



PAIC Weekly Update 12/7

National Influenza Vaccination Week is, this week, December 5–9. Encourage vaccination as this early influenza season disrupts holiday gatherings.

[National Influenza Vaccination Week](#) (NIVW), NIVW is a great time to send reminder messages and vaccinate all those who are not yet protected. Early seasonal influenza activity makes it urgent for you, your patients, and your loved ones to be vaccinated against influenza.

CDC encourages everyone to get their annual flu vaccine—especially those with chronic medical conditions and those who are pregnant. **Get the word out using CDC's [2022 NIVW Digital Media Toolkit](#) that includes social media messages, sample blurbs, a flyer/poster, and patient reminders.**

Use #FightFlu to join the conversation all week and tag @CDCFlu on Twitter.

The Thanksgiving holiday delayed publication of CDC's weekly influenza surveillance report. See CDC's [FluView](#) and [Weekly National Flu Vaccination Dashboard](#) for the most recent information.

Related Links:

- CDC: [National Influenza Vaccination Week](#) web page
- CDC: [Weekly National Flu Vaccination Dashboard](#) main page
- CDC: [FluView](#) main page
- CDC: [Influenza \(Flu\)](#) main page
- Immunize.org: [Ask the Experts: Influenza](#) main page
- Immunize.org: [Handouts: Influenza](#) main page
- Immunize.org: [Influenza: Vaccines](#) main page

PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Central PA Immunization Coalition is looking for a new chairperson!** If you are interested, please reach out to Chelise at cjunior@paaap.org or Deb daerdman@geisinger.edu.
- **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:

- Community Hero Action Group is partnering with Bethel AME and MCIC for "Soul to Sanctuary"- a fresh produce pop-up event with music, education, vaccine pop-up clinic, and a pre-Kwanzaa celebration. The overarching theme is increasing the consumption of healthy produce and bringing awareness to Black farmers. The Black Church Food Security Network is a key partner. See flyer for more details.



- **Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition** is partnering with the PA DOH to hold a flu and COVID vaccine clinic at the Pottsville Library on Wednesday, December 14th! The clinic will be held from 10:00am-1:00pm and both flu vaccines and COVID vaccines will be available! Access flyers with pre-registration QR code here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vge9lyKO1L1scK3tmOnHuZoHIIJW8Kmy/viiew?usp=sharing>
- **New Coalition Facebook Pages:** The Berks Immunization Coalition (BIC) and the Schuylkill County Immunization Coalition (SCIC) have new Facebook pages, please like and follow!
 - Berks: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087943418376>
 - Schuylkill: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083994054460>

See more upcoming December events and clinics here!

Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- **(CDC) Updates on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C): Epidemiology, Case Definition, and COVID-19 Vaccination** - Thursday, December 8, 2022, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET. [See more information here!](#)
- **If you are having trouble returning to life after COVID, you are not alone. Join our virtual support group, led by Erin Hall, PsyD. Share your feelings and get support from others experiencing the same.** Topics may include: Sleep problems and nightmares, Challenges to physical or mental recovery, Anxiety or depression, Traumatic memories of illness, Fear of reinfection or future medical care, Changes to family roles or relationships, and Building resilience and hope. Together, we can get through this — and this support group is a great first step. **Time:** 4 – 5 p.m. **Location:** Virtual – The link to join the virtual event will be emailed to you the day before the event. **Dates:**
 - Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - [Click Here to Register](#)
 - Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - [Click Here to Register](#)
 - Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - [Click Here to Register](#)
 - Wednesday December 28, 2002 - [Click Here to Register](#)

Vaccine News

Local News

- [Pa. COVID update: November case counts show Lehigh Valley, rest of state poised for easier winter](#) (Lehigh Valley Live)
- [Nearly 40 million children are dangerously susceptible as measles threat grows](#) (Penn State)
- [Centre County Remains at Low Community Level for COVID-19](#) (State College.com)
- [Allegheny County phasing out COVID-19 testing sites amid low transmission](#) (Public Source)

National & Global News:

- ['Died Suddenly' repeats debunked COVID-19 vaccine claims, promotes conspiracy theory](#) (Politifact)
- [Flu season continues to intensify in the US, and holiday gatherings could make it worse](#) (CNN)
- [White House health officials: up-to-date vaccines key to move on from Covid](#) (The Guardian)
- [One Step Closer to a Universal Flu Vaccine?](#) (The New York Times)

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