



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

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.

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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 10th
8:30am-9:45am

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VACCINE MYTHS
AND TOOLS TO
DECREASE
HESITANCY**



**FRIDAY
10 MAY, 2024**



**TIME
08:30 AM -
09:45 AM**

Speakers

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Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory
University School of Medicine, Aflac
Cancer and Blood Disorders Center,
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Melinda Butsch Kovacic

Professor and Associate Dean of
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