I Raise the Rates! March Edition

In this edition of I Raise the Rates (IRtR), you will find a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a brief selection of popular media articles related to immunization.

National Immunization Conference 2024
Call for Abstracts

Abstract are now being accepted for the upcoming National Immunization Conference in Atlanta at the Marriott Marquis on August 12-14, 2024. The 2024 NIC will bring together federal, state, and local public health partners to share the latest developments in science, program, policy, and communications on immunizations and vaccine-preventable diseases.

Submission deadline is April 19, 2024.

Abstracts should fall within the following Themes:

1. Epidemiology and surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases (including diseases for which vaccines are in the pipeline):
   Domestich and global (e.g. general epidemiology and surveillance, outbreaks and emergency response, role of laboratory in vaccination mission)

2. General vaccinology (e.g. vaccine effectiveness/impact, duration of protection, vaccine safety, vaccine immunology/vaccine design)

3. Vaccine equity & special populations (e.g. community engagement, education, and partnership, maternal vaccination, partnerships/coalitions)

4. Implementation and program management (e.g. covering the uninsured, immunization information systems [IIS] implementation, vaccine storage and handling, vaccine access and distribution, including transition to commercialization, data modernization, partnerships/coalitions)

5. Monitoring, assessment, and evaluation (e.g. assessment methods, vaccination coverage, knowledge, attitudes and behaviors (KABs): providers, parents, public, economic analyses, forecasting,
6. **Strategies to improve vaccination coverage** (e.g. quality improvement, vaccine confidence, adult vaccination, partnerships/coalitions, health and risk communication)

Click below for information and submission guidance

[NIC 2024 Abstract Submissions]

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**CDC Current Issues in Immunization Webinar - 2024 Updates to the Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules**

**Event date:** March 6, 2024, 12 noon. - 1pm Eastern.

**Topic:** 2024 Updates to the Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules

**Moderator:** Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, Health Education and Communication Branch, Immunization Services Division, NCIRD, CDC

**Speaker:** Patricia Wodi, MD, Medical Officer, Health Education and Communication Branch, Immunization Services Division, NCIRD, CDC

**CE Available.** Expires 4/8/2024

Click below to watch the recorded webinar or download the presentation slides.

[Click for Recording]

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**NJDOH COVID-19 Vaccine New/Updated Frequently Asked Questions**

The New Jersey Department of Health released an updated COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ document on March 25th. Click below to view the full document.
Key Points

- Seasonal influenza activity remains elevated but is decreasing nationally.
- Nationally, the number of weekly flu hospital admissions has been decreasing since January.
- Nationally, outpatient respiratory illness declined but remains above baseline.
- CDC estimates that there have been at least 31 million illnesses, 350,000
hospitalizations, and 22,000 deaths from flu so far this season.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
March 2024: Vaccines and Infectious Diseases in the News

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia has published a roundup of the latest news in vaccines and infectious diseases that includes:

- Updated COVID-19 isolation guidelines
- Expanded COVID-19 booster recommendations
- Influenza vaccine for the 2024-2025 season
- Updates on ongoing measles outbreaks

Approaches to Address Common Vaccine Myths and Tools to Decrease Hesitancy

NJIN Webinar
Friday, May 10th
8:30am-9:45am
Join us!

LIVE Webinar

APPROACHES TO ADDRESS COMMON VACCINE MYTHS AND TOOLS TO DECREASE HESITANCY

FRIDAY
10 MAY, 2024

TIME
08:30 AM – 09:45 AM

Speakers

Brooke Cherven, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta

Melinda Butsch Kovacic
Professor and Associate Dean of Research, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

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