

Pennsylvania Immunization Program Newsletter



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Thank you for helping us grow!

We are happy to share that the Division of Immunizations was elevated to the Bureau of Immunizations (BOI) within the Office of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention on January 22, 2024. BOI includes three new divisions: the Division of Immunization Information Systems and Technology (IIST), the Division of Vaccine Operations and Provider Services (VaxOPS), and the Division of Immunization Field Services (Immi Field). You can learn more about PA DOH’s organizational structure here: [Health.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#).



The BOI team attended a three-day National Conference for Immunization Coalition & Partnerships (NCICP 2024) hosted by [Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition](#) in Philadelphia (April 9-11). Pictures here are some PA DOH attendees.

The elevation of the Division of Immunizations to the Bureau of Immunizations signifies its crucial role in public health. By expanding its scope and creating new divisions, the bureau aims to improve vaccine operations, provider services, and strengthen immunization field services. This will ensure better access to vaccines and more efficient immunization programs delivery.

As of April 6, 2024, Thomas (Tom) McCleaf, formerly the Director of the Division of Immunizations, has been appointed as the Director of the Bureau of Immunizations (BOI). Congratulations, Tom!

Our reorganization is ongoing, and we will keep all our providers, partners, and stakeholders updated as we work through this transition.

The continued support and dedication you all have shown throughout the years has helped make it possible for us to grow into a bureau. Thank you.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

VFC New Provider Enrollment

The VFC program continues to welcome new providers to the program; enrollment is always open!

- To streamline the enrollment process, the procedure is 100% online.
- Please visit the [VFC webpage](#), the provider enrollment section, to review the requirements, policies, and procedures.
- Providers must apply on-line to become a new VFC provider.
- Any applications or documents that are faxed or emailed will not be accepted or reviewed.

For questions regarding new provider enrollment, or becoming a VFC provider, please visit the [VFC webpage](#) or contact the PA VFC program at ra-paVFC@pa.gov.

Annual VFC Reenrollment

The annual reenrollment period for the Pennsylvania (PA) Immunization Program's Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) opened Monday, April 1, 2024, and closes Friday, May 31, 2024. All currently enrolled providers must complete reenrollment by May 31. Providers who do not complete reenrollment by the deadline will not have the ability to order PA Immunization Program vaccines beginning Monday June 3, 2024. This ordering hold will remain in place until reenrollment is completed.

To reenroll, providers must complete the 2024 VFC reenrollment template in the [PA Immunization Electronic Registry System \(PIERS\)](#).

Step by step instructions

1. Visit [PIERS \(pa.gov\)](#)
2. Select 'clinic tools' in the left section of the PIERS landing page.
3. Expand the options to select 'enrollment'.
4. Select add enrollment and then click on select template.
5. Once the template is open, follow the instructions below to complete all required fields.

Notes

1. Providers must complete all sections of the 2024 VFC reenrollment template and are encouraged to save their progress frequently while working on the template.
2. Each section consists of a collapsible box that can be expanded by clicking on the plus buttons.
3. An enrollment guide is in the first section to provide guidance for completing the template. It includes two quick reference sheets (QRS) and the current provider type definitions.
 - QRS Add Training Records - provides step-by-step instructions for uploading 2024 You Call the Shots modules 10 and 16 training certificates for the primary and backup coordinators.
 - QRS Add Asset - provides step-by-step instructions for uploading current digital data logger (DDL) certificates of calibration for each storage unit as well as at least one backup DDL.
4. Incomplete sections are indicated by a yellow caution mark. Complete sections are indicated by a green check mark.

5. To complete some sections like required staff and staff training, providers will click on the link in the section to be taken to the location in their clinic information that will allow them to make necessary updates.
6. Other sections like review facility/clinic information, simply require providers to check a box confirming the information is correct. These sections also include links to take providers to the location in their clinic information that will allow them to make any needed updates.
7. Some sections like vaccine offered will require providers to make selections.
8. Some sections like provider/clinic population will require providers to enter information.
9. The primary agreement and secondary agreement sections contain the policy acknowledgment form and the provider agreement. To complete these sections, providers will click on the view agreement button. If the individual completing the reenrollment template has the authority to sign, a check box will appear on the bottom of the pop-up screens containing the policy acknowledgment form and provider agreement. Checking the boxes indicates the documents have been read and understood. Please review these documents carefully as there have been policy changes and additions to the provider agreement.

Reminder

Providers are strongly encouraged to start working on their reenrollment templates as soon as they can. If they need to make any changes to their information, those change updates must be submitted for review and approval by BOI staff. Due to the high volume of change requests submitted during reenrollment, it can take several business days for provider updates to be approved and populate the reenrollment template before that section can be completed. Once all sections are complete, providers will be able to submit the 2024 VFC reenrollment template in PIERS. Any PIERS account questions and login issues can be directed to: Ra-dhpiersuseracct@pa.gov.

All other questions about piers can be directed to Ra-dhpierssupport@pa.gov.

Please direct any VFC questions to the VFC resource account at Ra-paVFC@pa.gov.

Provider Identification Number (PIN) on All VFC Correspondence

As a reminder, please include your PIN on all correspondence (including voicemails and emails) and documents sent to the VFC program so that staffs can assist you quickly.

- The PIN assigned to your site is a unique identifier and must be used for all communications.
- This includes voicemails and emails.

Inventory Management Reminder

All VFC providers are required to properly manage their inventory according to Bureau of Immunizations policies and procedures. This includes receiving vaccines into your inventory, updating doses administered, and accounting for any unused vaccines. Inventory management practices are necessary in reducing waste. Please remember to rotate your stock weekly, order only what you need monthly, and contact your immunization nurse to relocate vaccine(s) expiring within 90 days that will not be utilized.

When vaccines are no longer viable, they must be removed from the site's active inventory in PIERS.

- Providers must select the appropriate reconciliation reason, enter the correct quantity, and add any necessary notes.
- Non-viable vaccines should be removed from the active inventory prior to submitting any return or waste requests.

Return & Waste Requests

Effective immediately, all providers should follow the [new return and waste process](#) as noted below:

1. Vaccine returns must be submitted via PIERS. Providers should follow the steps outlined in the following PIERS Quick Reference Sheet (QRS): [Create and Submit a Vaccine Return](#). This QRS guide will walk you through the steps needed to create and submit a vaccine return to the VFC Program. The guide is available under the reports section in PIERS and on the VFC website, [Resources and Forms](#) page.
2. Providers can only submit returns through PIERS if the vaccine being returned is listed in the clinic's "On-Hand" inventory. If for any reason the vaccine was not able to be added to on-hand inventory (i.e., missing NDC), the [Spoiled/Expired Returnable Form](#) must be submitted. This form is available on the VFC website, [Resources and Forms](#) page. This form should only be used if the vaccine was NOT added to your inventory in PIERS.
3. Vaccine wastage must be submitted via PIERS by adjusting your on-hand inventory. Providers should follow the steps outlined in the following QRS: [Adjust On-Hand Inventory](#). This QRS guide will walk you through the steps needed to record and adjust the wasted doses. For the "Reason" field, you must select one of the VTRCKS options with the correct reason for the vaccine wastage. The guide is available under the reports section in PIERS and on the VFC website, [Resources and Forms](#) page.
4. Providers can only submit wastage through PIERS if the vaccine being wasted is listed in the clinic's "On-Hand" inventory. If for any reason the vaccine was not able to be added to on-hand inventory (i.e., missing NDC), the [Wasted/Destroyed Form](#) must be submitted. This form is available on the VFC website, [Resources and Forms](#) page. This form should only be used if the vaccine was NOT added to your inventory in PIERS.
5. If the vaccine is being returned or wasted due to a temperature excursion or improper handling, providers must submit a Vaccine Incident Report to ra-pavfc@pa.gov. This form is available on the VFC website, [Resources and Forms](#) page.

Note: The [Spoiled/Expired Returnable Form](#) and the [Wasted/Destroyed Form](#) will remain available through 5/31/24. After that date, all vaccine received from the PA Department of Health (DOH) must be added to your on-hand inventory in PIERS immediately upon receipt. Please direct any questions regarding the new return and waste process to ra-pavfc@pa.gov.

Vaccine Emergency / Disaster Plans:

As a reminder to all VFC providers, please check your supplies and review your emergency and disaster plans to make certain the plan can be implemented in an emergency. Emergency and disaster plans must be kept current as part of compliance with program requirements.

Adolescent Immunizations Program

2024 CDC New National Awareness Campaign



Let's RISE is a CDC initiative to provide actionable strategies, resources, and data to support getting all Americans back on-schedule with their routine immunizations to protect everyone from vaccine-preventable disease and disability.

Getting routine immunizations back on-track is a goal that we can achieve by working together



Health Departments	Health Care Professional	Other Partners	Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage IIS to identify individuals behind on their vaccinations Facilitate patient return for vaccination Make vaccines easy to find and access Give strong vaccine recommendations Disseminated vaccine-related communications around catch-up Partner with schools and community organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send reminders to families whose children are behind on or due for vaccination Improve vaccine-related communications Offer vaccination-only appointments or hold vaccination clinics Implement systems to review vaccine history at every visit Offer strong recommendations Have standing orders Be prepared to answer questions and address concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know where to find accurate information on routine vaccination Connect with local public health department, ask how you can help with catch-up Help carry messages about importance of catch-up; you are trusted sources who understand your community best Engage with community members to address vaccine hesitancy Leverage data to focus catch-up efforts on communities that have fallen behind on vaccinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share and utilize school vaccination data for catch-up Include vaccination information in back-to-school communications Help share the facts about vaccines Send reminders to families whose children are not up to date on their vaccinations Expand access to immunization services (e.g. school-based vaccination clinics) Enforce school vaccination requirements

Take Action to Get Routine Vaccinations Back On-Schedule

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw a concerning drop in routine immunizations for children and adults. Routine vaccination is rebounding but unevenly and has not yet recovered among all groups. Many children and adults that delayed vaccination during the pandemic are still behind schedule. While we continue to investigate the impact of the pandemic on routine immunizations, it is crucial that we take steps to help get everyone back on schedule with their routine immunizations. Children and teens can still catch up on vaccinations even if they start late.

Here are some of the routine vaccination factsheets by the CDC:

[Let's rise infographic](#)

[Childhood routine vaccination factsheet](#)

[Adolescent routine vaccination factsheet](#)

CDC Calls to Action

2024/25 back to school routine immunization catch-up: late summer is usually a time many families begin preparing to send their children back to school. This is a crucial time to communicate with families to add routine childhood vaccinations to their back-to-school checklist. Please see the below resources for more information:

[Schools and school health partners](#)

[healthcare providers](#)

Signs of Improvements

After the COVID-19 pandemic started, we saw a concerning drop in routine adolescent vaccinations. Provider orders for adolescent vaccines through the vaccines for children (VFC) program also decreased by approximately 25% for HPV, MenACWY and Tdap in 2020 (October 2019 - September 2020) as compared to the same time the previous year. Adolescent vaccine orders through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and administration have steadily rebounded. Tdap and MenACWY VFC orders now exceed pre-pandemic levels.

Improvement Needed

Vaccination coverage has remained high and stable overall among children 13-17 years of age, with coverage of more than 9 in 10 teenagers for recommended Tdap and meningococcal vaccines nationally. Coverage for HPV also increased slightly with nearly 1 in 8 teenagers receiving a first dose of this vaccine.

Strategies and Resources for Healthcare Professionals, Schools, and Partners

Use evidence-based strategies and available resources to encourage catching up on routine vaccinations and communicate why being up to date on routine vaccinations is critical for staying healthy and helps families and adults make informed decisions.

Resources:

[Vaccinations for Preteens and Teens](#)

[Screening checklist for contraindications to HPV, MenACWY, MenB, and Tdap Vaccines for Teens](#)

[You are 16... We recommend these vaccines for you!](#)

[Try These Techniques to Boost Adolescent Immunizations | AAFP](#)

[Adolescent #HowIRecommend Vaccination Video Series | CDC](#)

[Fact Sheets to Promote Vaccination of Preteens and Teens | CDC](#)

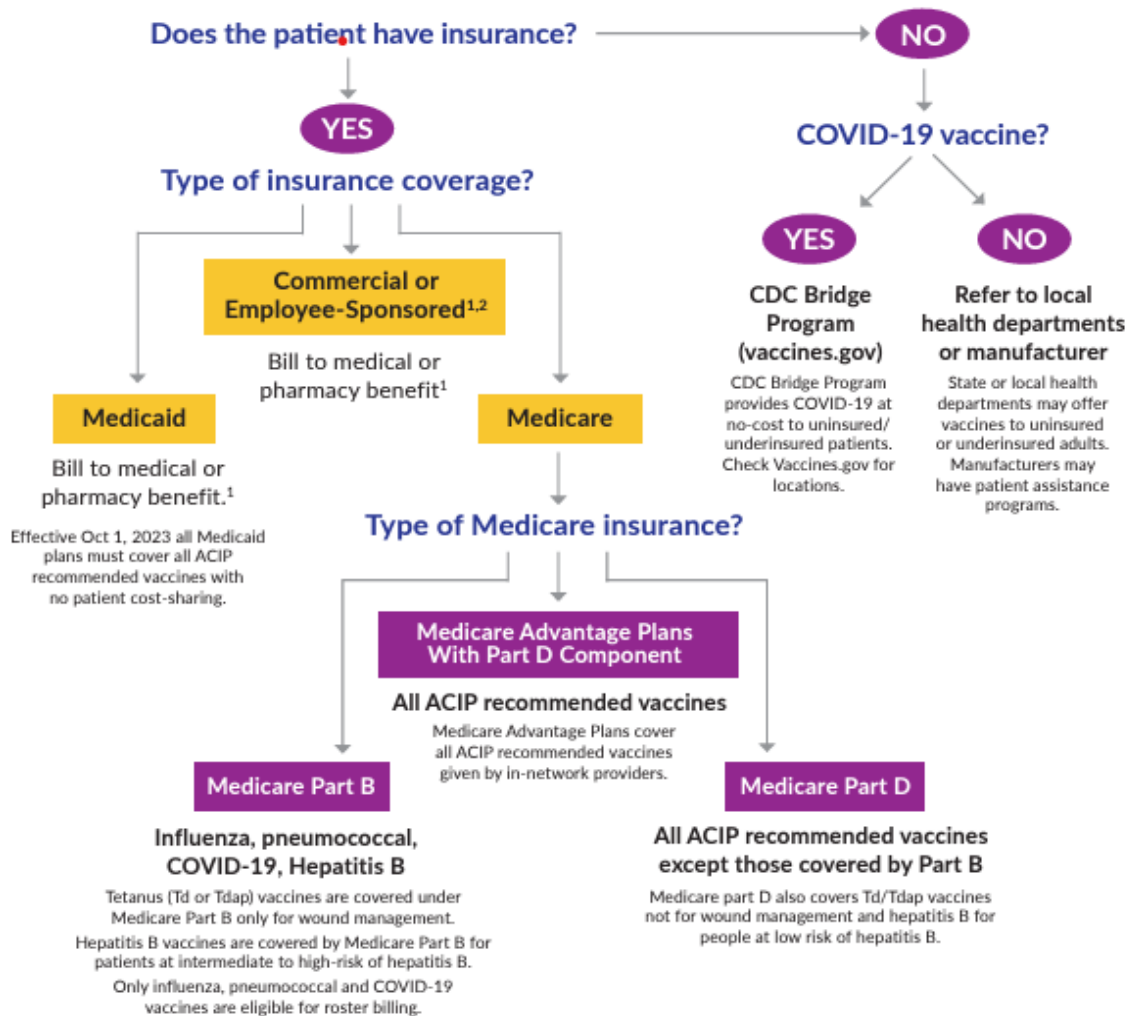
Adult Immunizations Program



Insurance Coverage of Adult Immunizations

Patients and providers should confirm which providers are in-network providers for vaccinations covered by their insurance plan.

PATIENT NEEDS VACCINE



¹ Some health insurance plans will only cover vaccines through the medical benefit. Some allow pharmacies to bill vaccines through the medical benefit.
² The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires commercial and employee-sponsored plans to cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines administered by "in-network" providers.

A Call to Action to Protect All Adults from Vaccine-Preventable Disease and Disability

The National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit (NAIIS) calls on healthcare providers across the healthcare spectrum to take action to improve routine vaccination for adults. Specifically, NAIIS calls on all clinicians and other healthcare providers, such as pharmacists, occupational health, and clinical subspecialists, to follow the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) standards for adult immunization practices including:

- Assess the vaccination status of patients at all clinical encounters, even among clinicians and other providers who do not stock vaccines.
 - Utilize PIERS to view patients' prior vaccinations to support vaccine needs assessment.
- Identify vaccines patients need, then clearly recommend needed vaccines.
- Offer needed vaccines or refer patients to another provider for vaccination.
- Document vaccinations given in PIERS.
 - Many electronic health record (EHR) systems already link to PIERS – providers should check with their EHR administrators.
 - Providers not utilizing PIERS should contact PIERS to inquire about enrollment.
- Measure vaccination rates of providers' patient panels; make changes to clinic patient flow and take additional steps to address barriers to patient vaccination.

Taking these actions will help protect adults across Pennsylvania against preventable illness, disability, and death. Additionally, below are some of the evidence-based strategies for improving adult immunization rates:

- Implementing healthcare system-based interventions to:
 - Ensure vaccination needs assessments are routinely incorporated into patient flow and needed vaccines are identified and recommended to patients.
 - Incorporate immunization provider reminders for patients in need of vaccines (e.g., enabling EHR vaccine pop-up reminders); and
 - Provide feedback to providers regarding their patients' vaccination rates.
- Increasing patient awareness of vaccines.
 - Utilize patient reminder/recall functions within PIERS and EHRs to send patient reminders about needed vaccines.
- Routinely utilize PIERS to assess vaccination needs and report vaccines administered to ensure patients have consolidated vaccination records.
- Utilizing [standing orders](#), where appropriate, to give practitioners authority to give routinely recommended vaccinations as indicated in the standing orders.
- Enhancing access to vaccination services by offering vaccines at convenient times and locations, and by eliminating or reducing other barriers, such as out-of-pocket costs.
- Working with partners on community interventions to enhance vaccine access and awareness.

Resources:

[Adult vaccination resources](#)

[Influenza vaccination resources](#)

[Vaccinating healthcare personnel](#)

[NNAIIS-cbos-and-vaccine-equity-2024](#)

[My One- Year Vaccination Action Plan](#)

MPOX VACCINE PROGRAM

JYNNEOS Vaccine Ordering Update and Commercial Availability

Bavarian Nordic, the maker of JYNNEOS, has opened ordering of the vaccine through commercial wholesalers. At this time, state, tribal, local, and territory health departments can continue to access the ASPR Strategic National Stockpile supply of JYNNEOS as the commercial availability ramps up. Requests or orders to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) should only be made to support access in circumstances where commercial product is not available or accessible.

Currently, sites are ordering JYNNEOS from the ASPR Strategic National Stockpile's (SNS) smallpox vaccine supply. As commercial availability ramps up for use against mpox, HHS will wind down ordering and distribution of the SNS supply of JYNNEOS. The transition to out-of-cycle ordering is expected to take place on April 30, 2024. Therefore, any requests or orders to USG should only be made to support access in circumstances where commercial product is not available or accessible. Ordering from the SNS supply is expected to close in early-to-mid-August 2024.

To prepare for this change, PADOH is supportive of participating providers ordering JYNNEOS to shore up their inventory through the end of April. While we do not have access to an unlimited supply from the SNS, DOH can and will continue to place orders through the end of April to support providers through PRIDE events and summer travel. Pennsylvania is still limited in the number of delivery sites per week. If we receive orders from more sites across the State than ASPR will deliver to, orders will be placed to the SNS based on region of greatest need. Providers may submit orders using the mpox vaccine request form as usual.

Bavarian Nordic worked with the federal government to develop JYNNEOS to prevent smallpox, a national security threat. The company also sought and received FDA licensure of the vaccine to prevent mpox as a commercial use of the product. Since the HHS supply is intended for use in a smallpox emergency, having JYNNEOS available on the commercial market benefits national security and U.S. taxpayers.

Resources:

[Vaccines | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

[Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of JYNNEOS Vaccine for Mpox Prevention in the United States | Mpox | Poxvirus | CDC](#)

[Emergency Use Authorization | FDA](#)

[HHS Mpox Vaccine Operational Planning Guide](#)

BRIDGE ACCESS PROGRAM

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

CDC has received reports that some providers are confused about vaccination recommendations for additional doses for persons who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

People aged 6 months and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may get 1 additional updated COVID-19 vaccine doses at least 2 months after the last recommended COVID-19 vaccine. They may also get further additional doses at 2-month intervals after the last updated vaccine dose.

People can self-attest to their moderately or severely immunocompromised status and receive COVID-19 vaccine doses wherever vaccines are offered. Vaccinators should NOT deny COVID-19 vaccination to a person due to lack of documentation.

Detailed schedule information for people who are immunocompromised can be found here:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html#immunocompromised

Healthcare providers who administer the Moderna covid-19 vaccine (2023-2024 formula) to individuals ages 6 months through 11 years should ensure the correct volume of the vaccine (0.25 ml) is withdrawn from the vial and administered to the recipient. Discard vial and excess volume after extracting a single dose.

[FDA Announcement](#)

[Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine \(2023-2024 Formula\) Healthcare Provider Fact Sheet \(fda.gov\)](#)

COVID-19 Clinical Materials Updates

CDC's COVID-19 clinical materials (standing orders, At-A Glances) have been updated to reflect the recent ACIP recommendation that all people ages 65 years of age and older should receive 1 additional dose of any 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech). The Interim 2023-24 COVID-19 Immunization Schedule is also now available.

- Standing Orders
 - [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine · Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine for 5 Years of Age and Older · Updated 2023–2024 Formula](#)
 - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine · Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine for 5 Years of Age and Older · Updated 2023–2024 Formula](#)
 - [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine · Standing Orders for Administering vaccine for 12 years of age and older · Updated 2023–2024 Formula](#)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Product At-A-Glance
 - [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine at A Glance: Updated 2023-2024 Formula](#)
 - [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine at A Glance: Updated 2023-2024 Formula](#)
 - [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine at A Glance](#)

NEW STAFF AT CITY AND COUNTY MUNICIPAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS (CMHDS), IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMS

Bethlehem:

1. **Lynn Randall, RN:**

- Community Health Nurse
- Email: lrandall@bethlehem-pa-gov

Delaware:

1. **Meagan Sheikh CSN, BSN, RN:**

- School Nurse Liaison (also participates in VFC visits)
- Email: SheikhM@co.delaware.pa.us

Erie:

1. **Sabrina Selby, MPH, BSN, RN:**

- Tuberculosis/Immunization Nursing Supervisor
- Oversees the immunization nurses and team and will share information with the appropriate team members.
- Email: sselby@eriecountypa.gov

2. **Alex Whipple, MPH:**

- Health Promotion and Quality Improvement Director.
- Oversees the team assisting with audits and will share information and assign follow-up/audits as needed.
- Email: awhipple@eriecountypa.gov

3. **Kim Dziubkowski:**

- Director, Community Health Services
- Oversees the ECDH immunization program and will coordinate information with all other key personnel working within the program.
- Email: kdziubkowski@eriecountypa.gov

York:

1. **Will Catterall, MPH**

- Public Health Clinic Supervisor
- The contact for immunizations, unrelated to Invoices and Grant Management
- Email: WCatterall@yorkcity.org

POWERFUL STORIES FROM FAMILIES AFFECTED BY VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES (VPD)

Along with sharing science-based information, storytelling is a powerful tool to communicate with others. Below are some of the powerful stories of families that have been affected by VPDs that have shared their stories with hopes of educating others, reigniting a culture of immunization, and shining light on the life-saving power of vaccines. To read the full stories of these families, visit [vaccinate your family](#).

HPV



Mary

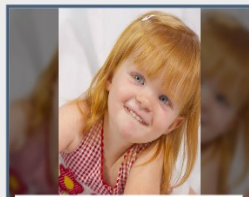
When Mary Beth was just 7 years old, she lost her grandmother, Mary, to cervical cancer.



Tamika

Tamika's life was forever changed when she was diagnosed with cervical cancer in her 20s.

Measles



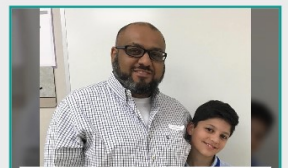
Maggie

Maggie was exposed to measles at some time she was fighting a difficult battle with cancer.



Joshua

COVID-19



Josh

Josh thought he was low-risk, yet he endured a double lung transplant and 4 months in the hospital due to COVID.



Ian

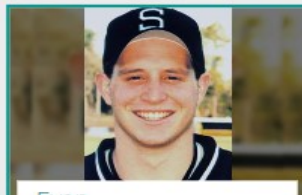
Ian died from complications of influenza A in 2003 just 30 hours after showing his



JJ

JJ was a happy, funny, and energetic two-year-old when he lost his life to flu, just 10 hours after first showing symptoms.

Meningococcal Meningitis



Evan

Evan was a star college baseball player



Emily

At 19 years old, Emily was just settling into college when she lost her life to bacterial

RSV



Sarah

Sarah was hospitalized with RSV at just four weeks old. Her illness was terrifying and stressful for her family.

Chickenpox



Leslie

Leslie shares the story of how she suffered from chickenpox during her senior year of college.



Rory

One-year-old Rory got a terrible case of the chickenpox due to a lack of "community immunity."

Polio



Mildred

Mary Beth vividly remembers how her childhood was affected by her mother, Mildred's, experience with polio.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)



Callie

Callie was her parents' miracle baby, until she contracted whooping cough in the hospital.



Carter

Even with all of the medical technology available, whooping cough took Carter's young life.

Hepatitis B



Chelle

Chelle learned she had hepatitis B after trying to donate to a military blood drive at 18 years old.



Sura

Sura's brother passed away from complications of hepatitis B when they were both in medical school in Syria.

RESOURCES FOR NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING PATIENTS

Vaccine Information Statements: [VIS Translations | Immunize.org](#)

Childhood vaccines: [Multiple Languages: MedlinePlus](#)

VFC vaccine schedules in different languages: [Health Information Translations \(healthinfotranslations.org\)](#)

Handouts for caregivers : [Clinical Resources Archive | Immunize.org](#)

COVID vaccine resources: [Get the Facts Campaign | National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants \(NRC-RIM\) \(nrcrim.org\)](#)

RSV guide: [Resources | AANHPIHealthResponse \(aa-nhpihealthresponse.org\)](#)

Adult vaccines: [You are Never Too Old to Get Vaccinated!](#)

Educational resources for farmworkers: [National Center for Farmworker Health \(ncfh.org\)](#)

Print resources: [CDC Resources in Languages Other than English](#)

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND CONFERENCES

VFC Program New Provider Enrollment Webinars

The Bureau of Immunizations (BOI) offer's a monthly webinar, *the 3rd Thursday of each month*, to introduce new providers to the *Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program*.

This new provider enrollment webinar gives new and existing VFC Providers an opportunity to learn more about the program and ask questions.

- **DATE:** Thursday, May 16, 2024
- **TIME:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com>

Promoting Access to Immunizations in Hispanic Adolescents

Adolescent Immunizations Program at BOI invites all providers, nurses, clinic staff as well as parents of teenagers to attend this free educational webinar.

- **DATE:** Friday May 17, 2024
- **TIME:** 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **REGISTRATION:** If interested, please contact Jennifer M. Torres Del Valle, PhD, MPH, MA, Public Health Program Administrator at jtorresdel@pa.gov.

Continuing Education (CE): Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR) approved this webinar for 1 credit hour for registered nurses (RNs), school personnel and emergency medical services.

Immunization & Healthcare Workers: Importance, Implementation Strategy, & Challenges

This webinar by BOI will cover a brief history of vaccines, vaccination preventable diseases, vaccines recommended for healthcare workers, as well as strategies and challenges for increasing healthcare worker immunization rates. This webinar is open to all health care workers including providers, nurses, nursing assistants, EMS personnel, school nurses, as well as health care professionals at leadership and policymaking level.

- **DATE:** Thursday, June 6, 2024
- **TIME:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- **REGISTRATION:** This webinar is free to register for and registration will be open until June 3, 2024.
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com>

Continuing Education (CE): Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) Bureau of Emergency Preparedness and Response (BEPR) approved this webinar for 1 credit hour as an Approved Provider through the Department of State, Board of Nursing for Registered Nurse CE credits, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Act 48 - school personnel and emergency medical services. Participants can claim CE after attending the webinar.

National Immunization Conference (NIC 2024)

Hosted by the CDC, the National Immunization Conference has been a public health educational tradition, bringing together a unique mix of subject matter experts and public health professionals for many decades. Federal, state, and local public health partners will gather to share the latest developments in science, program, policy, and communications on immunizations and vaccine-preventable diseases. NIC 2024 is a three-day in-person event that provides the opportunity for over 1500 immunization contributors and partners from the public and private sectors to connect. This is the first NIC since 2018.

Program content will cover science, policy, education, and implementation issues related to immunization and vaccine-preventable diseases. The conference will also feature dynamic speakers from a range of backgrounds and experiences, offering continuing education for a variety of professions.

Additionally, the exhibition area will showcase various companies that provide tools and services to improve health in communities.

- **DATE:** Aug 12-14, 2024
- **VENUE:** Marriot Marquis Atlanta, Georgia
- **PLANNER:** NIC Planning Team, nic@taskforce.org
- **REGISTRATION LINK:** <https://www.tfghmeetings.org/event/NIC-2024>





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PENNSYLVANIA IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

**Join us for the 28th Pennsylvania Immunization Conference
jointly sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and
Penn State College of Medicine.**

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

IN-PERSON LOCATION

Hershey Lodge
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033

INTERNET LIVE COURSE

**This training will be offered as a live
online course, with details provided to
registered participants in advance of
the event.**

For more information, questions, requests to be placed on the PIC distribution listing to receive most recent announcements, updates and interests in serving as a PIC **2024 conference exhibitor**, please visit: <https://ce.med.psu.edu/pennsylvania-immunization-conference/>

CONTACT US

General concerns and questions please call our main line at **888-646-6864**.

Program specific inquiries

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

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