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Hosting a School-Based Vaccine Clinic

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# Pandemic Leads to Waning Vaccination Rates

- July 2020 : The World Health Organization and UNICEF warned of an alarming decline in the number of children receiving life-saving vaccines around the world.
- Disruptions threaten to reverse hard-won progress to reach more children and adolescents with a wider range of vaccines, which has already been hampered by a decade of stalling coverage.



# Why were vaccine services disrupted during the pandemic?

Lock down orders and quarantine lead to missed routine medical visits and missed vaccinations.

Loss of jobs and economic hardships lead to cancelled medical visits and/or loss of insurance.

Health providers redeployed for COVID clinics, so well child or vaccine appointments were not offered.

# Significant gap remains on adolescent vaccines delivered - Pandemic vs 2019

Vaccines for adolescents have larger gaps vs those primarily given to younger children.

CDC reports a slower recovery in the public sector vs. the private sector.

Public sector doses are down:

HPV 20.2%

MCV4 16.4%

Tdap 20.0%

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# **How Indiana Immunization Coalition is Helping to Improve Youth Vaccination Rates in our State**



Kick Off- September  
2020 with Support from  
Indiana State  
Department of Health!

# IIC Mobile Clinics Address Barriers to Vaccination

## Economic and Racial Disparities are Reduced By:

Locating clinics in underserved and under-immunized communities that may lack access to care

Providing language translation that may not exist in traditional medical clinics

Providing free vaccines to those who cannot pay

Offering clinics after work hours which is more convenient than traditional medical clinics

Accommodating walk-ins

# Window of Opportunity to Provide All Vaccines at Mobile Clinic

- ▶ IIC has access to CHIRP statewide immunization registry.
- ▶ Staff check CHIRP record for each patient to determine vaccines that are needed.
- ▶ Mobile clinic is equipped with all CDC recommended vaccines for the entire lifespan (including COVID).
- ▶ Clinic nurses recommend and administer all shots that patient is due for.

**What we have done so far!**



*We Aim to Please!*



We partner with school nurses, health departments, health agencies, churches, community businesses and more to offer clinics.

We ask you to help us find a prominent location and promote the clinic in your community.

There is no charge to community partners.

23,700 vaccines administered in 2021 alone!

**To request a clinic email, [clinic@vaccinateindiana.org](mailto:clinic@vaccinateindiana.org)**

## Vaccines Administered by Quarter

Sept 2020-Dec 2020	5,182
Q1 2021	1,814
Q2 2021	4,705
Q3 2021	7,998
Q4 2021	11,797
Jan 2022	2,342
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>33,838</u></b>

<b>Clinic Type</b>	<b>Count</b>
College/Community	15
Community	91
Employer	36
Residential	16
School	117
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>275</b>

Also, approximately 64 office walk-in days

# Onsite Immunization Clinic – Mutual Expectations



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## IIC's Responsibility

IIC will vaccinate with all RECOMMENDED vaccines based on ACIP recommendations.

IIC will vaccinate based on immunization history in CHIRP.

IIC will contact the school if a registered student does not have an immunization history in CHIRP.

IIC will collect insurance information on all registered students/staff to bill the administration fee. IIC will NOT charge an administration fee to those without insurance. IIC will NOT charge any registered student/staff for any declined insurance payments - any declined insurance payments will be absorbed by IIC.

IIC will schedule a block of time, IIC will end the vaccination clinic when all students/staff present have been vaccinated.

All IIC clinic staff will adhere to CDC's guidance on mask wearing.

IIC will bring appropriate staffing, supplies, and vaccines based on the number of individuals pre registered.

IIC will disinfect tables and chairs used before and after the clinic.

**IIC will accept parental refusals of specific vaccines ONLY via completion of the refusal form, you can request the form at [refusal@vaccinateindiana.org](mailto:refusal@vaccinateindiana.org) or by phone (317-628-7116).**

IIC will not send an immunization record with each student in an effort to keep the clinic running smoothly and mindful of time. If a parent has a question about what vaccine their student received they can contact IIC ([clinic@vaccinateindiana.org](mailto:clinic@vaccinateindiana.org) or 317-628-7116).

The clinic will be advertised as an optional service for those families that choose to participate.

*IIC will not initiate the Covid vaccine series without explicit parental request but we will complete the Covid series if it has already been started. If your child has started the Covid vaccine series and you do NOT want them to complete the series, then please complete the Vaccine Refusal Form within 48 hours prior to the scheduled immunization clinic.*

IIC Representative Signature:

## School's Responsibility

Space Needs:

- Designated classroom/cafeteria space/vaccination space large enough to hold the following
- 2-4 Tables
- 4-8 Chairs
- Large trash can
- Access to WiFi
- Signage pointing to the location
- Power outlets

Additional Needs:

- Interpreter (if necessary)
- Staff member readily available during the entire duration of the clinic to call down students/staff to the designated vaccination area
- Instruction on where to park and entrance to use
- Availability of a staff member to assist looking up student immunization records if they are unavailable in CHIRP in the days leading up the clinic

The school will communicate to students and families that IIC will vaccinate with all age-recommended vaccines and not just 'school required' vaccines.

If a parent expresses a specific vaccine refusal, school staff will refer parents to IIC's vaccine refusal process and stress the importance of submitting the refusal at least 48 hours prior to the immunization clinic.

The school is responsible for ensuring at least **15 students** have pre-registered for the clinic at least two days in advance via the pre-registration link or paper consent forms. If at least 15 students/staff have not pre registered for the clinic at least two days in advance IIC has the right to cancel the clinic.

The school is responsible for sending any paper consent forms received back to IIC within 48 hours prior to the immunization clinic.

The school is required to use IIC templates or receive prior approval of any communications about the clinic to prevent confusion.

School Representative Signature:

I understand IIC will vaccinate with all recommended vaccines and this includes Influenza, HPV and Meningitis B. I understand that if I only include school required vaccines in my communication to families that this will cause misunderstanding and confusion. The school will either not send home a list of needed vaccines OR will be sure to include all recommended vaccines (Influenza, HPV, Meningitis B) as well. Initial \_\_\_\_\_



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## Let us help you with...

**CHIRP:** Did you know that Indiana requires all schools (K-12) to enter their students into the CHIRP system and to make sure the records are up to date EACH school year?

IC 20-34-4-6 ensures that all schools are consistent with their immunization data when reporting to the Indiana State Department of Health. Schools must obtain consent for all students and enter the student's vaccine record information into the registry each school year by the first Friday in February.

- We can answer any questions you have about entering data into CHIRP.
- We can help interpret foreign records.
- We can schedule on-site CHIRP training.

**Exclusions Due to Lack of Immunizations:** Did you know that parents/guardians are to provide the schools with complete and up to date immunization reports to the schools no later than the first day of school?

IC 20-34-4-5 states that if those records are not provided to the schools, schools are to give no more than a twenty (20) day grace period to a parent/guardian to produce the information to the school before the child should be excluded from school and school activities.

- We can host a vaccine clinic in your school for all students/staff.
- We can send information to your administrators about law.
- We can provide resources/information to send home to families about immunizations.

**Hepatitis B Vaccines:** Did you know that schools and businesses in Indiana are required to provide FREE hepatitis B vaccines to all high risk employees?

The Indiana Department of Labor OSHA Safety Requirements states that all employees that are at risk for potential exposure to bloodborne pathogens and infectious waste must be offered a hepatitis b vaccine series (if desired) within 10 days of assignment.

- We can host a vaccine clinic at your school for all staff.
- We can provide you with information about Hepatitis B.

And don't forget, each school year you are required to inform all of your families about Meningococcal disease and your 6th grade parents about HPV disease.

Contact Indiana Immunization Coalition  
email: [clinic@vaccinateindiana.org](mailto:clinic@vaccinateindiana.org)  
web: [vaccinateindiana.org](http://vaccinateindiana.org)  
call/text: 317-628-7116

IIC Continues its mission to eliminate vaccine-preventable disease through education, advocacy, promotion and coalition building!

# Webinars

- ▶ IIC hosts at least one webinar per month with free continuing education credits.
- ▶ Since 2020, 4000 physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and public health providers from 38 states have viewed the webinars.
- ▶ Register to watch live through our email newsletter or announcements.
- ▶ Stored on IIC website for viewing for one year.

# Upcoming Educational Conferences

## **IIC Membership Meetings:**

June 23, 8 to 3pm, Newfields IMA, Indianapolis

October 6, 8 to 3 pm, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth

## **Regional Flu Summits 9am to noon:**

August 17: Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth

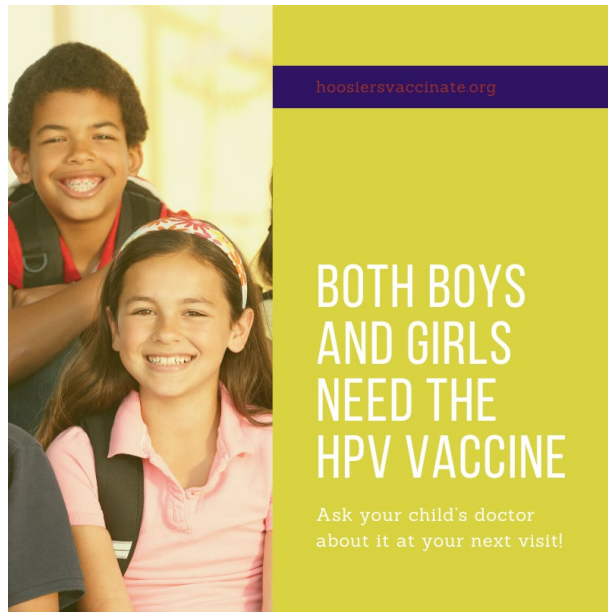
August 18: Connor Prairie, Indianapolis

August 19: Evansville Central Library

# Citizen Advocacy Group



- ▶ Created as a way for parents to advocate for immunization in community and legislature
- ▶ Anyone can join - not just parents!
- ▶ Public-facing immunization information
- ▶ Advocacy portal makes submitting advocacy letters easy!



## House Bill 1001

Home Directory

[Reject House Bill 1001](#)

House Bill 1001 proposes that Indiana public schools and universities would not be permitted to require immunization passports. This would set Indiana's public health back generations, as multiple critical vaccines including measles, pertussis, and meningitis could not be required. A bill like this passing would endanger all Hoosiers. Please, help us speak out against the passing of House Bill 1001.

# Resources



## HPV Vaccine Protects Against SIX Types of Cancer

### Mouth and throat cancers

No screening test exists. The first symptom is often a lump in the neck. Ask your dentist to look for any signs of these cancers.

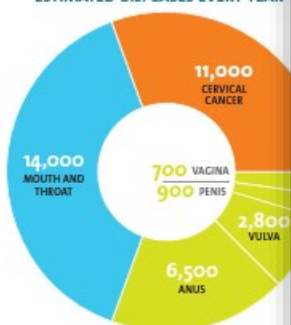
### Cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is the only type of cancer caused by HPV that can be detected early by a screening test.

### FOUR other cancers are caused by HPV

These cancers can't be detected early through a screening test. They are often found at a late state causing very serious problems or death.

ESTIMATED U.S. CASES EVERY YEAR



CDC recommends the HPV vaccine for ALL teens starting at age 9 or 12. It can be given starting age 9 and up to age 45.

HPV vaccine is a safe and effective vaccine that could prevent **over 90%** of these cancers.



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### HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)

## The Forbes Family

### How HPV Changed Our Lives



Our daughter, Kristen enjoyed a normal, happy childhood. She was a good student, played rugby, cello, and guitar. Her life was filled with promise. She graduated from college with a successful career path before her. Then tragedy struck. She was diagnosed with cervical cancer. Eleven months later she died at the age of 23.

You try to protect your children. You remember the good times. You cherish the memories. You pray it never happens again. It doesn't have to happen. Cervical cancer has one main cause: HPV. That makes it almost 100% preventable. The HPV vaccine could have saved Kristen's life. Protect your children. Vaccinate them.

There are 79 million people infected with HPV. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection, and transmission most commonly occurs in teens and young adults. Most people do not have symptoms or complications from HPV infection, and they are able to rid the virus on their own; however, persistent infection with high-risk HPV types can be dangerous. HPV causes most of the cases of cervical cancer in women and most of the anal, penile and oropharyngeal cancers in males. In addition, most cases of genital warts are caused by HPV.

There is no cure for HPV infection, although the infection usually goes away on its own. It is possible for the virus to remain in a "sleeping" or dormant state and be reactivated years later.

Fortunately, there is a safe and effective vaccine that protects against the most problematic types of HPV. The vaccine is most effective when given before the onset of sexual activity; therefore it is recommended for all boys and girls at age 11 or 12, and can be given alongside the other adolescent vaccines that are required for school. The vaccine can be given up to age 26.

The HPV vaccine is a cancer-prevention vaccine. Please ask your doctor about the HPV vaccine and protect yourself and your children from HPV associated cancers.

For more information, please visit [www.vaccinateindiana.org](http://www.vaccinateindiana.org)

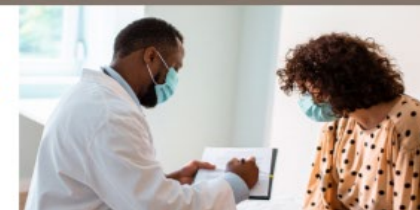


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## Communicating with Your Patients About Vaccines: What You Say and How You Say It Matters!

**Most of your patients feel favorably about vaccines. How you and your staff discuss vaccines with patients will most likely determine whether patients accept a vaccine. These tips will help you have positive vaccine conversations with your patients. Positive conversations will help ensure that they stay up to date on vaccines to keep themselves, their family, and their community healthy.**



**Understand the importance of your recommendations.** Your vaccine recommendation is the #1 reason patients choose to be vaccinated. Your patients will likely not ask for a vaccine. They are waiting for you to recommend them. A strong recommendation will usually lead to acceptance of the vaccine.

**Be ready to answer questions.** It is not necessary to give a lot of information about vaccines when you recommend them; however, be ready to answer any questions that your patient might ask. Remember that they are likely to accept vaccines if you can answer their questions in a short simple way.

**Ask all staff to discuss vaccines in a consistent way.** Make sure that all staff who greet and converse with patients communicate the same positive attitude about vaccines. Any vaccine misinformation or negative attitudes from any staff could impact patient acceptance for years to come.

**Remember the 3 P's: Personal, Persistent, Patient** Make it personal: "I gave the HPV vaccine to my kids." Show persistence: "I understand that you are not interested in receiving the Flu vaccine today, but I feel I will keep you healthy and I strongly recommend it." Be patient: It may take a few visits to build trust with your patients. If your patient refuses vaccines on a visit continue to make strong recommendations at each visit.

**Assume that all patients will be accepting vaccines and choose your words accordingly.** "Today you are due for your influenza vaccine" rather than "Will you be getting your flu vaccine?"

**Know how to communicate with patients who are hesitant. Remember the 3 A's: Ask, Acknowledge and Advise.**

**Bundle your vaccine recommendations and suggest the vaccines on the same day and in the same way.**

• Clarify their concerns

