



Alaska Immunization Program

Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll

The recent release of the National Immunization Survey data from 2015 indicates that Alaska's coverage rate for a birth dose of Hepatitis B vaccine increased from 54% in 2014 to 66% in 2015! This is a substantial increase and a positive trend. One way to show appreciation for birthing facilities that support the Hepatitis B Birth Dose is through the Immunization Action Coalition's Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes high coverage rates for administering the Hep B Birth Dose and is a great way to recognize individual facilities. Visit the IAC website for more [information](#) and [an application](#) for enrollment into the Honor Roll. Congratulations to the 673rd Medical Group at JBER, who are current honor roll recipients with a reported coverage rate of 93%!

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Hot Topic: Provider Enrollment

It's that time of year again! In January, look for an email with instructions for annual enrollment to receive state-supplied vaccines. It is a requirement for all facilities each year to fill out a Provider Agreement located within VacTrAK in order to receive state-supplied vaccine. The VacTrAK renewal process is separate and will occur at a later date.

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Immunization Champion Award

Nominations are now open for the annual [CDC Immunization Champion Award](#) and are due by February 3, 2017. Submit completed nomination packets to immune@alaska.gov. This award recognizes an individual for exceptional dedication to promote childhood immunizations in his or her community. The nomination should be based on leadership, collaboration, advocacy, and innovation.

Immunization Helpline

Our Immunization Helpline is a great resource for getting all of your immunization questions answered! We are available by phone at 907-269-8088 or by email at immune@alaska.gov.



All providers who fill out a Provider Agreement to enroll to receive state-supplied vaccine have the ability to administer immunizations to AVAP-eligible patients. If you opted-in to AVAP, you also have the additional ability to administer state-supplied vaccine to uninsured adults. AVAP provider opt in closes on January 31. Please review all eligibility guidelines on the [Vaccine Distribution Page](#), as some guidelines have changed from 2016.



Tips and tricks!

Inactivate patients in VacTrAK when you get record transfer requests or learn a patient is no longer coming to your clinic. This will improve your immunization rate assessments and clean up your data!

Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance Report

The Infectious Disease Program with the Section of Epidemiology is starting a quarterly VPD Surveillance Report for Alaska. The current report is available [here](#).

AFIX

Improve immunization rates by assessing immunizations at every visit! Use the VacTrAK Forecast for an easy way to keep patients up-to-date on their immunizations.

Perinatal Hepatitis B

Post-vaccination serologic testing (PVST) panels are important for infants born to hepatitis B virus-infected (HBV+) women. When assessing infants immunized with hepatitis B vaccine born to HBV+ mothers, request the PVST panel! Learn more about [PVST panels](#) from the CDC.

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