

**Immunization Coalition of Erie County Meeting Minutes**

**June 21, 2018 - 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Erie County Department of Health 2nd Floor Conference Room**

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| **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** |  | **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE** |
| RK (Ronald) Bair, Senior Regional Acct Mgt. Sanofi Pasteur |  | Darrel Romba, Immunization Coordinator at WIC |
| Kris Balinski, ECDH IMMI Supervisor |  | Sonya Shampoe, ECDH Public Health Nurse, VFC QI Nurse |
| Maggie Burrows, ECDH – Outreach Worker |  | Janet Strayer, ECDH Public Health Nurse |
| Tonie Cline, ECDH, Project Secretary |  | Meghan White, Merck |
| Kevin Louis, Sanofi Pasteur \* **CO-CHAIR** |  | Karen Wiggers, BS, RN ECDH Public Health Nurse **\* CHAIR** |

1. **Welcome and Introductions – Chair, Karen Wiggers, BS,RN**

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting and the group members introduced themselves.

Welcome new member RK Bair from Sanofi Pasteur.

Reviewed and approved minutes from March 15, 2018 meeting.

**II. Ice Breaker – Co-Chair, Kevin Louis**

100 years ago the Great Influenza Pandemic killed between 50M-100M people world-wide.

Take a True/False test of 10 questions and learn influenza facts at

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/ten-myths-about-1918-flu-pandemic>

Other interesting sites on 1918 flu pandemic:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/12/1/05-0979>

<https://ecdc.europa.eu/en/seasonal-influenza/facts/questions-and-answers-influenza-pandemics>

**III.** **Flu – Review and Preview-Co-Chair, Kevin Louis**

WHO (World Health Organization) changes 2 strains for 2018-19 flu vaccine.

<https://www.printfriendly.com/p/g/E9Xd8q>

Kevin stated that UPMC is trying to go to all egg free flu vaccine with FLUBLOK-FDA approved age 18 older and

Flucelvax from Seqirus for age 4 and older.

<https://www.passporthealthusa.com/vaccinations/flublok-egg-free-cell-based-influenza-vaccine/>

<https://www.flucelvax.com/>

Karen presented graphs of Influenza Cases by Season for Erie County, PA see attachments by:

Percent of Influenza Cases by Age

Reported Influenza Cases by Type

Hospitalized Influenza Cases

The World’s First Universal Flu Vaccine is already undergoing clinical trials.

<https://www.sciencealert.com/universal-flu-vaccine-funded-by-gv-clinical-trials>

Using spider silk to boost our immune systems

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/322139.php>

**IV. Hot Topics, Karen**

Travel Health Notices-Warnings:

#3-Venezuela – avoid non-essential travel

#2- Practice Enhanced Precautions – Brazil-Yellow Fever, South Africa-Malaria and Listeriosis

#1-Practice Usual Precautions- Democratic Republic of Congo-Ebola, Saudi Arabia-Hajj and Umrah, Italy-Measles.

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

**V. PA Immunization Conference-Harrisburg 8/16/18– Karen**

[**https://ce.med.psu.edu/pennsylvania-immunization-conference/**](https://ce.med.psu.edu/pennsylvania-immunization-conference/)

**VI. National Immunization Awareness Month-AUGUST – Karen**

<https://www.nphic.org/niam-10things>

Childhood Immunization Drop-In Article for Public; also in Spanish.

Send Your Kids Back to School with Their Vaccines Up to Date.

Vaccinating on Time is Important for Disease Protection

Five Important Reasons to Vaccinate Your Child

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/matte-articles-features.html>

ICEC sponsored Baseball game: SeaWolves is Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

You will be notified when vouchers are available.

**VII 2018 Professional Immunization Conference-Friday, October 26, 2018-Karen**

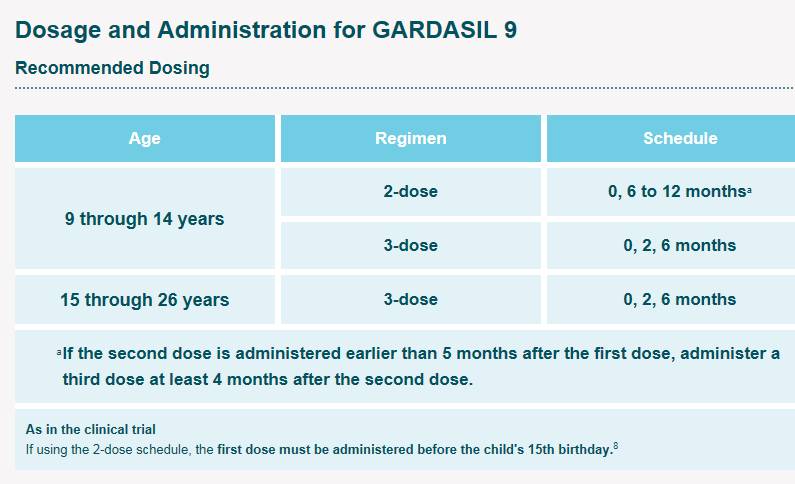
Ambassador Center, Erie, PA (Peach Street/I-90)

<https://www.emedevents.com/c/medical-conferences-2018/2018-professional-immunization-seminar>

**VIII. Discussion From the Floor – Please bring your ideas-Karen**

Meghan White, Merck: Manufacturer for GARDASIL®9 stated that the American Cancer Society is heading their own

HPV campaign. The National Goal is 80% vaccinated for females and males.



Merck will run their HPV campaign in parallel.

Breaking news: GARDASIL®9 is being investigated for ages 27 through 49.

RK Bair, Sanofi Pasteur: Talked about Project Tycho.

University of Pittsburgh project to advance the availability and use of public health data for science and policy making.

The **Project Tycho™** database includes data from all weekly notifiable disease reports for the U.S. dating back to 1888.

Data are freely available to anybody interested. Updated 2.0 version coming in August 2018.

<https://www.tycho.pitt.edu/data/>

**IX. Next Meeting: November 15, 2018 - Karen** Amendment: Meeting changed to November 29, 2018.

Erie County Department of Health-606 West 2nd Street, Erie, PA 16507, 11:30am to 1:00pm, 2nd Fl. Conf. Rm.

(Bring your own Lunch)