



Alaska Immunization Program

COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for anyone living or working in Alaska who is age 16 or older. For additional, please visit <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>.



VacTrAK Updates

- 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
- For the State of Alaska's (SOA) allocation to continue to grow, it is vital that every administered dose is properly recorded in VacTrAK within 24-72 hours of the COVID-19 vaccination. Check your administered dose count in VacTrAK to verify that VacTrAK's record reflects reality.
- In order to have COVID-19 vaccines show in your inventory correctly, you must receive your order in VacTrAK. Please review how to properly [receive an order](#). If you need to transfer inventory to another facility, please have the receiving facility complete a [State-Supplied Vaccine Transfer Form](#). Failure to receive in orders or transfer inventory will cause issues in inventory and documenting vaccinations that will need to be fixed later.
- Verify what information you are sending to VacTrAK. The MVX codes for Moderna, Pfizer, and Janssen are MOD, PFR, and JNJ, respectively. If you do not see these codes in your EHR, you may have to refresh your software. The appropriate CVX codes are 207 (Moderna COVID-19 vaccine), 208 (Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine), and 212 (Janssen COVID-19 vaccine). While the CVX code 213 does denote a COVID-19 vaccine, it denotes an unspecified COVID-19 vaccine, and should not be used in the documentation of a vaccine administration.
- PrepMod is now interfaced with VacTrAK and is able to electronically transmit vaccine administration data directly into VacTrAK via HL7 messages. Current PrepMod users are receiving updated guidance on how to use this functionality. If

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Ask Izzy

Dear Izzy,

What changes to our facility needs to be reported to Alaska Immunization Program?

DE~

Dear DE,

you or your practice are interested in utilizing PrepMod for your clinics, please email prepmod@alaska.gov.

To help determine the type of changes that need to be reported review the [Notification of Staff and Facility](#) document on our website.

Influenza Update

The SOA Immunization Program is waiving eligibility limitations again for adults for INFLUENZA vaccine for the 2021-22 season. For influenza vaccine, all adults and all pediatric patients are eligible regardless of insurance status.

Eligibility **MUST** still be tracked for dose-level accountability. Adult patients who meet an “Ineligible” category (i.e. Medicare, Medicaid, VA, insurance that doesn’t cover vaccines) must be marked with “Ineligible” eligibility but then can receive the state-supplied influenza “Public” funded vaccine.

State-supplied INFLUENZA vaccines for 2021-22 season:

Age	Manufacturer	Brand	Description
6-35 mos	Seqirus	Afluria	Quad 0.25mL single dose syringe, 10 pk
6 mos +	GSK	Fluarix	Quad 0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pk
6 mos +	Sanofi	Fluzone	Quad 5.0mL multi-dose vial, 10-dose pk
2-49 yrs	AstraZeneca	FluMist	Quad 0.2mL single dose sprayer, 10 pk
4 yrs +	Seqirus	Flucelvax	Quad 0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pk
65 yrs +	Sanofi	Fluzone HD	Quad 0.7mL single dose syringe, 10 pk
65 yrs+	Seqirus	Fluad	Quad 0.5mL single dose syringe, 10 pk

Providers may consider privately purchasing some of their own influenza vaccine if they are interested in a product not offered by the state.

Dear Izzy,

Is there an order form for COVID-19 handouts and materials.

TR~

Dear TR,

The order form for COVID-19 materials can be found [here](#). Materials are mailed with no cost to the providers.

Immunization Catch up

One of the challenges during this past year has been keeping children and adolescents up to date and catching them up on routinely recommended vaccinations. Effective tools to assist during this time are those used when there is no pandemic: making next appointments prior to a patient leaving your office, conducting reminder/recall activities, monitoring your coverage and missed opportunity rates, providing education/resources regarding immunizations, and this year—providing families with your practice’s COVID 19 precaution plans so they may feel your practice continues to be a safe environment for their visit.

Thank you for your continued efforts to reduce the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases through routine vaccination.

Perinatal Hepatitis B

What is one of the first cancer-prevention vaccines?

The Hepatitis B Vaccine!

The hepatitis B vaccine prevents chronic hepatitis B infection, as a result it prevents liver cancer caused by the virus.

Give the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine at birth.

Hepatitis B is a public health reportable condition in Alaska.

More information can be found on our website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/iz/Pages/hbv/default.aspx>



Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

The American Academy of Pediatrics has an informational video about the importance of the hepatitis B vaccine at birth: [AAP PSA](#). Alaska's perinatal Hepatitis B program is managed through our immunization Nurse Consultant and is designed to identify, track, educate and continue to further prevent Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection. Perinatal HBV transmission can be prevented by identifying HBV-infected (i.e., hepatitis B surface antigen [HBsAg]-positive) pregnant women and providing hepatitis B immune globulin and hepatitis B vaccine to their infants within 12 hours of birth. For more information please visit the [Alaska Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program](#) page.

Prenatal Reporting [Forms and Resources](#) are available on the SOA Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program page. For more information please call 907-269-8088 or email immune@alaska.gov.

HPV Vaccination Week

Another cancer-prevention vaccine is the HPV vaccine. We would like to highlight [HPV Cancer Free Alaska](#); they are calling you to action in the fight against Human Papillomavirus (HPV). HPV Cancer Free Alaska is asking you to join the mission to prevent HPV and related cancers by improving vaccination rates in Alaska

HPV Vaccination Week is April 18-24. Please visit <https://hpvcancerfreeak.org/> to learn more about this important campaign and how to participate.

VFC Required Training

The deadline for successful completion of the 2021 VFC Provider Course was February 28, 2021. If your facility's VFC coordinator and back up coordinator staff is/are noncompliant with this required training, vaccine orders will not be approved until staff have successfully completed the training. Please note that emails regarding this requirement were previously

sent to applicable staff and that the deadline for this requirement was posted to the VFC Provider website.

Recommendations & Reports

[Prevention of Hepatitis A Virus Infection in the United States: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2020](#)

[Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices —United States, 2020–21 Influenza Season](#)

[Meningococcal Vaccination: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2020](#)

[Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2016 and 2017 — National Immunization Survey-Child, United States, 2017–2019](#)

[ACIP Shared Clinical Decision-Making Recommendations](#)

[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger — United States, 2021](#)

[Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — United States, 2021](#)

[Reports of Anaphylaxis After Receipt of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines in the US-December 14, 2020-January 18, 2021](#)

[First Month of COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Monitoring — United States, December 14, 2020–January 13, 2021](#)

Childhood Growth Charts are Back

We are pleased to announce that our program has Alaska animal themed [growth charts](#) available and remind you that clicking on each [order form](#) item's title will provide a detailed look at what's available at no cost for you to share with your staff and the patients you serve.

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