



PAIC Weekly Update 10/19

Event Shoutout!

MCIC had an awesome time this weekend at the COVID-19 & Flu Vaccine Clinic at Gotwals Elementary School. Thanks to our partners Norristown NAACP, ACLAMO, Community Hero Action Group, East Norriton Pharmacy, Gotwals, Elmwood Park Zoo & PAIC for helping us protect our community! Together, we vaccinated 170 people!



From Immunize.org: American Pharmacists Month celebrated in October; U.S. pharmacists delivered half of COVID-19 vaccinations to date

"[American Pharmacists Month](#) is observed in October, organized by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). A portion of the campaign web page appears below. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the United States, pharmacists and their teammates contributed to protecting America's health and promoting recovery by providing lifesaving vaccinations and expanding clinical services in their pharmacies and communities.

According to a recent article in [Journal of the American Pharmacists Association \(JAPhA\)](#), pharmacists plausibly accounted for more than 50% of all COVID-19 vaccinations in the United States, with conservative estimates that pharmacists and their teammates averted over 1 million deaths, more than 8 million hospitalizations, and \$450 billion in health care costs because of their pandemic interventions".

PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

Thank you from Kayla Knock!

I have some bittersweet news to inform our PAIC Network. Recently, I have been presented with an opportunity with the American Heart Association that I will be pursuing. I have so enjoyed learning and growing with the PAIC, and want to thank you the entire PAIC Network for the wonderful dedication to this important work. My final day will be Monday, October 24th. But I have strong faith in my team that the

organization will thrive without my presence. With Heidi's continued excellent grantee management and continued strong programmatic efforts, Steph's great work and recent promotion to an FTE Communications Coordinator, Rachel's strong efforts for her coalitions and added help with the PAIC, and Chelise's eagerness and a strong background in community health, I have full confidence that my team will succeed without my presence!

For questions while we look for my replacement, please reach out to Eileen Thompson at ethompson@paaap.org and Annette Myarick at AMyarick@paaap.org

- **Now Hiring!** Immunization Program Manager, [see job description here](#). Resumes and letter's of interest should be emailed to amyarick@paaap.org
- **Now Hiring!** On behalf of the Alleghany County Immunization Coalition, PA-AAP and the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition are excited to announce that we are hiring ONE full-time Coalition Coordinator in order to expand our immunization access and outreach efforts in Pennsylvania. Please see the job duties below and share with your networks.
 - [Immunization Coalition Coordinator - Alleghany Immunization Coalition](#)
- **Volunteer as an Immunization Champion!** - PAIC has opportunities for local immunization champions willing to volunteer their time to assist with education and outreach, administrative tasks, and events. Visit <https://www.immunizepa.org/volunteer/> to learn more about what an Immunization Champion is, what we're looking for, and to fill out the interest form and get involved!

Partner Updates:

- **Montgomery County Immunization Coalition: Check this out! CDC's Partnering for Vaccine Equity Program is highlighting our *Say Boo to the Flu and COVID too!* social media toolkit!**
 - Social media images and sample text were created to make it easy for you to get the word out to your community about the importance of getting your Flu & COVID-19 vaccines before Halloween.
 - **Direct Links to Social Media Images:** [Boo1](#), [Boo2](#), [Boo3](#), [Boo4](#), [Boo5](#)
 - You can also find the toolkit with social media images and sample text on our [webpage](#). Please feel free to use and share with your networks!
- **PA Polio Survivors Network: They have been published by the Lehigh Valley Medical Society.** "According to the publisher website, it's mailed to member and non-member physicians, business and community leaders, and physician, dentist, allied health and beauty salon waiting rooms throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties, and is disseminated digitally through web and social media channels."
 - Article
Version: https://issuu.com/nhgi/docs/lchm_fall22_issuu/s/16957000
 - Magazine Version: https://issuu.com/nhgi/docs/lchm_fall22_issuu

See more upcoming October events and clinics here!

Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- **Identifying & Overcoming Barriers to Access to Care in the Plain Community**, Sat, Oct 22, 2022 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT, [find more information](#)

[for the event here!](#)

- **Voices for Vaccines releases podcast with Paul Offit to discuss studies on aluminum** - Voices for Vaccines (VFV) posted a new entry in its Vax Talk podcast series: [Dr. Offit's Take on Aluminum](#) featuring Paul Offit, MD, discussing aluminum as vaccine adjuvants.
 - **COCA Call on the 2022-2023 AAP and CDC Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment** - Watch this free [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\) Call](#) on AAP and CDC recommendations for influenza prevention and treatment in children and adolescents for the 2022-2023 season. Speakers provide an overview of the 2021-2022 season, strategies to increase immunization rates, and highlight important health disparities.
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Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **[CDC Expands Updated COVID-19 Vaccines to Include Children Ages 5 Through 11](#)** - CDC's Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky released a statement and signed a decision memo recommending updated (bivalent) COVID-19 boosters for children five years and older. FDA [amended the Emergency Use Authorizations \(EUAs\) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#), Bivalent and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, Bivalent to authorize their use as a single booster dose in younger age groups.
 - **CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases kick off the 2022–23 influenza vaccination season** - CDC and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) kicked off the 2022–23 flu vaccination season during an October 4 press conference held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. A summary of the event is available at [2022–2023 Flu Vaccination Campaign Kickoff](#).
 - **2022 edition of The Vaccine Handbook App is available in free iOS and Android formats, courtesy of Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society** - The new 2022 The Vaccine Handbook App has been updated with the 11th edition of [The Vaccine Handbook](#) by Gary Marshall, MD, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Louisville. Sponsored by the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society (PIDS), the app is a comprehensive source of practical information for vaccine providers, educators, and advocates
 - **[New Tools Aid Talks on Vaccine Safety, Routine Immunizations](#)** - The AAFP has created four new resources in collaboration with Pfizer Inc. to help physicians and their care teams move patients from vaccine hesitancy to vaccine confidence
 - **Plan Your Flu Vaccine Clinic with New Tools from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** - With annual influenza vaccination rates below optimal levels, setting up a flu vaccination clinic is a great way to increase rates by providing your patients with efficient access to vaccination before the start of the influenza season. The [How to Set Up a Flu Clinic](#) toolkit from the AAP includes resources for pediatric practices to plan and implement an in-office vaccination clinic. This flu clinic toolkit links to the communication toolkit with updated shareable social media graphics, editable posters, a one-pager for families, and videos on influenza vaccination. Use these tools to promote your clinic and to remind parents about the importance of getting vaccinated now.
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Vaccine News

Local News:

- [LECOM Prepares for Flu Season with Vaccine Clinic](#) (Erie News Now)
- [COVID in Pa. weekly update, Oct. 12: Cases, hospitalizations up](#) (ABC27)
- [Pennsylvania vaccine providers ready to administer updated COVID-19 booster shots](#) (Your Erie)
- [Pa Health Department encourages flu vaccine, COVID-19 boosters](#) (WTAJ)

National & Global News:

- [Vaccinate Your Family and the Society for Women's Health Research Work Together to Promote Vaccine Uptake](#) (Vaccinate Your Family)
- [CDC, FDA authorize COVID-19 Omicron booster shots for kids](#) (Axios)
- [COVID jabs for kids: they're safe and they work — so why is uptake so patchy?](#) (Nature)
- [COVID-19 vaccines prevented more than 300K deaths among Medicare beneficiaries in 2021](#) (Healio)

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