



Alaska Immunization Program

Mumps Update

The ongoing mumps outbreak has a weekly surveillance update [here](#). For general information about mumps and resources for the general public, please visit [here](#). Please view the [Alaska Public Health Advisory](#) for updated MMR vaccination recommendation.

Childhood Immunization Champion Award

It is time for nominations for the annual CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award. This award recognizes individuals who make a significant contribution toward improving public health through their work in childhood immunization. Nominations are due to the [Alaska Immunization Program](#) by February 2, 2018. Please visit the [award website](#) for more information.



In 2018, the only non-participating payers are Medicaid and Medicare. AVAP provider opt in is optional and designed for providers who wish to offer state-supplied vaccine to uninsured adult patients. Opt in for adult uninsured patients using [this form](#). For more information, please review [the opt in summary and instructions](#). AVAP provider opt in will occur from January 2 through February 28, 2018.



VacTrAK implemented a version upgrade on 12/20/2017. For more information, read the whole story of [What's New in VacTrAK!](#)

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Immunization Helpline FAQ's.

If my facility enrolls in AVAP for 2018, when will I receive an invoice from KidsVax?

Invoices will be sent to facilities in mid-March 2018.

Annual Provider Enrollment

In an effort to streamline provider enrollment for 2018, please review the steps and timeline below.

Staff Changes: If there are any staff or facility changes in 2018, follow the instructions for [State-supplied Vaccine Provider Information Change](#). To change any user information, use the form to [Add/Modify Users](#). These changes need to be in effect prior to completing the 2018 Vaccine Education Course and submitting the 2018 Provider Agreement.

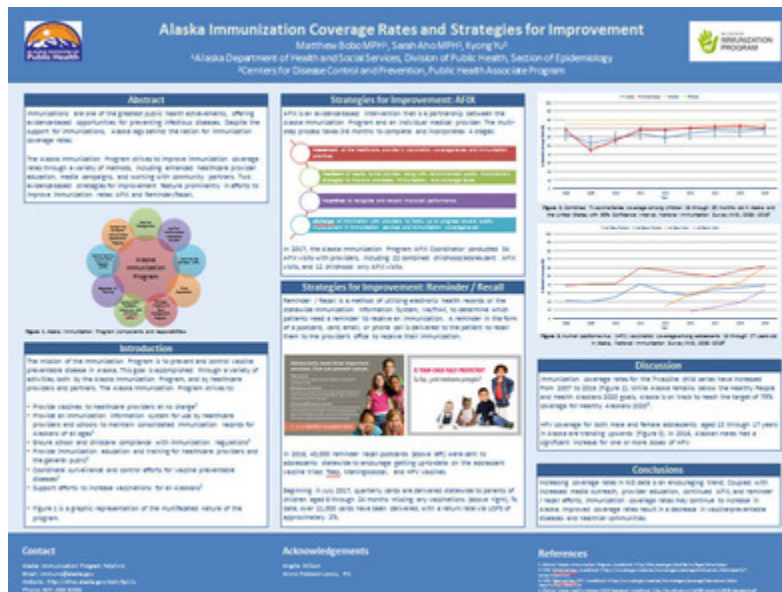
2018 State-supplied Vaccine Education

Course: The [course](#) must be completed by the Vaccine Coordinator, all listed Back-up Vaccine Coordinators, and any new Certifying Providers prior to submission of the 2018 Provider Agreement. More detailed instructions are available [here](#). Continuing education credits are available.

2018 Provider Agreement: The [2018 Provider Agreement](#) can only be submitted after the 2018 State-supplied Vaccine Education Course is completed by all required parties. The Provider Agreement must be submitted by February 28, 2018.

ALPHA Poster Presentation

The Alaska Immunization Program presented a poster titled *Alaska Immunization Coverage Rates and Strategies for Improvement* at the annual Alaska Public Health Association Summit on January 17.



Regional Workshops 2018

The Alaska Immunization Program will host regional workshops in March 2018. These half day workshops offer a refresher on vaccines, program requirements, and program updates. The target audience is staff from facilities enrolled with the Alaska Immunization Program but all are welcome. Registration will begin in late January. Continuing education credits are in process.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

Providers please share information with your patients needing PVST after completion of Hepatitis B vaccine series, the recommended PVST is to be drawn at 9-12 months (or 1-2 months after the administration of the hepatitis B vaccine final dose) as stated in the following MMWR <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6439a6.htm>

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