



## 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

Abstracts 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):**  
**Domestic 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,

*partnerships/coalitions)*

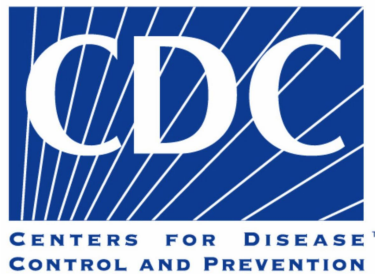
6. **Strategies to improve vaccination coverage** (e.g. *quality improvement, vaccine confidence, adult vaccination, partnerships/coalitions, health and risk communication*)

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.

COVID-19 Vaccine  
Frequently Asked Questions  
March 25, 2024

**New/Updated Information is highlighted in yellow.**

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## Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report (CDC FluView)



### 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.

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## **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**

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## **Approaches to Address Common Vaccine Myths and Tools to Decrease Hesitancy**

NJIN Webinar  
Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am-9:45am

Join us!

 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  
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