



PAIC Weekly Update 8/31

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.

- Protecting Pennsylvania from Meningitis B: Why It Matters and How You Can Help
- PA-AAP and PAIC Let's Talk: PAFP Panel Discussion for National Immunization Awareness Month
- Find recordings from both webinars [here!](#)

Find more resources and events here!

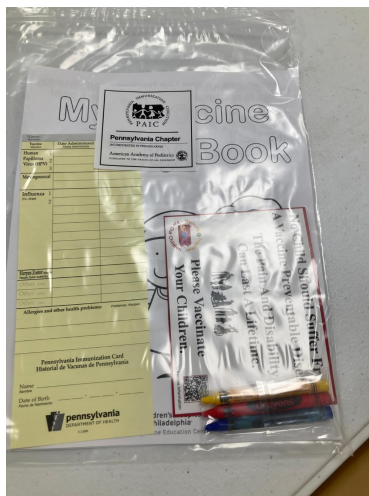
Bivalent Pfizer and Moderna Booster Vaccines coming soon!

ABC News (8/29) reports US “health officials are preparing to roll out millions of new COVID-19 boosters as health experts grow concerned over a potential viral resurgence in the fall and winter.” The FDA “is expected, as soon as this week, to authorize Pfizer and Moderna’s new bivalent booster shots, which target both the original...strain that emerged at the onset of the pandemic, as well as the Omicron subvariants, BA.4 and BA.5, that are currently dominant globally.” Advisers to the CDC “are set to meet on Thursday and Friday, and if both agencies greenlight the new shots, doses could be shipped out in the days to come and administered soon after Labor Day weekend.”

Event Shoutout!

PA Polio Network's Deb Stambaugh (in photo to the right) organized a successful pediatric vaccine packing and distribution

event. On August 15th, the Hanover Rotary Club packed 1,500 Pediatric Vaccine Information Bags prepared for York County Preschools and Day Care facilities.



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!
- **Now Hiring!** On behalf of the Northeast, Central and Allegheny County Immunization Coalitions, PA-AAP and the Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition are excited to announce that we are hiring TWO full-time Coalition Coordinators 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 - Northeast and Central Immunization Coalitions](#)
 - [Immunization Coalition Coordinator - Allegheny Immunization Coalition](#)
- **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:

- The Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH) is working hard to meet your student's needs. But due to a very high demand, OPH's "**Special Back to School Vaccine Clinics**" **can no longer accommodate walk-ins.** Parents desiring to attend an OPH COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic to receive a Tdap

or MenACWY **will now need to make an appointment.** **Changes include:** 1.) An appointment is required. 2.) The need to bring a note from their school nurse stating which vaccines are needed to enter school (e.g., Tdap or MenACWY or both) has been emphasized. We are unable to vaccinate students who do not present with a letter from their school nurse, *which clearly states* what vaccine(s) they need to enter school. For more information on OPH's immunization services, please visit our website at www.montcopa.org/immunizations

- Montgomery County Immunization Coalition (MCIC) is partnering with Montco SAAC on a **Adult Vaccine Update** at their 2 locations
 - September 9 at 12:30-1:30pm - Montco SAAC 45 Forest Ave, Ambler
 - September 20 at 12:30-1:30pm - Montco SAAC 536 George Street, Norristown.
 - Dr Lorraine, Medical Director, Office of Public Health will be sharing an update on adult vaccinations.
 - Skippack Pharmacy will be providing Adult COVID-19 & Flu vaccines.
 - And our mascot, Victor Vaccine, will be visiting the Norristown event on September 20.
- **Bucks County Immunization Coalition Upcoming events:**
 - Wednesday 9/7/22 Back to School Night Keystone Elementary School-940 Tulip Ave, Croydon, PA 19021 6pm-8pm
 - Thursday 9/8/22 Sen. Tina Davis Senior Expo Lower Bucks Hospital 10am-1pm
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 - Tuesday 9/20/22 Back to School Night Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School-1001 Veterans Hwy, Bristol, PA 19007 6pm-8pm
 - Thursday 9/22/22 Pediatric Vaccination Clinic @ TLC Childcare Center 19 S. 5th Street in Perkasie, PA 18944 3-6pm
 - Thursday 9/29/22 Back to School Night Truman High School 3001 Green Ln, Levittown, PA 19057 6pm-8pm

Webinars and Upcoming Events:

- Vaccine Safety Monitoring Systems Training, Wednesday, August 31 from 9:00 – 9:30 am. 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. [Sign up here!](#)
- Join MCIC **tomorrow night at 7pm** with Montgomery County to learn about Monkeypox and get your questions answered by local medical experts. Attendees can submit questions in advance or ask them live. Register [here](#). **Speaker Panel:** [Dr. Richard Lorraine](#), Medical Director, Montgomery County Office of Public Health, Moderator, [Dr. Lisa Spacek](#), Chief Medical Officer, Novus, [Dr. John Russell](#), Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Abington Jefferson Health, [Dr. Lawrence Livornese, Jr](#), Chairman of Medicine, Infectious Disease Specialist, Main Line Health
- Webinar - Translating Vaccine Confidence Research into Practice. Join us for AIM's next vaccine confidence webinar on Tuesday, September 6 at 1 PM ET. AIM's September webinar – Translating Vaccine Confidence Research into Practice, features three evidence-based models to increase vaccine confidence in communities: 1) Dr. Angela Shen from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) will present on the [ASPIRE framework](#), 2) Dr. Daniel Salmon from the Institute for Vaccine Safety at Johns Hopkins will review [LetsTalkVaccines](#), and

3) pharmacist Amy Nicholas will share the [ImmYounity module](#). Through presentations and a Q&A panel, Immunization Programs will gain new tools to help healthcare providers, pharmacists, and community partners increase vaccine confidence in their communities. Register [here](#)

Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **As children head back to school, our Associate Administrator Dr. Michael Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP, took time to answer [questions about routine and COVID-19 vaccinations for kids](#).** Providers and other health professionals can download this PDF and use it to respond to parents' concerns. Need more help answering questions like these? CDC's [Resources to Encourage Routine Childhood Vaccinations website](#) includes [Childhood Immunization Videos for Parents](#).
- **As schools reconvene, CDC calls on healthcare providers and families to catch up on childhood vaccinations. During the 2020–2021 school year, [vaccination coverage among kindergarteners nationwide dropped](#)** below the 95% threshold important in preventing transmission of infectious disease threats like measles. With most schools back to in-person learning, now is a crucial time for healthcare providers, school leaders, and public health officials to communicate to families the importance of routine childhood and COVID-19 vaccinations. [CDC's Back-to-School Call to Action](#) outlines the steps that communities can take to encourage catch up vaccination and protect children's health.
- **CDC posts "Resources to Promote COVID-19 Vaccines for Children & Teens".** As children return to school or childcare, COVID-19 vaccination is a critical layer of protection against severe illness. CDC developed a [new suite of materials](#) to support communication about COVID-19 vaccines as the new school year begins. Visit [Resources to Promote the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens](#) to explore new resources available.
- **AIM creates infographic with actionable recommendations for stakeholders to increase vaccine confidence.** The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) recently created an [infographic](#) that provides actionable recommendations for stakeholders to increase vaccine confidence. Based on the article published in Vaccine titled [Supporting Immunization Programs to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy: Recommendations for National and Community-Based Stakeholders](#), and coauthored by Immunize.org's Dr. Kelly Moore, the infographic highlights challenges to addressing vaccine hesitancy and the importance of community-based partnerships and stakeholder engagement.

Vaccine News

Local News:

- [Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership to receive funding](#) (Lower Bucks Times)
- [Now is a good time to check your child's vaccinations, get shots, advocates say](#) (Bucks County Courier Times)
- [Butler Health System Hosting Monkeypox Vaccine Clinic](#) (Ellwood City)
- [Back-to-school vaccine clinics being held in multiple areas](#) (PA Homepage)

National & Global News:

- [The Medical Minute: Childhood vaccines offer little pinches, big rewards](#) (MD Linx)

- [Low vaccine booster rates are now a key factor in COVID-19 deaths – and racial disparities in booster rates persist](#) (The Conversation)
- [Australian authorities approve Omicron vaccine booster](#) (The Sydney Morning Herald)

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