

August 28: Don't Miss the 2013-14 Flu Season Webinar!

MDCH and MSU are hosting a free webinar to kick off the 2013-2014 influenza vaccination season on August 28, 2013, from 12:00-1:00 PM. The target audience is influenza vaccination providers. Pre-registration is required. You can [register on the webinar website](#), where you will also find a flyer with more details about the event. We hope you'll join us!

Alana's Foundation: Read JoAnna's Story

Alana's Foundation is hosting the [Cruisin' Summer Concert Bash, featuring Mitch Ryder](#) benefit on August 15 in Royal Oak. The website includes information on where to buy tickets. Alana's Foundation also had the recent opportunity to tell Alana's story through her Aunt JoAnna's eyes. We encourage you to read [Alana's story, as told by her Aunt JoAnna](#).

HPV Vaccine: Safe, Effective, and Grossly Underutilized

On July 25, CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics held a joint [press conference on HPV vaccination coverage levels](#). Of great concern, HPV vaccination rates among females remain unchanged from 2011 to 2012, according to the National Immunization Survey for Teens. The article in [CDC's 7/26/13 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) drew on data from the 2012 National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen).

A few highlights include:

- 53.8% of U.S. females 13-17 years of age have received one or more doses of HPV vaccine
 - In Michigan, 47.2% of females 13-17 years of age have received one or more doses of HPV vaccine*
- 33.4% of U.S. females 13-17 years of age have received three or more doses of HPV vaccine
 - In Michigan, 27.5% of females 13-17 years of age have received three or more doses of HPV vaccine*
- 84% of unvaccinated girls had one or more missed opportunities for HPV vaccination
- Potential coverage with one or more doses of HPV vaccine could be 92.6% if there were no missed opportunities for vaccination

For each year the 3-dose HPV vaccine series coverage remains near the current level of 33 percent instead of achieving the Healthy People 2020 goal of 80 percent coverage, an additional 4,400 women will be diagnosed with cervical cancer and 1,400 cervical cancer-attributable deaths will occur in the future.

The 2012 NIS-Teen data show that not receiving a healthcare provider's recommendation for HPV vaccine was one of the five

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*Data from the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), April, 2013

Michigan's Vaccination Rates Are Dropping

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) – The Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan State Medical Society held a news conference on August 8 to discuss new CDC statistics that show that immunization rates in Michigan are falling. CDC's [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\) published on 8/2/13](#) reported that nearly 6 percent of the children entering kindergarten in Michigan during the 2012-13 school year were exempted from one or more vaccines for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons. Among all the states, Michigan ranked 4th in the nation for the number of school children receiving exemptions. Doctors and MDCH officials are urging parents to get their kids immunized with all the vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Sometimes parents tell their children's healthcare provider that they only want the vaccines required for school entry. Please take time to talk to these parents about the importance of immunizing their children according to the recommended schedule, including flu vaccine for everyone who is older than six months of age and HPV vaccine for pre-teens and teens (both girls and boys). The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM), and other professional medical organizations recommend that providers vaccinate based on current ACIP recommendations. In doing so, Michigan's school immunization requirements will be met. Most important of all, children and adolescents will be fully protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

Every time a child or adolescent patient arrives at the office – whether for a preventive or sick visit – it's an opportunity to immunize that patient with all recommended vaccines. Back-to-school check-ups and sports physicals are an ideal time to make sure adolescent patients are fully vaccinated.

Be sure to check out the educational materials for pre-teens, teens, and their parents (including a new HPV fact sheet targeting parents of 11-12 year olds) at www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines. Educational materials for school children of all ages are posted on the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/CatchUpImmunizations/>

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

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HPV Vaccine...

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main reasons parents reported for not vaccinating daughters. Healthcare providers are urged to give a strong recommendation for HPV vaccination for boys and girls aged 11 or 12 years.

The other responses parents provided indicate gaps in understanding about the vaccine, including why vaccination is recommended at ages 11 or 12.

"Parents need reassurance that HPV vaccine is recommended at 11 or 12 because it *should* be given well in advance of any sexual activity," said CDC Director Tom Frieden M.D., M.P.H. "We don't wait for exposure to occur before we vaccinate with any other routinely recommended vaccine." [Read more...](#)

HPV Vaccine Poster Now Available in Arabic

A [Parent's Guide to Preteen and Teen HPV Vaccination](#), the new MDCH flyer focusing on the importance of vaccinating at the routinely recommended age of 11-12 years, is now available in Arabic as well as English.

The flyer is posted on the MDCH Teen Vaccines website at: <http://www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines>.

Visit the [Adolescent Immunization Poster Gallery](#) for cool posters. See page 6 for an example.

Influenza Sentinel Surveillance:

Michigan Physicians Needed for Upcoming Flu Season

Influenza season will be underway soon, and the Michigan Department of Community Health needs your help! The Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) is an integral part of influenza surveillance in Michigan. ILINet consists of frontline healthcare providers who voluntarily provide weekly counts of patient visits for influenza-like illness (defined as fever $\geq 100^{\circ}$ plus cough and/or sore throat) to MDCH and CDC. Effective influenza surveillance helps inform state and local public health when influenza activity begins, peaks, and ends in their area; detects new or unusual influenza virus strains; and assesses the effectiveness of influenza control programs.

In appreciation of their efforts, sentinels receive free laboratory testing for approximately 11 specimens per season; weekly feedback reports including summaries of regional, state, and national influenza data; and free online subscriptions to *Emerging Infectious Diseases* and CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*. Sentinels who regularly report throughout the flu season will also receive free registration the following fall to an [MDCH Fall Regional Immunization Conference](#) for two staff.

Volunteering to be a sentinel should require less than 30 minutes a week. We are always in need of new sentinels! To enroll or for more information, contact Stefanie DeVita, RN, MPH, Influenza Epidemiologist at MDCH Division of Immunization, at DeVitaS1@michigan.gov or 517-335-3385.

Flu Websites

- www.michigan.gov/flu
- www.cdc.gov/flu
- www.flu.gov
- <http://vaccine.healthmap.org>

Summary of 2013-14 Flu Vaccine Recommendations

The summary of the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\) influenza vaccine recommendations](#) for the 2013-14 flu season highlights important updates on available products, vaccination timing, dose considerations, and vaccination of specific populations. The full recommendations will be published in [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#).

CDC continues to recommend that all persons 6 months of age and older be vaccinated against influenza each year. Stay tuned for new 2013-14 influenza season materials as they become available!

2013-14 Flu Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

The 2013-2014 Influenza VIS for live, intranasal influenza and influenza-IIV (inactivated) were published on 7/26/13. On August 7, the 2013-14 VIS for inactivated flu vaccines was revised to note the egg-free formulation (for persons aged 18-49 years). The following statement was added under Section 3 to the bullet regarding allergies, "Most, but not all, types of flu vaccine contain a small amount of egg." The VIS edition date, 7/26/13, has not changed.

Providers should begin using the new VIS immediately. In Michigan, make sure to give the Michigan versions of VIS to vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives because these include information about the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

Remember: The influenza-IIV (inactivated) VIS should be used for all non-live virus formulations (trivalent, quadrivalent, high dose, cell-culture, recombinant, and intradermal).

The Immunization Action Coalition will be posting many translations in the weeks to come. We will add the MCIR language onto the translations and post them on our website as soon as we are able to do so. This will be a top priority for us, and we will get these taken care of as quickly as we can!

These documents are posted on MDCH's website at www.michigan.gov/immunize under [Vaccine Information Statements](#).

New Provider Tool - HealthMap Vaccine Finder

With flu season just around the corner, now's the time for vaccination providers (clinics, pharmacies, health departments, and other venues) to provide the HealthMap Vaccine Finder with data on their vaccination services. Last year, this free online tool helped direct more than 500,000 patients to vaccination providers in their area. We encourage providers to take advantage of this free opportunity to list their vaccination clinics following the steps below.

This year, HealthMap Vaccine Finder is asking providers for information on clinics that administer seven kinds of influenza vaccines (trivalent, quadrivalent, high dose, intradermal, cell culture-based, recombinant, and nasal spray) and ten other adult vaccines (hepatitis A, hepatitis B, HPV, MMR, Td, Tdap, meningococcal, pneumococcal, varicella, and zoster).

If you are a provider who participated last year, you can [log in to your account](#) and update your information by following the directions on the Help tab.

If you are a new provider, you must first [register for an account](#). Once you receive your password and log in, you can upload the required information to your account.

Please direct questions to vaccine@healthmap.org.

CDC Speakers Announced for Fall Immunization Conferences

The MDCH Division of Immunization will hold eight regional immunization conferences this fall, so mark your calendar for the conference nearest you: Oct. 15 (Gaylord), Oct. 17 (Marquette), Oct. 29 (Kalamazoo), Oct. 30 (Grand Rapids), Nov. 1 (East Lansing), Nov. 19 (Bay City), Nov. 21 (Dearborn), and Nov. 22 (Troy).

A keynote speaker from CDC is scheduled to speak at each conference (see page 5). Information about the speakers is posted on the [MDCH fall conference web page](#) (see bottom of web page).

Registration will begin September 9. We are in the process of applying for continuing education credits. Further details will be posted on the above website as they become available.

A [Save-the-Date flyer](#) is posted on the conference website at <http://www.michigan.gov/immunize>, under the Provider Information Section.

ACIP Redesigns its Vaccine Recommendations Web Page and Discontinues Issuing Provisional Recommendations

IAC Express, Issue 1068: July 23, 2013

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently posted a redesigned web page titled [Vaccine Recommendations of the ACIP](#). Recommendations are grouped into those for specific vaccines, such as measles-mumps-rubella and pneumococcal, and comprehensive recommendations, such as those for healthcare personnel.

In addition, ACIP recently issued this announcement regarding provisional recommendations:

Provisional recommendations are no longer being prepared. All previous provisional recommendations have been incorporated into MMWR published recommendations. Recommendations of the ACIP are sent to the CDC Director for review. If the recommendations are adopted by the CDC Director, as delegated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, they are published in MMWR as official HHS/CDC recommendations.

Vaccine Summaries: New Resource from IAC

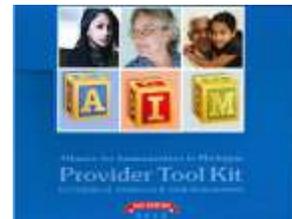
The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) has issued a new series of *Vaccine Summaries* for children, adolescents and adults. These handouts offer information on each specific disease and vaccines used to prevent it. The [Vaccine Summaries](#) are posted on the IAC website.

Thanks for all you do to keep families safe from vaccine preventable diseases

Michigan Immunization Timely Tips (MITT)

To subscribe to the [Michigan Immunization Timely Tips](#) newsletter, send an email to cmarkzon@msms.org and enter the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. Subscribers will receive the Michigan Immunization Timely Tips (MITT) newsletter, as well as additional immunization-related updates on a periodic basis. MITT is posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize under the Provider Information section. For more information, contact Rosemary Franklin at franklinr@michigan.gov.

2013 AIM Provider Toolkits: An Outstanding Resource for Your Office



The Alliance for Immunization in Michigan (AIM) Provider Tool Kit is updated annually to help providers stay knowledgeable about important

changes that affect immunization practice. The 2013 AIM Kits are available, free of charge, at: www.healthymichigan.com > Immunizations. Even though these have been available for several months, there are still plenty in stock.

In recent years, the look and feel of the printed kit has changed and pieces included are much more colorful and promotional in nature. AIM moved forward with this change in response to feedback from regular kit users, many of whom say they don't have the funds in their offices or worksites to print colored materials. Additionally, in past years, many materials became outdated during the year. The changes in the printed AIM Kit are designed to ensure that the information is more current and accurate. All of the same great pieces that have been found in previous versions of the kit can now be found at the new and improved website: www.aimtoolkit.org.

The 2013 kits were made possible through the generous donations of about a dozen Michigan-based health care organizations, and we wish to thank these benefactors. The AIM Kit sponsors' names are listed at www.aimtoolkit.org (scroll to bottom of page for list of names). To find out how your organization can become a sponsor of next year's AIM Tool Kit, please contact Caryl Markzon at CMarkzon@msms.org.

Immunization Programs for Physicians and Staff

The [Immunization Nurse Education Program](#), a joint venture between the Michigan Department of Community Health and local health departments, is designed to bring updated immunization information to your office. Through this program, experienced and knowledgeable nurses bring up-to-date immunization information to office staff, in order to help healthcare personnel stay current on immunization practices.

Presentations last approximately 1-2 hours and are approved for nursing contact hours and continuing medical education credit. Nine educational modules are available at this time. Topics include Pediatric Immunizations, Adolescent Immunizations, Adult Immunizations, Vaccines for Women's Health, and Influenza Vaccine, just to name a few. Further details about these programs are available on the MDCH Division of Immunization's website. [Immunization Education Opportunities for Healthcare Personnel](#) is located at www.michigan.gov/immunize under the Provider Information category.

The Physician Peer Education Project on Immunization (PPEPI) delivers free immunization education to physicians. The modules are brought to providers at Grand Rounds, medical staff meetings and conferences.

Let us help you stay current on immunization recommendations and practices. Do your part to keep Michigan's residents safe from vaccine-preventable diseases by staying up to date on immunization issues.



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CDC Keynote Speakers – see next page!

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Raymond Strikas, MD, MPH

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JoEllen Wolicki, RN, BSN

Each conference will feature a keynote speaker from the
Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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(under the Provider Education section)

You made sure to protect him when
he was little....
and he still needs you now.



Protect your son from serious
diseases like meningitis, HPV,
hepatitis, flu and pertussis.

Call your doctor today and ask about
vaccines he may need.



www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines

The full-size poster and others are available online:
<http://www.michigan.gov/teenvaccines>; Click on [Adolescent Immunization Poster Gallery](#)