



PAIC Weekly Update 10/5

Event Shoutouts!

BCHIP Vaccine Event 9/28/22. They hosted a COVID-19 clinic at Pennridge Senior Activity Center and gave 36 booster shots to their members! [See pictures and videos from the event here.](#)



The South Central PA MRC unit partnered with the Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition and participated in a Health Fair on Wednesday at the Schuylkill Haven campus of Penn State University.

During the course of the day, they dispensed MRC-provided COVID home test kits, vaccine literature, water bottles, bags, and current advice from the CDC to about 60 students and staff who attended from the campus. They had frank discussions with many students about the importance of getting their flu and COVID vaccines, as well as their HPV series (to protect them from HPV-related cancers).

PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **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!
- **Join the PA Immunization Coalition Board of Directors** - If you are interested, please fill out this form on our website: <https://www.immunizepa.org/become-a-board-member/>

Partner Updates:

- **Join the Chester, Berks, and Schuylkill County Immunization Coalitions on October 13th at 12:00 for a webinar with Becky Christensen, the founder of SAFE (Science And Families Engaging) Communities Coalition and Action Fund.** The presentation, "Taking Vaccine Advocacy the Final Mile", will cover topics such as: why pro-vaccine advocacy is important, an overview of anti-vaccine legislation proposed in 2022, the importance of relationship building, and why advocacy benefits your efforts. **Register Here:** https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FOFtGzLfSaaDGAslYjtz0Q
- **AME Church Clinics:**
 - **Bivalent Booster and Flu Clinic, Sunday October 9th at 12:30 pm - 2 pm.** First AME Church, 1201 Hook Road, Sharon Hill PA 19079. Registration strongly encouraged, to sign up or for more info, contact: Pastor Michelle McBeth, 267-819-4872, drmichellemcbeth@gmail.com
 - **Bivalent Booster and Flu Clinic, Sunday October 16th at 12:30 pm - 2 pm.** Asbury AME Church, 1712 Providence Avenue, Chester PA 19013. Registration in advance strongly encouraged. For more information, please: call 267-574-0040 or email us at AsburyAMEChurch@outlook.com

See more upcoming October events and clinics here!

Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- **Let's Talk "Voting is Good for Your Health: How Pediatricians Can Promote a Healthy Democracy to Benefit their Patients".** Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. By the end of this activity, participants will be able to understand: 1) The connection between voting and health, 2) Skills to help patients and parents register to vote at their clinical site, 3) How to discuss Voter with administrators and practice leaders. [Register here!](#)
- **The burden of influenza —Latest guidelines and co-administration recommendations for the COVID bivalent booster. Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 12:00 to 1:00pm MT.** Flu season is just around the corner, and it is predicted to be a more severe season than we've seen in several years. Come learn what's new this year and what is recommended in terms of co-administration with COVID-19 vaccines. [Register here!](#)
- **The Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine, Bivalent ushers in a new stage of protection, targeting key Omicron variants and boosting durability. Please join a panel of national experts on Friday, October 7 or Tuesday, October 11 for a live virtual event discussing practical issues related to the bivalent vaccine.** Topics will include:
 - Current case, outcome, and vaccine data
 - Omicron variants, distinctions, and protection
 - ACIP bivalent vaccine recommendations
 - Patient FAQs and uptake strategies
 - [Reserve your spot!](#)

Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **The American College of Physicians (ACP) offers [Practical Immunization Microlearning Resources](#)** to help clinicians stay up to date on the latest pneumococcal and influenza vaccine recommendations, learn time-saving tips to make effective vaccine recommendations, and boost vaccine confidence.
- **The [Public Health Communications Collaborative](#) updated its [COVID-19 Booster Dose Messaging and Outreach Tools](#)** to help you answer questions about updated COVID-19 booster doses. These resources include:
 - [Topline Messages](#)
 - [Answers to Tough Questions](#)
 - [Social Media Sample Posts and Shareable Graphics](#)
- **Help Families Stay on Healthy Path With Flu Vaccine**- Share this new [animated video](#) showing a family moving around a board game as they learn about the best ways to protect kids from the flu. The winning strategy is getting the flu vaccine. More videos, social media graphics, and articles are available to share with families in the [flu communications toolkit](#).

Vaccine News

Local News:

- [Lehigh Valley Health Network expert talks COVID, flu, monkeypox vaccines](#) (Pocono Record)
- [Here's where Pa. ranks among the most vaccinated states](#) (Penn Live)
- [New COVID-19 vaccine debuts; case counts drop in Pa., around world](#) (The Tribune Democrat)
- [Getting flu shot, COVID booster at same time is fine, Pennsylvania doctor says](#) (WESA)

National & Global News:

- [A single dose of monkeypox vaccine provides some protection against infection, CDC says](#) (CNBC)
- [Unvaccinated are 14 times more likely to get monkeypox, data from eligible shot recipients shows](#) (ABC)
- [The COVID-19 Booster's Public Relations Problem](#) (ProPublica)
- [Less than 4% of eligible people have gotten updated Covid booster shots, one month into the rollout](#) (NCB)
- [United States confirmed as country with circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus](#) (CDC)

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