Getting Back to Routine Vaccinations

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Back to School/Back to Routine Vaccines
Amy Pisani, MS - Executive Director – Vaccinate Your Family
Vaccinate Your Family protects people of all ages from vaccine-preventable diseases by:

- Raising awareness of the critical need for timely immunizations
- Increasing the public’s understanding of the benefits of vaccines
- Increasing confidence in the safety of vaccines
- Ensuring that all families have access to lifesaving vaccines
- Advocating for policies that support timely vaccination
We push for equitable access to vaccinations for people of all ages in the U.S. by:

✓ Educating policymakers on issues regarding vaccination and vaccine-preventable diseases

✓ Partnering with medical and public health organizations to call for changes to protect and promote immunization at a national level

✓ Publishing recommendations for science-based policies to reduce challenges and barriers keeping people of all ages from receiving recommended vaccinations

✓ Providing public comment – written and oral – to National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding equitable access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines

✓ Providing Nutrition Programs for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) staff with training and resources about vaccination so that they can promote vaccines to low-income pregnant women and mothers of children under five participating in their programs

✓ Creating and sharing social media graphics coalitions for REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) participants e.g., community-based organizations and public health programs
Every year, Vaccinate Your Family publishes its annual *State of the ImmUnion* report, outlining:

- **HOW** we’re doing in terms of vaccinating key U.S. populations
- **WHO** isn’t getting vaccinated and why
- **WHAT** Congress should do to address disparities and barriers to vaccination
- **WHERE** resources should be directed to improve and protect vaccination rates

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vaccinate Your Family published key steps Congress should take ASAP to ensure any COVID-19 vaccine is distributed quickly and equitably once available.

Find the report @ State of the ImmUnion Report | Vaccinate Your Family
Routine Vaccination Rates Have Dropped

• Pandemic interrupted in-person routine healthcare appointments

• Younger children
  • Mumps, Measles, Rubella (MMR) doses among 2- to 8-year-olds dropped by 63%
  • Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccinations among 9- to 12-year-olds declined by 66%

• Adolescents
  • Routine vaccinations down by 26% from March-October 2020 among adolescents enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care as compared to that time period in 2019

• Growing concern as schools go back to in-person learning
## Disparities exist – even pre-pandemic

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*DTaP is a vaccine that helps children younger than age 7 develop immunity to diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. Tdap is a booster immunization given at age 11 that offers continued protection from those diseases for adolescents and adults.*
Geographic Disparities

• Rural adolescents less likely to have all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines

• HPV vaccine (all recommended doses): 15 percentage points lower in rural areas compared to urban areas

• Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (2 or more doses): 20 percentage points lower in rural areas compared to urban areas
# CDC Immunization Study of vaccines received by 24 months among infants born 2016-2017

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*Combined 7 Series Vaccines in this series include at least 4 doses of DTaP, 3 doses of Polio, 1 dose of MMR, 3 doses of Hep B, 3 doses of Hib, 1 dose of Varicella antigens, and 4 doses of Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine.
“The health and wellness of my family is my number one priority. Like so many other families, we’ve had to make some adjustments over the past year, but we didn’t skip our kids’ doctor visits and recommended vaccines.”

Gabrielle Union-Wade

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Register for WIG’s Webinar on 9/13!

Understanding Chronic Kidney Disease and Advancing Equitable Care: 1 in 3 US Adults is at Risk

Massachusetts State Senate President Emerita
Harriette Chandler
WIG State Director

Dr. Charlotte Jones-Burton
VP, Global Clinical Development, Nephrology
Otsuka Pharmaceuticals

Lisa Smallwood-Beck
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The Kidney Network

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