



## PAIC Weekly Update 11/9

### New Immunization Coalition!

We invite you to be part of a new regional coalition, formed with the goal to improve vaccine education and vaccination rates in the seven-county region of South Central PA. The public health professionals at the Emergency Health Services Federation and the South Central PA Medical Reserve Corps are facilitating the formation of a **South Central PA Immunization Coalition, to include the counties: Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and York.**

If you are interested in joining the coalition or need more information, please contact Alan Wirt at [alandwirt@gmail.com](mailto:alandwirt@gmail.com).

### PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Now Hiring!** On behalf of the Allegheny 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 - Allegheny Immunization Coalition](#)

### Partner Updates:

- **NEW DATE: Berks, Chester and Schuylkill Immunization Coalitions:** Join us on November 15th 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\\_xaXJmOs9RbanikFwYKkNCw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xaXJmOs9RbanikFwYKkNCw)
- **MCIC is partnering with Bethel AME Church of Ardmore and SkippackPharmacy on Bivalent Booster & Flu Vaccine Clinics** at the **Church on November 13 and 17**. Registration is recommended but walk-ins will be welcome! To sign up: call (610) 642-8966 or

email [bethelardmore@verizon.net](mailto:bethelardmore@verizon.net).

- **ACLAMO, Giant Pharmacy, VNA, Manna on Main Street, and PAIC** are hosting a **COVID-19 Bivalent Booster & Flu Vaccine Clinic** on **November 14 at North Penn Commons in Lansdale**. No appointment required.

**See more upcoming November events and clinics here!**

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## Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- **Seasonal Influenza: Vaccination, Prevention and Control in the COVID-19 Era** - Seasonal influenza circulates from the beginning of fall through the early spring in the United States, but experts are warning of an earlier and more severe season this year. Given the likely surge in COVID-19 cases over the winter, coupled with a severe RSV season, there are serious concerns of a possible “triple-demic” - that could put excess strain on pediatric health care systems and increase morbidity. Please join Immunize Colorado and Dr. Suchitra Rao for a discussion on the importance of receiving this year’s influenza vaccine to protect our communities. **Nov 10, 2022 11:00 AM in Mountain Time. [Register here!](#)**
- **Join the National Network of Immunization Coalitions for an important 45-minute webinar on Thursday, November 10, at 1 p.m. (CT)/2 p.m. (ET).** Please plan to join the National Network of Immunization Coalitions for an important 45-minute webinar titled [Influenza Vaccination Rates are Lagging, Disease is Surging](#) with influenza experts from CDC. The United States is experiencing an early surge of influenza activity, already intense in the southeastern United States, combined with influenza vaccination rates which are lagging behind recent seasons. This webinar is being held to engage state and local immunization coalitions in efforts to encourage providers and the public to take action now to step up influenza vaccination nationwide. CDC experts will cover the current state of influenza and vaccination, what CDC is recommending, and answer your questions.

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## Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- On Friday, November 4, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory: [Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially among Children, Early in the 2022–2023 Fall and Winter](#). Cocirculation of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza viruses, SARS-CoV-2, and others could place stress on healthcare systems this fall and winter. Influenza vaccination this season should offer protection against the predominant A(H3N2) viruses to date.
- The CDC released a **Monkeypox Toolkit for Schools and Early Care and Education Programs**. View the toolkit [here](#).
- **To track the surge in RSV**, use the National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System [here](#). You can also [click here](#) to use the Respiratory Syncytial Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network (RSV-NET) to review data on laboratory-confirmed RSV-associated hospitalizations.

### Local News:

- [Pandemic underscored the need and value of healthcare collaboration](#) (Bucks County Courier Times)
- [Pennsylvania COVID-19 cases, vaccine information](#) (WGAL)
- [COVID in Pa. weekly update, Nov. 3: Cases, positivity rate up slightly](#) (ABC27)

### National & Global News:

- [We're Worried About This Flu Season: Here's Why](#) (Shot of Prevention - VYF)
- [Early Wave of Flu Brings Early Flu Hospitalizations](#) (CDC)
- [Children and COVID: Weekly Cases Can't Sustain Downward Trend](#) (Medscape)
- [New RSV vaccines are coming. This is very, very good news](#) (Vox)

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