an inquiry to the Immunization FAQ Submission Form:

<https://www.aap.org/en/forms/immunization-faq-submission-form/>





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# Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) Update

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# AIRA Members and Partners Quarterly Update

Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII)

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# PHII Updates

- Functional Standards Update Project
- IIS Procurement Webinar Series
- IIS eLearning Modules
- PHII Stories from the Field

# Functional Standards (FS) Update Project



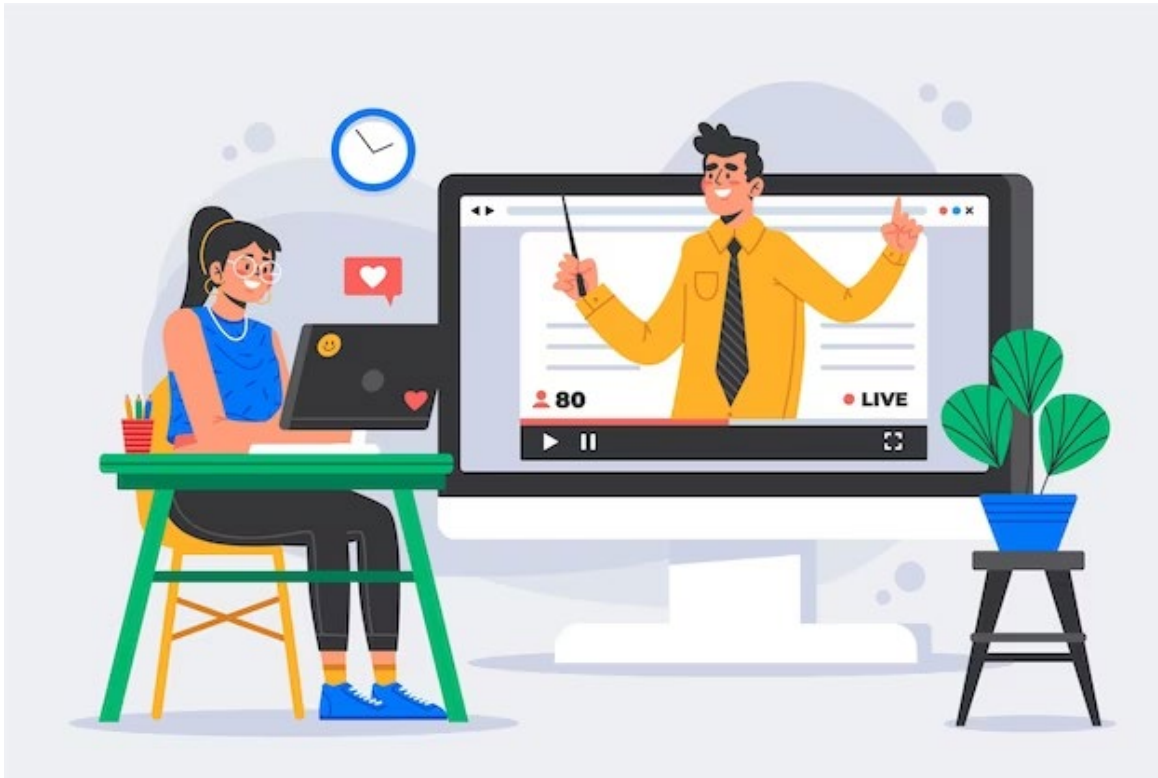
- PHII has convened a workgroup of IIS community members to develop recommendations for updating the FS
  - Workgroup continues to meet to clarify and streamline the Functional Standards
  - Feedback received from jurisdiction survey responses has informed these changes
- Share final recommendations with CDC by Spring 2024

# IIS Procurement Webinars



- PHII and CDC will be hosting a series of IIS Procurement webinars
  - The four-part series will begin February 22
  - Webinars will be on Thursdays from 2 pm ET - 3 pm ET
    - A different phase of procurement will be covered each week.
- Registration link will be sent via IIS Info Brief
- [IIS Procurement Toolkit](#) is an additional resource for all jurisdictions

# IIS eLearning Course Update



- PHII will release a series of new and updated IIS eLearning courses in early Spring 2024
- These courses are free and are open to anyone interested in learning more about IIS

# IIS eLearning Course Update

## Coming in early Spring 2024!

### ■ Updated courses

- Fundamentals of IIS: Interoperability
- Fundamentals of IIS: Data Quality
- Fundamentals of IIS: HL7 Basics
- Advanced HL7 for IIS
- Immunization Evaluation and Forecasting

### ■ New courses

- IIS Data Use and Evaluation
- Managing Communications and Change Management



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# IIS eLearning Course Update

Find these courses and more at [informaticsacademy.org](https://informaticsacademy.org)



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# PHII Data Modernization Stories from the Field

- PHII is telling stories of jurisdictional DMI journeys from around the U.S.:
  - Minnesota
  - Ohio
  - Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  - Alaska
- These include written stories, videos and podcasts.
- Stories are available at **[phii.org/dmi-stories](https://phii.org/dmi-stories)**.



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# Thank you for joining us!

Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2024, 2 – 3 p.m. ET