



Alaska Immunization Program

Update from the (Acting) Program Manager Sarah Aho

As the Immunization Program goes through some big transitions this fall, I'll be stepping in as acting program manager. I've worked with the Immunization Program for about five years in various roles. Matthew Bobo stepped down as Program Manager in pursuit of sunshine and a fresh start in Washington D.C.. Morgan Frank left as VacTrAK Manager to continue her career with the Department of Environmental Conservation with the State. Brenda Snelson will fill in for VacTrAK responsibilities.

With COVID-19 vaccine boosters and flu season right around the corner, it will be a busy time! It's great to have such a strong team working here at the Immunization Program and a supportive and hard-working community of vaccine providers, educators, and advocates in Alaska. We have a number of resources available to support efforts to vaccinate Alaskans and are interested in ways to do better. Please review our contacts below:

- 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
- COVID-19 Vaccines: covid19vaccine@alaska.gov

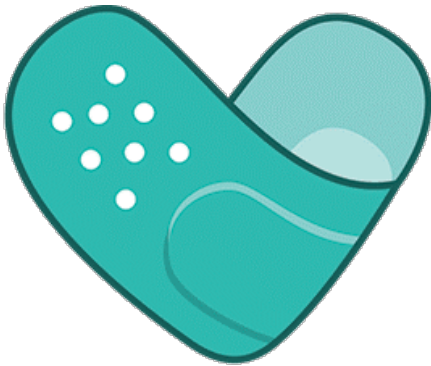
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Jynneos Vaccine Update

As a follow up to the August 9 [HHS announcement regarding the Jynneos vaccine](#), see the additional resources below shared by federal partners:

- [“Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Announces Key Actions and Implementation Plan to Increase Vaccine Supply”](#) [White House]
- [“Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of JYNNEOS and ACAM2000 Vaccines during the 2022 U.S. Monkeypox Outbreak”](#) [CDC]
- [“Monkeypox Update: FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of JYNNEOS Vaccine to Increase Vaccine Supply”](#) [FDA]
- [“HHS Secretary Becerra issues 564 determination, paving way for emergency use authorization of monkeypox vaccines”](#) [HHS]



National Immunization Awareness Month

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month! During NIAM, encourage your patients to schedule appointments to ensure they are up to date on annual exams and recommended vaccines. Research has consistently shown that healthcare providers are the most trusted source of vaccine information for parents and patients.

- Toolkit for reaching parents and patients [here](#).
- [NIAM Graphics](#) that can be used for social media, websites, newsletters, and other materials.



Ask Izzy

Dear Izzy,

How can I stay informed about the latest on Monkeypox?

~TS

Dear TS,

For the latest information on Monkeypox check the [Alaska Department of Health Monkeypox](#) website and the [CDC Monkeypox](#) website. Check these sites regularly to stay informed on the newest information.

Dear Izzy,

Will there be more anymore ECHOs by the Alaska Immunization Program?

~SE

Dear SE,

Beginning in September, the Alaska Immunization Program will offer a monthly ECHO featuring guest speakers and learning opportunities. Please register for the series [here](#).

School/Child Care Immunization Requirements Documentation

Our thanks once again to our partners in health care for administering vaccines to Alaska's children. We also thank you for providing copies of medically verified immunization records at the time of administration and when applicable, appropriately completed medical exemption/immunity forms to our families/guardians/students. While people have back to school season in mind, please note that children's immunization and immunization related documentation needs may continue after the school year begins. Providing state-required documentation helps prevent children from being excluded from school and child care attendance. If you have questions regarding school/child care attendance requirements, please contact the Immunization Program Helpline phone and/or email address and reference "school/childcare requirements" in your request.

Cyberattack

The Department of Health is still working to get our website up-to-date due to the [cyberattack](#). If you find a form on [our website](#) and are wondering if it is the latest edition, please email immune@alaska.gov and ask. We will be happy to supply the latest edition of the form to you.

VFC Documents and Website

Vaccines For Children Program staff are in the process of updating/revising multiple documents and forms that will be posted to our website. VFC provider staff should watch their emails and monitor the VFC website for these updates throughout the coming weeks. New/revised documents will contain version dates of "7.2022".

Also note that previously saved bookmarks to [VFC web content](#) may no longer work as the Department of Health has created new URLs for our webpages.

Our email, vfc@alaska.gov, remains the same. Should you contact us, including your facility name *and* VFC PIN will expedite communications. Our thanks for your participation in the VFC Program.

VAC TRAK

VacTrAK's Single Sign On

Single Sign on was successfully added to VacTrAK on July 26th. This is another step closer to offering additional modules. The module concept will offer the ability to provide new features, improve the response to system issues, and streamline development of new functionality.



Docket Coming Soon

Immunization records will soon be available to the public through the Docket® mobile app. Please verify patients' first name, last name, legal sex, phone number, and email address are current, when documenting immunizations in VacTrAK or your VacTrAK connected EIS. This will assist patients in accessing their records through Docket®.



PrepMod

PrepMod continues to be available, free to all providers in Alaska. The online appointment software can be used to register patients and document COVID, monkeypox, flu, and routine immunizations. If interested, please contact prepmod@alaska.gov.

2022/2023 Flu Vaccine

State flu vaccine will be universal again this year. [Ordering for state flu vaccines will begin in early-mid September](#). A notification email will be sent to all providers alerting them that they should now have the Flu 2022-2023 order set in VacTrAK. Please only order enough to get you started for the season, approximately 2 months' worth. Review your last season's vaccine administered report. On August 16th at 2:00 PM there will be an ECHO discussing the influenza vaccine recommendations for the 2022-2023 season. [Register here](#) for this session.

Novavax

A limited amount of Novavax vaccine is available through the Alaska Immunization Program. If you did not receive the Novavax depot order set, please email vaccinedepot@alaska.gov. Providers will need to plan for both 1st and 2nd doses when requesting vaccine.

Novavax is a 10 dose vial and once punctured the vial can only be used for 6 hours. We know there will be wastage. As always, don't miss an opportunity to vaccinate. Please try to group appointments within the 6-hour window to try to reduce wastage.

Fact Sheets

- [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#)
- [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)

MenQuadfi Transition

Sanofi Pasteur transitioned their two meningococcal A, C, Y, W conjugate vaccines (Menactra and MenQuadfi). Starting August 1st, Menactra is no longer be available to order and providers should now place orders for MenQuadfi. For children younger than two, providers will order Menveo beginning August 1, since MenQuadfi is indicated only for children 2 years of age and older. If you do not have an order set for MenQuadfi, please email vaccinedepot@alaska.gov.

IQIP Update

Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) is a process shared with Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers to improve immunization services. Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers participate in a program to offer vaccines at no cost to children, to help ensure children have a better chance of getting recommended vaccinations and that means healthier children. It is widely known that vaccine-preventable diseases are significantly reduced by use of vaccinations. Yes, vaccinations are the greatest achievements of modern medicine! Now is not the time to be complacent about the importance of ACIP-recommended vaccinations, especially with the anti-vaccination Infodemic. Please do not hesitate to present proper vaccine information to your patients. Communication strategies have been shared to assist in addressing the concerns. One strategy is ASK: Acknowledge concerns, Steer (correct misunderstandings, etc.), Know facts (be confident/prepared). The common theme in effective communication is engaging with empathy.

Helpful resources

AAP Pediatrics on Call has a podcast on vaccine hesitancy: aap.org

Immunize.org, formerly known as the Immunization Action Coalition: immunize.org

For more information email the Immunization Program Nurse Consultant at immune@alaska.gov.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP) focuses on preventing the spread of hepatitis B virus from infected mothers to newborns. Preventing the spread of hepatitis B virus requires that we collaborate to screen, test, educate, and provide prophylaxis interventions (STEPPI). Please educate/share information with parents, the importance of hepatitis B vaccine series completion and the post-vaccination serology testing for the infant born to the mother with a positive HBsAg lab. Share the information at each well-child visit.

Helpful Resources

CDC Viral Hepatitis information Perinatal Transmission: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

Contact the PHBPP Nurse Consultant for more information 907-269-8088 or immune@alaska.gov.

HPV Vaccination Campaign

HPV Vaccination Month: August '22



The 3rd Annual HPV Vaccination Campaign

Their 3rd annual HPV Vaccination campaign has updated their website at www.HPVCancerFreeAK.org. Visit this website for more information, provider toolkits, and resources for both providers and parents.

Training

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 flu or childhood vaccination clinics. If you are interested in utilizing PrepMod, please contact prepmod@alaska.gov for more information and to get started.

MMWRs

- [Public Health Response to a Case of Paralytic Poliomyelitis in an Unvaccinated Person and Detection of Poliovirus in Wastewater — New York, June–August 2022](#)
- [Progress Toward the Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of Hepatitis B Virus — Worldwide, 2016–2021](#)
- [Influenza Activity and Composition of the 2022–23 Influenza Vaccine — United States, 2021–22 Season](#)

- [Interim Analysis of Acute Hepatitis of Unknown Etiology in Children Aged <10 Years — United States, October 2021–June 2022](#)
- [Genetic Characterization of Novel Oral Polio Vaccine Type 2 Viruses During Initial Use Phase Under Emergency Use Listing — Worldwide, March–October 2021](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Initial Outbreak Response Activity Following Wild Poliovirus Type 1 Detection — Malawi, February 2022](#)
- [Notes from the Field: Influenza A\(H3N2\) Outbreak Following a School Event — Los Angeles, California, March 2022](#)

Monkey pox MMWRs

- [Epidemiologic and Clinical Characteristics of Monkeypox Cases — United States, May 17–July 22, 2022](#)
- [Interim Guidance for the Prevention and Treatment of Monkeypox in Persons with HIV Infection — United States, August 2022](#)
- [Rapid Diagnostic Testing for Response to the Monkeypox Outbreak — Laboratory Response Network, United States, May 17–June 30, 2022](#)
- [Erratum: Vol. 71, No. 22: Use of JYNNEOS \(Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Nonreplicating\) for Preexposure Vaccination of Persons at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022](#)
- [Monkeypox Outbreak — Nine States, May 2022](#)
- [Use of JYNNEOS \(Smallpox and Monkeypox Vaccine, Live, Nonreplicating\) for Preexposure Vaccination of Persons at Risk for Occupational Exposure to Orthopoxviruses: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2022](#)

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