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Call for Chapter Immunization Representatives

ICAAP is seeking immunization subject matter experts to serve as Chapter Immunization Representatives (CIR), acting as liaisons between ICAAP, National AAP, and the state immunization program. Applicants must be a member of both ICAAP and National AAP. Apply **here** by December 1st.

Measles Elimination Status & Update

After 26 years, the U.S. has lost its measles elimination status, a sad but not surprising milestone. Elimination is achieved when a country or region has no locally transmitted measles infections or outbreaks lasting 12 months or longer. The full PAHO report regarding this decision can be read **here**. ICAAP is one of the organizations that signed on to AAP's letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the CDC urging them to take action to prevent measles. You can read the letter **here**.

Wisconsin and New York have reported pediatric measles-related deaths for the first time in over 30 years. As of November 12, **IDPH has reported 29 measles** cases in Illinois this year. The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is hosting a **webinar**, *Measles 101: Something Old – Infection in Children and Adults, Something New – Congenital Measles* on Monday, November 30 at 12 PM CST.

Measles Resources

- Pediatric Practice Tools and Info from **AAP's RedBook Online Outbreaks: Measles**
- CDC: **Measles Clinical Features and Diagnosis – YouTube**
- CDC: **For Healthcare Professionals – Clinical Overview of Measles**
- AAP: **Measles Vaccine**
- AAP: **Communicating with Families and Promoting Vaccine Confidence**
- AAP: **Immunizations Across America Map** is updated weekly with locations experiencing outbreaks and current case numbers
- AAP: **RedBook Online FAQs** on congenital measles

Respiratory Virus Season Update

National Outlook - Three **pediatric flu deaths** have already been reported. Nationally, COVID-19 activity is currently moderate while RSV activity is very low, according to CDC's **wastewater data**.

Illinois Outlook - According to the **IDPH Seasonal Respiratory Virus Dashboard**, overall flu and RSV activity is low, and COVID-19 activity is very low.

No Evidence RSV Is Mutating Due to Immunization - An **analysis** of 60,000 RSV sequences found that fewer than 1% showed evidence of resistance to nirsevimab and clesrovimab, despite previous concerns about rare genetic mutations.

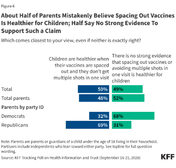
- **RSV Products Visual Guide**
- **RSV Private Stock Guide**



Many Parents Believe Spacing Vaccines is Healthier

A **KFF Tracking Poll** found that while most parents support vaccines, an increasing number of parents believe vaccines are healthier when spaced out rather than given in one doctor's visit. The survey was done following President Trump's Executive Order on childhood immunizations.

This misconception is longstanding; KFF polling from October 2025 identified parental concerns about children receiving multiple vaccines during the same visit as a leading cause for delaying or skipping recommended vaccinations.



Research Updates

DTAP Vaccine Effectiveness During Outbreak

During Alaska's 2024 statewide pertussis outbreak, a **case-control analysis** found that unvaccinated children aged 6 months - 6 years had approximately 26 times higher odds of laboratory-confirmed pertussis than children who completed the recommended 3-dose DTaP primary series.

Newborn Hepatitis B Exposures at Home

A recent **study** estimated that 1.3% of children under age five are exposed to hepatitis B through household contacts, which translates to approximately 47,000 infants annually based on U.S. birth rates. These findings reinforce the importance of the **AAP's universal hepatitis B birth dose vaccination recommendation**.

HPV Vaccination

A recent **study** found that children who were recommended to receive HPV vaccination at age 9 or 10 had higher initiation rates by age 13 (77.1%) than those who received a recommendation at age 11 or 12 (67%). Series completion rates were also higher for those who started the series younger (61.6%) than those who started the series at an older age (45.1%).

Succesful Strategies for Vaccine Conversations

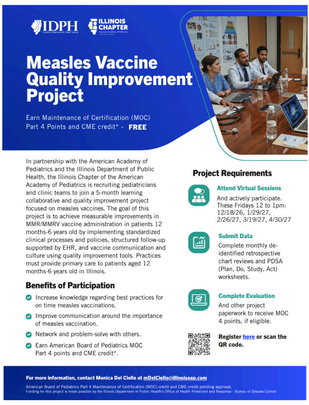
The Vaccine Education Center housed at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) **spoke to clinicians** about how they are approaching vaccine conversations with families. Here are some strategies they shared:

- Set manageable goals, like maintaining the current immunization rates in your practice.
- Identify strategies that have been successful with families and reuse them.
- Avoid broad discussions that don't address a family's specific concerns.
- Focus on priority issues rather than addressing every piece of misinformation.
- Give a strong vaccine recommendation. Weak recommendations can fuel hesitancy and debates.
- Spend extra time building trust with families firmly opposed to vaccination.
- Involve all staff in building a positive vaccine environment in your clinic.
- Acknowledge your successes!
- Recommend **trustworthy social media** accounts to follow or provide printed materials.
- Partner with other community-based leaders or organizations to share information.

Additional News & Resources

- IDPH released a **SIREN** with **GSK's customer letter** alerting that the linear barcode on certain batches of FluLaval® TIV pre-filled syringe labels encodes to an incorrect 2025-2026 NDC. If this error occurs, please verify the product using the printed label, 2D barcode, or carton barcode. The batches that are currently impacted are X7YH3, 5JJ7Y, and GK3LS.
- The Hektoen Institute of Medicine is hosting monthly office hours on infection prevention in collaboration with IDPH for all frontline staff - view the schedule and register **here**.
- Vaccinate Your Family University has free training opportunities in English and Spanish - **enroll here**.
- The AAP is hosting a vaccine communication workshop titled *Social Platforms in 2026: What Was New This Year and Where to Show Up* on November 18 - register **here**.
- 2027 Current Issues in Vaccines webinar series from CHOP - register **here**.

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