



PAIC Weekly Update 7/27

National Immunization Awareness Month Events and Resources:

Celebrate National Immunization Awareness Month with PAIC! National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

- Join PAIC and PA AAP, in partnership with The Meningitis B Action Project on **Wednesday, August 24th at 12 pm** for a FB live event, "Protecting Pennsylvania from Meningitis B: Why It Matters and How You Can Help". During this session, Patti Wukovits and Alicia Stillman, two mothers who each lost their young, healthy daughters to Meningitis B, will share their personal stories, key considerations and best practices to improve Meningitis B vaccine uptake in Pennsylvania. [Register here!](#)
- Join PAIC and PA AAP, in partnership with the PA Chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) on **Thursday, August 25th at 7 pm** for a panel discussion to review childhood, adolescent, and adult vaccination data pre and post pandemic, and review strategies on how to increase all lifespan immunizations this fall. [Register here!](#)
- **Social media assets:** National Immunization Awareness Month starts on Monday and PAIC would like to give you some tools to use on your social media that are co-brandable! Throughout the month, PAIC will be posting the social media posts that are attached on an organized schedule that we encourage you to follow as well. [Find the toolkit here](#), you can save each slide as a picture to share! Here is the schedule to follow:
 - Week 1: Our Immunity Community
 - Slide 4: Diseases Under Control - post on Thursday, August 4th
 - Week 2: Protect the whole fam
 - Slide 5: Safe and Sound - post on Monday, August 8th
 - Slide 6: Vaccines for the Family - post on Wednesday, August 10th
 - Slide 7: Equity Focus - post on Friday, August 12th
 - Week 3: Growing up vaxxed
 - Slide 8: Kids in school - post on Tuesday, August 16th
 - Slide 9: HPV focus - post on Wednesday, August 17th
 - Slide 10: community resources - post on Thursday August 18th
 - Week 4: Vax across the USA
 - Slide 11: Vaccination unites us - post on Wednesday, August 24th
 - Week 5: Finishing touches
 - Slide 12: Take the quiz - post on Monday, August 29th
- **PAIC wants to know what you have planned for National Immunization**

Awareness Month! We want to showcase all the events, toolkits, and work going on around Pennsylvania for the month of August. Please respond to this email or email smihailescu@paaap.org & let us know!

- PAIC is looking for four vaccine advocates to highlight during the month of August for NIAM. If you have someone in mind, please let me, smihailescu@paaap.org know!

Berks Immunization Coalition:

- **August 7th:** Berks IC tabling at the Reading Phils game
- **August 9th/13th:** Berks IC tabling at the Berks County Health Center (BCHC) Community Days to celebrate National Health Center Week and BCHC's 10th Anniversary. 8/9 at the 1040 Liggett Avenue location in Reading (BCHC) from 4-6pm, 8/13 at City Park in Reading from 10am-1pm.

Bucks County Immunization Coalition: Clinics at our senior centers in Bucks County for NIAM. Please see the schedule below (Center Name and Date of Clinic Time of Clinic):

- Ben Wilson-8/18/22 9am-1pm
- Bristol Borough-8/10/22 10am-1pm
- Bristol Township-TBD
- Central Bucks-8/5/22 10am-1pm
- Pennridge -9/28/22 9:30am-12:30pm
- Morrisville-8/9/22 10:30-12pm
- Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center 8/29/22 10am-12pm
- We will also be heading to National Night Out in Middletown Township on August 2nd and providing vaccines there.

Chester County Immunization Coalition:

- **August 26th:** Chester County IC tabling at Lionville YMCA for their last day of summer camp (exact timing TBD)
- **HYBRID Family Story Time: Andre's Armor** -Join us for a special reading of the children's book Andre's Armor on **Tuesday, August 2, from 1 pm – 1:30 pm** in celebration of National Immunization Awareness Month. During the program the author, Mohamed Jalloh, will read the story aloud. Children will have time to ask questions after the reading. Can't get to the library? Join us virtually on Zoom. This family story time allows you to experience story time in the library OR in your own home. Registration is required. A zoom link will be emailed to the email address provided at registration two hours before the program begins. A zoom account is not required. Event Description/Link to Registration: <https://ccls.libcal.com/event/9241958>

Montgomery County Immunization Coalition:

- MCIC is partnering with Skippack Pharmacy, Montgomery County Office of Public Health & Reserve Corp on **Family COVID-19 vaccine clinics in August** to anyone 6 months and up. For more information & to register: skippackpharmacy.com/kidsvaccines/
- **SAVE THE DATE!** MCIC is partnering with Bethel AME Church of Ardmore for a **Table Talk on COVID-19 vaccines and Back to School on Wednesday August 10 at 6:30-7:30pm** with speaker Dr. Richard Lorraine, Medical Director, Montgomery County Office of Public Health. Log into **Bethel's Zoom using Meeting ID: 258-111-9868; Password: 966785**

Northeast Immunization Coalition/PA Polio Survivors:

- Partnering with Rotary District 7410 to help promote this amazing, family [event](#) on August 14th at the PNC Field on Montage Mountain Rd in Moosic. "Come join Rotary District 7410 and the Railriders as we continue the 35 plus year effort to rid the world of Polio. A portion of your ticket will be donated to the Rotary Foundation's "PolioPlus" effort, which includes all vaccine preventable diseases, now including COVID". Sun, Aug 14, 1:05 PM, at PNC Field, 235 Montage Mountain Rd Moosic, Pennsylvania 18507. [See flyer here!](#) See flyer here!
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FDA issues EUA for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine as a primary series; ACIP convened to review and vote on July 19

From Immunize.org: On July 13, the FDA issued an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) for the [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted](#) to help prevent disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus in people 18 years of age and older. Below, find links to technical and supportive documents related to this vaccine and the EUA. Most relevant to vaccinators are the [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) and the [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#). The second 26-page document includes the product's prescribing information.

- [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted, EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#) (7 pages)
- [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted, EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine](#) (26 pages)
- FDA: [Letter of EUA Authorization](#) for Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted
- CDC: [ACIP Meeting Information](#)

From Philadelphia Department of Public Health: Novavax Vaccine Available for Limited Ordering. On Tuesday, the CDC endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine be used as an option for adults ages 18 years and older. Some key information:

- Novavax is the first COVID-19 protein subunit vaccine that the CDC has recommended for use in the United States.
- ACIP's vote—which follows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s emergency use authorization—is for the use of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine for adults ages 18 and older as a two-dose primary series.
 - This recommendation is for all adults, including those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.
 - Individuals who receive Novavax are not eligible for any boosters at this time.
- Allocations of Novavax will be limited.
 - Participating Federal Retail Pharmacies will be eligible to receive Novavax.

Ordering:

- Ordering for Novavax will open up on Monday 7/25/22.
 - **The minimum order quantity is 100 doses. Partial, Monday.com, ordering is not currently available.**
- Presently, we are expected to receive only one allocation of Novavax vaccine for our providers to order against. As this initial allocation will be limited and jurisdictions will need to manage first and second doses with it, orders will be prioritized and restricted. Placing an order for Novavax does not guarantee a shipment.

Storage and Handling:

- Novavax is a two-dose COVID vaccination series, given as a 0.5ml IM injection three weeks apart.
- It is stable at refrigeration only, currently for up to nine months.
 - Initial shipments are set to expire sometime in February 2023.
 - There will be a website available to search expiration dates by lot number.
 - No expiration information will be printed on the vials
- Once punctured, the vial needs to be discarded within 6 hours.

To review the EUA/Fact Sheet information for Novavax, please visit the FDA webpage: [Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted | FDA](#)

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!
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Partner Updates:

- Lehigh Valley Immunization Coalition: Back to school vaccine clinics!
 - COVID-19 Clinic - Monday August 1, 2022 3pm-6pm. Make appointment online COVID Vaccines Offered: All doses and boosters, Pfizer: All ages, Moderna: 18+ <https://tinyurl.com/covidclinicaugust1>
 - Offering all childhood vaccinations:
 - Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Broughal Middle School 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 - Wednesday, September 14, 2022, Northeast Middle School 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
 - COVID-19 vaccine available; Moderna (18+), Pfizer (all ages)
 - Make an appointment using the following links: <https://tinyurl.com/vaccine-link> (Broughal MS), <https://tinyurl.com/vaccine-clinic-2> (Northeast MS) or call the Bethlehem Health Bureau 610-865-7083. Parent must be present if under 18
 - Vaccine Education Center: [this video features Dr. Offit talking about the Novavax vaccine](#). They also have some information about Novavax (pre-recommendation) on [COVIDVaccineAnswers.org](https://www.cdc.gov/covidvaccineanswers/)
 - MCIC is very excited to partner with ACLAMO and Montgomery County on a **COVID-19 VAX FACTS Virtual Town Hall: Children Under 5 Years Old in Spanish on Thursday, July 28 at 7-8pm**. We found last year that town halls were an effective strategy in connecting our leaders with the community to help combat vaccine misinformation. Local healthcare leaders will share the latest updates and answer community questions on COVID-19 vaccines. Attendees can submit questions in advance or ask them live. Register [here](#).
 - **PA Polio Survivor Network:** they are partnering with Rotary District 7410 to help promote this amazing, family [event](#) on August 14th at the PNC Field on Montage Mountain Rd in Moosic. "Come join Rotary District 7410 and the Railriders as we continue the 35 plus year effort to rid the world of Polio. A portion of your ticket will be donated to the Rotary Foundation's "PolioPlus" effort, which includes all vaccine preventable diseases, now including COVID". Sun, Aug 14, 1:05 PM, at PNC Field, 235 Montage Mountain Rd Moosic, Pennsylvania 18507. [See flyer here!](#)
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Webinars & Upcoming Events

- **Vaccine Safety Monitoring Systems Training**, Wednesday, July 27th from 9:00-9:30am. PDPH is offering virtual Vaccine Safety Monitoring Training on the last Wednesday of every month for interested vaccine providers. We will:
 - give an overview of the current monitoring systems in place (VAERS, V-Safe, VSD, CISA),
 - explain how to utilize these resources in your practice, and

- give examples of reportable events.
 - [Register here!](#)
 - **HHS and CDC offer July 29 webinar for parents, caregivers, and community partners on COVID-19 vaccination for children age 6 months and over** - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH), and CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) will host a webinar titled [Protecting Our Children and Youth from COVID-19: Information for Parents, Caregivers, and Community Partners](#) from 1:30–3:00 p.m. (ET) on July 29. Speakers include pediatric vaccine experts from HHS, CDC, and community partners leading vaccine efforts for children and youth. [Register here!](#)
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Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **Immunize.org’s “Vaccines: COVID-19” main page updated to include the latest CDC and FDA resources for use of both mRNA vaccines in children age 6 months through 17 years** - Immunize.org updated the comprehensive list of CDC and FDA resources found on its [Vaccines: COVID-19](#) main page. The revised list now incorporates information on recently authorized formulations of mRNA vaccines for children age 6 months through 4 years (Pfizer-BioNTech) or 5 years (Moderna), and the use of Moderna vaccines for children and teens age 6 through 17 years. The new resources from CDC and FDA include fact sheets, clinical considerations, vaccine administration tools, and storage and handling guidance. This page also includes a link to Immunize.org’s regularly updated print-ready [checklist for current versions of U.S. COVID-19 vaccination guidance and clinic support tools](#)
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Vaccine News

Local News:

- [Experts Address COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy](#) (Brain and Life)
- [Monkeypox vaccines in Pennsylvania](#) (PA Homepage)
- [More than 2 million covid vaccines discarded across Pa. as doses expire](#) (Trib Live)
- [Pa. Dept. of Health announces vaccine clinics at state parks](#) (WKBN 27)
- [Pa. officials stress safety, necessity of COVID jab for youngest kids](#) (PA Capital Star)

National & Global News:

- [U.S. Extends COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Another Three Months](#) (Practice Update)
- [Efficacy of the BNT162b2 Vaccine Against Omicron Infection in Children Aged 5 to 11 Years](#) (Practice Update)
- [Relaxed Messaging, Lack Of Data Said To Be Hampering US Response To COVID-19 Wave](#) (New York Times)
- [Omicron BA.5 makes up nearly 78% of COVID variants circulating in U.S. - CDC](#) (Reuters)

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