



Immunization Pearls Spring 2022

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DCIC Updates

General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 12pm to 1:30pm. Watch your email in the coming weeks for the agenda.

Board Updates

Tess Ellens will be stepping down from her position at Public Health of Madison and Dane County. We are sorry to see Tess go and we wish her the best of luck!

Nate Patton has joined the Dane County Immunization Board! Nate is a nurse with Public Health of Madison and Dane County. Welcome, Nate!

Gwen Long has retired from Group Health Cooperative, but will stay on the Dane County Immunization Board as a community member. Congratulations to Gwen!

Immunization Updates

New Pneumococcal Vaccination Recommendations

The CDC has updated their website with the new pneumococcal vaccination recommendations, including a [Summary of Who and When to Vaccinate](#). The California Department of Public Health has this [Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing chart](#) that is easy to read, and Immunize.org has updated their [Ask the Experts](#) page.

Annual Symposium

The Dane County Immunization Coalition invites vaccinators statewide to attend the annual Spring Symposium on April 26, 2022. This is a virtual event and will be held from 6pm until 8:15pm. The event will feature an immunization update by the chief strategy officer at Immunize.org (formerly the Immunization Action Coalition) and a presentation from a professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health called "Fears, Facts, and Feelings: How Public Health can Understand and Address COVID-19 Misinformation."

This event is free and is intended for health care staff who administer vaccines or facilitate the administration of immunizations: nurses, medical assistants, physicians, physician

AMI Expeditionary Health	assistants, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, public health staff, and school nurses. Free CE will be available for nurses, medical assistants, and pharmacists.
Nate Patton Public Health- Madison & Dane County	Click here to register.
Shannon Ripp Access Community Health Center	
Stacy Bong UnityPoint-Health Meriter	
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Health Equity

Wisconsin DHS Forums on Advancing Health Equity

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services COVID-19 Response and Recovery Team is hosting forums on advancing health equity during the COVID-19 pandemic. The sessions are held on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. and are open to anyone across Wisconsin. They will feature a community leader sharing experiences, barriers, practices and lessons learned for advancing health equity. The April forums will spotlight the work being done to advance health equity in marginalized populations. Click [here](#) to register. If you can't make it or want to rewatch a previous session, click [here](#) for links to recordings.

Promoting Immunization

COVID Conversations

It is still important to get vaccinated against COVID-19. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has some [tips for talking](#) with patients, friends, and family members about the importance of getting vaccinated.

COVID.gov

The U.S. government launched [COVID.gov](#), a consolidated website to help people in the United States gain easier access to vaccines, tests, treatments, and masks, as well as updates on COVID-19 incidence in their area.

Addressing Parents' Questions About Childhood Vaccines

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has [videos](#) that help answer questions parents may have about vaccines for their children as well as tips for finding accurate information about vaccines online.

Pregnancy and Vaccination

The [Plan to Protect campaign](#) from Wisconsin Department of Health Services will relaunch in April 2022 across Wisconsin via social media, radio ads, streaming radio, and on TV. The purpose of the campaign is to reach parents-to-be and new parents with the message that vaccines are one of the best ways to protect their baby's health. Promotional materials for your organization can be found [here](#).

In the Media

Promoting Vaccines in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

CDC recently released new [public service announcements](#) featuring Oscar award recipient Wes Studi that emphasize the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters in American Indian and Alaska Native communities to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and prevent severe illness and death.

Twin Cities Public Television and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc have a series of videos called [Vaccines in Indian Country](#) showing that vaccines are safe, effective and one of the easiest ways to protect families and the community from deadly diseases.

DCIC <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/health-services/partners-providers/dane-county-immunization-coalition>

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