



Alaska Immunization Program

Update from the Program Manager

The Immunization Program recently published an [Epi Bulletin](#) detailing childhood vaccination coverage in Alaska through the COVID-19 pandemic. While we saw rates decline with a low point in December 2021, we are starting to see a trend upward. We have a way to go to regain pre-pandemic coverage levels, but I'm confident we can all work together to get Alaskans up to date on their vaccinations. The "Ask Izzy" question details ways the Immunization Program can support your efforts to vaccinate Alaskans, and Docket continues to be a great resource for families and partners. Thank you for your continued work and support for healthy Alaskans!

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Immunization Champions Award

We are looking for nominations for the 2023 Immunization Champion Award! We are excited to start the search for an inspirational 2023 Immunization Champion for Alaska.

The Immunization Champion Award is a national award program hosted by the Association of Immunization Managers and honors individuals going above and beyond to foster and/or promote immunization in their communities. This award program was previously hosted by the CDC and known as the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award and HPV is Cancer Prevention

Ask Izzy



Award. **Learn more online at**
<https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/championsaward>

Please fill out the survey with your nomination for the Alaska Immunization Champion Award by **May 12th, 2023**. After the survey has closed, a review committee will look over the results choose one champion to represent Alaska. If you nominate the chosen individual, we may reach out to you for more information/ a photo of the individual.

Nominate a champion today! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GR6P2Z9>

Urgent Orders Are for Public Health Emergencies

Urgent orders are reserved for public health emergencies per CDC and McKesson shipping guidelines. For regular orders please remember to order vaccine at least three weeks in advance. You do not need to select a priority reason when ordering.

Selecting 'Urgent' and 'Public Health Emergency' with your VacTrAK order may *slow* your order down if you do not have an emergency. The depot team must contact you about an order marked urgent and cannot process the order until we can confirm the nature of your emergency. Uploading an urgent order may delay any others placed by the same facility.

If you do have an emergency, including natural disasters and disease outbreaks, please email the depot at vaccinedepot@alaska.gov with your order for faster turnaround.

VAC TRAK VacTrAK Forecasting

- COVID forecasts in VacTrAK are based on ACIP recommendations from November 2022, NOT the latest ACIP guidance from April 2023. When evaluating COVID vaccine eligibility, reference the CDC's [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States](#).

Dear Izzy,

We are starting to plan our back to school vaccination event. In what ways can the Immunization Program help our event become successful?

~SL

Dear SL,

The Immunization Program can help your event become successful in a few different ways.

- We can help with advertising your event. We can work with you to provide social media ads, TV PSAs, Radio PSAs, and print media.
- Reminder postcards can be sent to remind parents and guardians that their child's vaccinations are due soon or overdue.
- If your clinic is short staffed, our contract with Fairweather can help provide you with medical personnel for your event.
- Order free educational materials through our [order form](#).
- Have Izzy attend your event. Please request our Izzy costume at least a month prior to your event .

Please contact us to discuss how we can help your back to school vaccination event. Email us at immune@alaska.gov or call us at 907-269-8088.

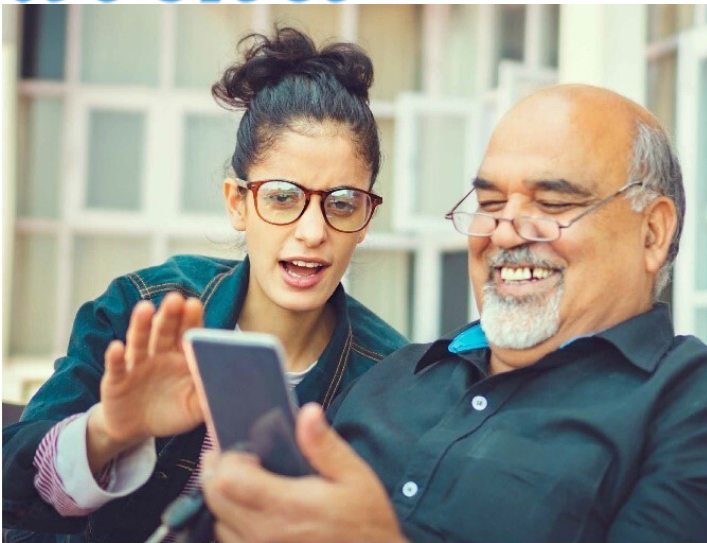
- HPV forecasting now includes all patients through 26 years old, regardless of gender.

AIRA Superstar

Noel Danielson (VacTrAK Public Health Informaticist 1) was honored at the American Immunization Registry Association National (AIRA) Meeting earlier this month with a Superstar award for “willingness to shoot for the stars and exceeding expectations every step of the way and working countless hours to support new initiatives in the community”. Congratulations Noel!

Docket Notice

docket[®]



Records missing from *docket*[®]?
Contact your health care provider.

Docket[®] will display only those immunizations reported to Alaska's Immunization Information System. We encourage all providers with

View/Add permission to update VacTrAK for patients providing valid documentation of missing vaccinations.

For Docket support, please contact:

hss.dph.epi.docket@alaska.gov or (907)269-8090.

** Effective December 29, 2013, health care providers are required to report all administered immunizations to VacTrAK within 14 days of vaccine administration (7 AAC 27.650). The new reporting requirement is applicable for any vaccine administered, including state supplied and privately purchased vaccine.**

Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program

Did you know that if you are a VFC provider you are also a part of the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP)? Did you know you can vaccinate insured adults and kids with state-supplied vaccine? For more information on AVAP or the Uninsured Adult Opt In Program, visit

<https://health.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/iz/Pages/avap.aspx/> or email us at AVAP@alaska.gov.

IQIP

IQIP is CDC's national, Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider-level immunization quality improvement (QI) program. IQIP serves to assist and support health care providers by identifying opportunities to improve vaccine uptake and to help providers be:

- Motivated to try new vaccination service delivery strategies and incorporate changes into their current practices
- Supported in sustaining changes and improvement to their vaccination service delivery
- Aware of and knowledgeable about vaccination coverage and missed opportunities to vaccinate
- Able to use available data from the IIS to improve services and coverage

For more information contact the Immunization Program Nurse Consultant at 907-269-8088 or email immune@alaska.gov.

Perinatal Hepatitis B

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

- [Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Report Form](#)
- CDC Viral Hepatitis information Perinatal Transmission: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

For more information contact the Immunization Program Nurse Consultant at 907-269-8088 or email immune@alaska.gov.

Resources & Training

Visit our [Training & Education page](#) for more trainings.

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.

- [Zoom session](#)
- **Meeting ID:** 954 1333 5230
- **Passcode:** Email helpdesk at vactrak@alaska.gov

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

- [Secondary Cases of Invasive Disease Caused by Encapsulated and Nontypeable *Haemophilus influenzae* — 10 U.S. Jurisdictions, 2011–2018](#)
- [Update on Wild Poliovirus Type 1 Outbreak — Southeastern Africa, 2021–2022](#)
- [Seasonality of Respiratory Syncytial Virus — United States, 2017–2023](#)
- [Widespread Community Transmission of Hepatitis A Virus Following an Outbreak at a Local Restaurant — Virginia, September 2021–September 2022](#)
- [Update on Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus Outbreaks — Worldwide, January 2021–December 2022](#)
- [Interim Estimates of 2022–23 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness — Wisconsin, October 2022–February 2023](#)
- [Typhoid Fever Surveillance, Incidence Estimates, and Progress Toward Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Introduction — Worldwide, 2018–2022](#)

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