



## PAIC Weekly Update 8/9

### 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.

- Last week we highlighted Carol Ferguson from PA Polio Survivors Network as a PAIC vaccine advocate on social media, check out the post on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages!
- 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](mailto:smihailescu@paaap.org) & let us know!

#### **Berks Immunization Coalition:**

- **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.
- Berks IC is planning a COVID vaccine clinic with the Reading YMCA. Here are the details, flyer coming soon:
  - Where: Reading YMCA (631 Washington Street in Reading, PA)
  - When: Thursday, August 25th from 3-6pm
  - Free and open to the public
  - Vaccines available for everyone ages 6 months and up
  - First doses, second doses, and boosters will all be available
  - Moderna and Pfizer vaccines
  - Pre-registration requested, walk-ins accepted (registration link will be on flyer)

#### **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)
- CCIC Vaccine Advocacy Your Call to Action! "I am asking you to act to tell your local legislator why you support strong vaccine policies to protect you, your family, and your community. I have shared Vaccinate Your Families state advocacy materials and a link to an easy email form to share to support vaccine policy. If you have more time a phone call to your Legislator and/or a hand-written letter makes an even bigger impact and is always read and shared with the Legislators"
  - [Easy Email Form to Support Vaccine policy](#)
  - [Find your legislator](#)
  - [Vaccinate Your Family - State Advocacy](#)

#### **Lancaster County Immunization Coalition:**

- Vaccines for Kids/Vacunas para Ninos in Lancaster City: August 23, 30
- ChildProtect Rural Vaccine Clinics: Aug 9: Witmer Fire Company, August 16: Bart Township Fire Company

#### **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/](http://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 Network:**

- 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](#)

#### **PA Polio Survivors Network:**

- [Ava the Antibody](#) is a special book for children.
  - We have asked children to send us "reviews" of this marvelous story (along with their photo of course). Honest and childlike, we are enjoying what we've seen.
    - We are happy to receive them in either written or video form.
  - We will be featuring these reviews during the month of August.
  - Please ask your children/grandchildren/students to participate.
    - Email us their story: [info@papolionetwork.org](mailto:info@papolionetwork.org)
    - Please include their photo.
    - We will publish first names ONLY.
- On August 16th, Deborah Stambaugh, our Central PA Coordinator, has organized a Pediatric Vaccine Information materials packing event.
  - Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hanover, PA it will be held at the Markets of Hanover, 1649 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331
  - They will be putting together 1,500 packets of information to be distributed throughout York County to:
    - Day Care Centers
    - Preschools
    - Pediatricians and
    - Pediatric Dentists
  - Join them - for an hour or more on a day of camaraderie. Children/Students can easily participate.
  - Volunteer to make a few deliveries. It's fun and they are gratefully received.
  - Feel free to contact Deborah Stambaugh - [papolionetwork3@gmail.com](mailto:papolionetwork3@gmail.com) (or) [717-969-5049](tel:717-969-5049)
- We will be highlighting a survivor story each week on our FB page: Polio Survivors Serving Others.
  - These stories draw attention to the REALITIES of this vaccine preventable disease.

#### **YMCA Harrisburg:**

Attending Fayette County Housing Authority's Back to School event on August 17th from 10 am - 3 pm. Where? South Hill Terrace – Community Room, 100 South Hill Terrace, Brownsville, PA 15417

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## **PAIC Upcoming Events and Resources**

- **Check out the updated 2022-2023 Immunization Grantees page on our website!** <https://www.immunizepa.org/immunization-grantees/>
- **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/>
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## Partner Updates:

- **MCIC is honored to be featured in a CDC Foundation story** that was released yesterday on their website and on social media entitled [Building Capacity at the Community Level to improve Health Equity](#). This article highlights our partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc on community vaccine clinics to improve health equity and our education webinar to build coalition capacity in responding effectively to COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy.
  - **The VEC has updated our [COVIDVaccineAnswers.org](#) page with info about Novavax, but we would caution against presenting it as “safer” or “more effective,” but rather as an alternative for people who would like a vaccine made in a more traditional way (like hepatitis B or shingles vaccines).** By providing the page, individuals who have access to the internet can get more information and submit their own questions to us. Dr. Offit also discussed Novavax in [this video, including talking about how the vaccine uses a familiar technology](#)
  - **Call for Volunteers - Berks Immunization Coalition:** Help man an immunization coalition table at the BCHC National Health Center Week Community Days on August 9th (4-6pm at BCHC location at 1040 Liggett Ave in Reading) and August 13th (10am-1pm at City Park in Reading). Mileage reimbursement is available for volunteers! If you are available for one or both days and can help out, please email [rhahn@paaap.org](mailto:rhahn@paaap.org) or call 484-446-3058.
  - **Help Spread the Word for Reading School District** - on behalf of the Berks Immunization Coalition, help Reading School District advertise their routine immunization clinics for their students! Share this flyer with any parents, students, or local organizations in their area so they can get their students up to date on vaccines before the school year begins: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UYtPPGtPMZtc6OAg9mlZbIWVrLnBrejA>
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## Toolkits, factsheets, and resources

- **Immunize.org launches new social media program to highlight our educational resources; please like and share on your channels!** Immunize.org launched a new social media program to highlight our educational resources. Our social media channels now feature our most popular printable resources and Ask the Experts questions, as well as announcements important to frontline vaccinators:

- Facebook at [ImmunizeOrg](#)
- Instagram at [ImmunizeOrg](#)
- LinkedIn at [ImmunizeOrg](#)
- Twitter at [ImmunizeOrg](#)
- YouTube at [ImmunizeOrg](#)
- **August is National Immunization Awareness Month; promote vaccination with helpful resources for all ages.** August is [National Immunization Awareness Month](#) (NIAM). This annual observance highlights efforts to protect people of all ages against vaccine-preventable diseases through on-time vaccination. This year, NIAM focuses our attention on the urgent need to catch up on routine visits and vaccinations that were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC's NIAM web page includes key messages, sample social media content, and educational resources in two toolkits:
  - One for [reaching healthcare professionals](#)
  - Another for [reaching parents and patients](#)
- **Autism Society of America releases its "Guide to Accessible Vaccine Clinics"** The [Autism Society of America](#) released its [Guide to Accessible Vaccine Clinics](#), which shares helpful tips and links for vaccination providers who serve neurodiverse patients, including those with autism. Neurodiverse people may avoid vaccinations because vaccination visits can be traumatic and stressful. The guide also offers ideas that may be valuable to all patients of any age who have anxiety about vaccination visits.
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) Vaccine Education Center (VEC) offers **three new/recently updated infographics** for the public:
  - New: [MMR infographic](#) (PDF), available on VEC's [A Look at Each Vaccine: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) Vaccine](#) web page
  - New: [Hepatitis B infographic](#) (PDF), available on VEC's [A Look at Each Vaccine: Hepatitis B Vaccine](#) web page
  - Updated: [COVID-19: The Disease vs the Vaccine](#), infographic (PDF), available on VEC's [A Look at Each Vaccine: COVID-19 Vaccine](#) web page
- **The [Vaccine Makers Project](#) (VMP) added a new video playlist titled [Fetal Cells and Vaccines: The Why and How](#) to its YouTube channel.** This includes five videos featuring Stanley Plotkin, MD, inventor of the rubella vaccine, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's (CHOP) [Vaccine Education Center \(VEC\)](#) director, Dr. Paul Offit, MD. Their conversations describe how decades-old cell lines of fetal origin can be used today so that new abortions are not necessary to continue making vaccines that rely on these cell lines.
- Immunize.org's [www.Give2MenACWY.org](#) website promotes the **importance of adolescent vaccination, including the recommended MenACWY vaccine booster dose at age 16.** Many teens are behind on vaccines because of the pandemic, so vaccination is more important than ever. Materials on this colorful website for healthcare professionals incorporate the [2020 ACIP meningococcal vaccine recommendations](#) and coverage statistics from CDC's National Immunization Survey–Teen (NIS–Teen). One particularly popular resource on the site is the updated [Algorithm for MenACWY Immunization in Adolescents 11 through 18 Years of Age](#).

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## Vaccine News

### Local News:

- [What can parents, students expect as Pa. faces second full school year of COVID-19?](#) (Penn Live)
- [Monkeypox declared a U.S. health emergency: Allegheny County cases rise](#) (Pittsburgh-Post Gazette)

- [With COVID-19 surging again, is Pa. headed for another deadly fall wave?](#) (Penn Live)
- [Pa. COVID update: Hospital and death averages stable, but high case rate a cause for concern](#) (Lehigh Valley Live)

**National & Global News:**

- [Most US public schools plan to keep masks optional for start of classes](#)(CNN)
- [How COVID has led to breakthroughs in virus understanding](#)(MD Linx)
- [Monkeypox vaccines: A virologist answers 6 questions about how they work, who can get them and how well they prevent infection](#) (The Conversation)
- [How social media is still contributing to vaccine hesitancy in the US](#)(MD Linx)
- [Polio Case in the US in Same NY Community that Harbored Measles Outbreak in 2018-19](#) (Patient Care online)

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