



PAIC Weekly Update 7/5

Monkeypox Vaccination Alert - What You Need to Know from the CDC

- Two vaccines licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are available for preventing monkeypox infection – JYNNEOS (also known as Imvamune or Imvanex) and ACAM2000.
- In the United States, there is currently a limited supply of JYNNEOS, although more is expected in coming weeks and months.
- There is an ample supply of ACAM2000. However, this vaccine should not be used in people who have some health conditions, including a weakened immune system, skin conditions like atopic dermatitis/eczema, or pregnancy.
- No data are available yet on the effectiveness of these vaccines in the current outbreak.
- People are considered fully vaccinated about 2 weeks after their second shot of JYNNEOS and 4 weeks after receiving ACAM2000. However, people who get vaccinated should continue to take steps to [protect themselves from infection](#) by avoiding close, skin-to-skin contact, including intimate contact, with someone who has monkeypox.
- To better understand the protective benefits of these vaccines in the current outbreak, CDC will collect data on any side effects and whether the way the person was infected makes any difference in how well the vaccine protects them.
 - Find out more on the CDC's website here - <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/considerations-for-monkeypox-vaccination.html>

COVID-19 Immunization Alert

- Children as young as six months are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine doses in the U.S., with vaccinations to begin on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022! Over the weekend, **the [CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) unanimously recommended the use of both the Pfizer-BioNTech, three primary dose series, and Moderna, two primary dose series**, for children aged six months to four years old. We encourage you to visit and share the [CDC's COVID-19 vaccination recommendations page](#) if you have questions. The new COVID-19 vaccines will be available at no cost to families regardless of insurance status
- We encourage all families to talk to their pediatrician or family physician about this safe and effective vaccine for children. To find an appointment or a

pediatrician near you with available doses, please visit and encourage others to find availability at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). There is *Unity In Immunity*, so let's keep our community safe and encourage all to learn more and get vaccinated in PA!

- **Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Teens.** For answers to commonly asked questions about COVID-19 vaccination in [children and teens](#), visit [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Teens](#). Topics cover:
 - Benefits of Vaccinating Your Child
 - Safety of COVID-19 Vaccination for Children
 - Getting Children Vaccinated
 - Information for parents and caregivers of children ages 6 months and older is also available at: [6 Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccination for Children](#)

PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources

- **Pennsylvania Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Let's Talk: "Do We Need an Omicron-Specific Vaccine for the Fall?"** Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Presentation followed by Q & A. Presenter: Paul Offit, MD, FAAP. [Register here!](#)
- **NEW PAIC-PAAAP Vaccine Information Factsheets** – PAIC has developed [factsheets for 13 vaccines and preventable diseases](#) that provide information on the disease(s), vaccine(s), benefits, and potential risks to vaccine recipients while including National and Pennsylvania data. Factsheets for MMR and DTaP/DTP/DP with county-specific data are available.
- **NEW parent guide factsheet created for children ages 6 months-4 years old in Spanish and English:** The PAIC and PA-AAP have created a new factsheet concerning the new approval of the COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months-4 years old. Common parental concerns and misinformation are addressed on the factsheet, as well as dosage and timing information for the Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna pediatric vaccines. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ztNscULSQCMoqqg1uNE9fJAuQTZ38VDP/view>
- **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:

- **Meadville Community Health Center Kids Day** - Saturday July 9th, 9 am to 12 pm. 640 Alden St, Meadville. [COVID-19 vaccines available](#). Find more information on their [flyer!](#)
- On June 18, the CDC announced its recommendation that **all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine**. In light of the latest recommendations, MCIC created **social media images and sample posts in multiple languages** to make it easier for you to share this important message with our communities. MCIC worked together with our trusted partner organizations to ensure that we are providing clear, accurate, and culturally appropriate messages and images. Special shout out to Sharon Lee, Renuka Jamalpur, Carolina Guzman & Tammy Tarloski for your help! Direct Links to Images: [English](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Spanish](#)
 - You can also find these images with sample social media posts in

Webinars & Upcoming Events

- **Registration is now open for Keeping Adolescents Up to Date! Champions for Older Adolescent Immunization: Approaches and Guidance.** Catching adolescents up on missed well visits and CDC-recommended routine immunizations is essential as rates continue to lag 2019 levels. Learn from experts with deep experience in adolescent immunization and activating champions in a 45-minute virtual webinar. You will receive a digital toolkit of resources, get suggestions on how to break through vaccine hesitancy, and develop a concrete action plan to help your organization achieve its adolescent health and vaccination goals, including quality metric objectives. [Find more information here!](#)
 - [AIM leadership and action conference](#)- **The conference will be held August 30 - September 1 in Philadelphia, PA.** Meeting topics are less about immunization and more about leadership. Immunization program managers are welcome to attend as well as partners. Exhibitors are also welcome. The last day will be a workshop documenting successes and lessons learned during the COVID pandemic.
 - [National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit](#)- **Save the Date- this will be an in-person conference on November 2-3 in Atlanta, GA.** CDC requires a COVID safety plan, so participants will need to follow the local COVID guidelines to attend the meeting.
 - **NCICP will be held September 13-15** in Minneapolis, MN. [Register now!](#)
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Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- CDC has updated several **COVID-19 vaccine resources** to include the **latest recommendations for young children**:
 - [Summary Document for Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
 - [Interim COVID-19 Immunization Schedule](#)
 - [At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule](#)
 - [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group](#)
 - [Pfizer-BioNTech for Children who Transition from a Younger to Older Age Group](#)
- **Sesame Street just developed a very cool video for parents: [Elmo Gets the COVID-19 Vaccine](#).** Louie had many questions about Elmo getting the COVID-19 vaccine, so he spoke with their pediatrician to make the right choice. Louie learned Elmo getting vaccinated is the best way to keep Elmo and everyone they love around them safe. Now Elmo is ready for all the hugs! They also have it in [Spanish](#) too!
- **AAP and HHS Partner on COVID-19 Public Education Campaign**- The AAP is partnering with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on their "We Can Do This" public education campaign to increase COVID-19 vaccine confidence. In the wake of the newly-authorized COVID-19 vaccine for young children, the AAP and HHS collaborated on a [new toolkit](#) for pediatricians, family physicians, and other medical professionals engaged in thoughtful discussions with parents and families on the importance of immunization. The toolkit contains new informational content, posters, flyers, social media graphics, AAP videos, and more. These resources will also be

available in Spanish [here](#).

- **The Meningitis B Action Project recently published their Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccination Algorithm.** [The goal of this resource](#) is to serve as a comprehensive easy-to-reference guide for health care providers to utilize in clinical practice to support appropriate meningococcal vaccine recommendations.
- **#WeThePeopleVax-** Campaign resources and information are now on a [website](#) to be easily accessible to everyone.

Vaccine News

Local News:

- [Some Philadelphia parents scramble to find COVID-19 vaccine appointments for their young kids](#) (NPR)
- [Geisinger begins offering COVID-19 vaccines to children 6 months and older](#) (We are Central PA)
- [Pittsburgh monkeypox case makes eight in Pa.](#) (New Castle News)
- [Enrolled in Medicaid in Pennsylvania? You might need to choose a new health plan](#) (90.5 WESA)
- [Multi-state listeria outbreak includes cases in Pennsylvania, New Jersey](#) (Philly Voice)

National & Global News:

- [Should you get a COVID-19 booster shot now or wait until fall? Two immunologists help weigh the options](#) (Binghamton Homepage)
- [COVID vaccines are finally here for young kids. But the logistics aren't easy](#) (NPR)
- ["New school" COVID-19 antivaxxers are becoming less and less distinguishable from "old school" antivaxxers](#) (Science-Based Medicine)
- [FDA approves 15-valent pneumococcal vaccine for children](#) (Healio)

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