



Alaska Immunization Program

Update from the Program Manager

The Alaska Immunization Program is doing our part to help limit the spread of COVID-19 by teleworking. All hotlines will be checked periodically for messages. **The best way to receive assistance is to contact us by email.**

- General questions, IQIP, Perinatal Hep B program, and AVAP: immune@alaska.gov
- VFC Program: vfc@alaska.gov
- Vaccine distribution and inventory management: vaccinedepot@alaska.gov
- VacTrAK : vactrak@alaska.gov
- Self ImmAGE: selfimmune@alaska.gov

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Vaccine Shipments during the Holiday Season

Vaccine shipments in November and December could experience delays due to:

- Heavier holiday workload for FedEx, UPS, and USPS
- Merck, McKesson, and Pfizer's limited holiday shipping schedules
- Weather delays



Ask Izzy

Monitor your inventory closely and plan your vaccine orders carefully to allow plenty of time. Do not wait until you are out or almost out of vaccine before placing an order, no matter what time of the year it is.

Submit orders by November 24th for the best chance to receive a vaccine shipment in December. Orders submitted in December may not be shipped until January.

If you receive a shipment from McKesson that has been in transit too long and/or contains activated temperature monitors, please contact vaccinedepot@alaska.gov.

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine

Children ages 5 – 11 are eligible to receive the two dose pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. You can find a flyer to share with parents [here](#) and check the [CDC pages](#) for updated materials.

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

COVID-19 vaccine boosters are available. For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in [long-term care settings](#)
- Age 18+ who have [underlying medical conditions](#)
- Age 18+ who work or live in [high-risk settings](#)

For the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type they originally received while others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

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VacTrAK Updates

Make sure you are reporting your administered vaccinations! It is good practice to verify that your EHR and VacTrAK match! Use the report module within VacTrAK to make

Dear Izzy,

How can I get my staff members access to VacTrAK?

~LP

Dear LS,

The [VacTrAK Add/Modify User](#) form will have to be filled out and submitted to VacTrAK. For any questions, please contact VacTrAK support at 907-269-0312 or vactrak@alaska.gov.

Dear Izzy,

How can my patients get a copy or replacement immunization record/CDC COVID vaccination card?

~DM

Dear DM,

In order for patients to receive a copy or replacement immunization record/CDC COVID-19 vaccination card, they will have to complete the [Immunization Record Request form](#). Follow the directions on this form and the vaccination card will be mailed to them. Due to the volume of request, processing time will be longer than expected.

Providers can also fill out the CDC COVID vaccination card for their patients as well use VacTrAK to print a copy of the patients immunization records. COVID vaccination cards can be order with the [COVID 19 Order Form](#).

sure that all of your records are being submitted. Reports that can be useful in this are the Patient Detail Report, Vaccine Administered Report, and Vaccination Totals Report.

Due to frequent changes in the guidance around COVID-19 vaccinations, VacTrAK's forecaster is being updated frequently to make sure that the forecaster is utilizing the correct logic for the current recommendations. Recent changes include:

- Logic changes for Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen COVID-19 vaccine booster
- Addition of the Pfizer COVID-19 pediatric vaccine codes
- Addition of non-US COVID-19 vaccine codes

Please contact vactrak@alaska.gov for any questions or concerns.

VacTrAK HL7 Data Update

VacTrAK is moving to require the submission of race and ethnicity data via HL7, as of January 1, 2022. Please contact vactrak@alaska.gov with any questions on this change.

IQIP

Do the children and adolescents have all the recommended vaccinations? As part of the VFC program, Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) takes place on an annual basis. The purpose of the IQIP process is to promote the implementation of quality improvement strategies designed to increase protection against vaccine-preventable diseases among childhood and adolescent patients, in adherence to the ACIP-recommended routine schedule. Please reach out to the IQIP Program Nurse Consultant at 907-269-8088 for more information.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

Great news! There is now one Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP) reporting form. Obstetricians and other prenatal providers, delivery facilities, and pediatric providers will be able to use the same form by completing appropriate information for the mother and/or infant. Prenatal providers will be able to enter the pregnant woman's information along with the HBsAg status, the delivery facilities will be able to enter the date of prophylaxis and infant's information, and the pediatric providers will be able to enter the infant's post-vaccination serology testing information after completion of the Hepatitis B vaccine series. Please reach out to the Nurse Consultant for the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program for more information at 907-269-8088.

Maternal Child Health & Immunization Virtual Conference

Registration and other information for this conference (February 22-24, 2022) can be found here: <http://alaskamchconference.org/index.html>. This website will be updated as more information becomes available.

Resources & Training

Pediatric Administration Training

On Friday, October 29, there was a pop-up ECHO session that aimed to support Vaccine Providers in advance of the anticipated approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 5-11. This session offered demonstrations of techniques, shared what resources for providers are available, and gave COVID-19 updates. Videos, slides, and other resources shared during this ECHO will be posted in the [Box shared folder](#).

VacTrAK is offering daily training on our user interface from 12pm-1pm. This is a great place to refresh your VacTrAK knowledge or ask questions.

<https://zoom.us/j/95413335230?pwd=Wnk2eUZnT3hRaHJ5ZXQrdmNoeU9ZUT09>

Meeting ID: 954 1333 5230 Passcode: Y4eyac

PrepMod is offering trainings on how to utilize PrepMod for COVID, flu, childhood, or blended vaccination clinics. If you are interested in utilizing PrepMod, please contact prepmod@alaska.gov for more information and to get started.

COVID-19 Vaccine related MMWRs

- [Changes in Influenza and Other Respiratory Virus Activity During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, 2020–2021](#)
- [Progress Toward Hepatitis B Control — World Health Organization European Region, 2016–2019](#)
- [Alternative Methods for Grouping Race and Ethnicity to Monitor COVID-19 Outcomes and Vaccination Coverage](#)
- [Progress Toward Polio Eradication — Worldwide, January 2019–June 2021](#)
- [National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years — United States, 2020](#)
- [Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2017 and 2018 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2018–2020](#)

- [*Mycobacterium porcinum* Skin and Soft Tissue Infections After Vaccinations — Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, September 2018–February 2019](#)
- [Routine Vaccination Coverage — Worldwide, 2020](#)
- [Influenza Vaccinations During the COVID-19 Pandemic — 11 U.S. Jurisdictions, September–December 2020](#)

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