



The IIC debuted a new logo in April 2013

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Shot Smarts a Smashing Success!

More than 500 people attended the Idaho Immunization Program's (IIP) annual Shot Smarts Immunization Conference this May, in Boise, Idaho Falls, and Coeur d'Alene.

Conference sessions included IIP, IRIS, school/childcare immunization, and Vaccines for Children updates, a panel on influenza epidemiology and vaccines, and keynote sessions with Seth Mnookin, author of the "The Panic Virus" on the history of vaccine hesitancy and with Dr. Kristen Feemster from the Vaccine Education Center on new vaccines and recommendations.

More than 100 childcare providers received free Tdap vaccine at "Give it a Shot! Childcare Education Nights" held by Idaho Immunization Coalition and IIP in conjunction with the conferences. Attendees also learned about the importance of immunization, "cocooning" infants with vaccinated adults for protection from pertussis, and how to check a child's immunization record in IRIS, Idaho's immunization registry.

Immunization Champions

Nine immunization champions were commended for their extraordinary work in promoting vaccination. These individuals and organizations go above and beyond to ensure that Idaho's children are protected. Their drive, passion, and overwhelming desire to make a difference are an inspiration. The 2013 Immunization Champions are:

Tysie Potter
Eastern Idaho Immunization Task Force
Pat Herman
Matt Joyce, MD
Canyon Area Immunization Coalition
Yolanda Cabello
Kuna Family Medical Clinic
Shari Kuther
Patty Morris

2013 Booster Shots Schedule

Missed Shot Smarts? Want more info? Booster Shots half-day conferences are coming up across the state this fall:

- **September 4 Nampa**
- **September 5 McCall**
- **September 10 Twin Falls**
- **September 11 Pocatello**
- **September 12 Hailey**
- **September 23 Ponderay**
- **September 24 Post Falls**
- **September 25 Clarkston**
- **September 26 Grangeville**

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Check the IIP's website to register: www.immunizeidaho.org

Statewide Campaign Provides Free Meningococcal Vaccine to 600 College Students

Meningococcal meningitis is a deadly disease, and among those who survive, one in five is left with a serious medical problem, such as brain damage or loss of limbs. The risk of infection is almost six times higher in crowded areas such as dorm rooms and classrooms.

Coordinating the Meningitis Campaign has given the IIC the opportunity to increase meningitis awareness and minimize the prevalence of this disease in the state of Idaho.

Through grassroots efforts, 600 doses of the meningococcal vaccine have been administered to college students at LCSC, BSU, and BYU. The IIC, IIP, and BSU have worked together to initiate and coordinate campaigns at these college campuses to educate and vaccinate!

Additionally, a nationally-recognized meningitis immunization advocate, athlete Rayna Dubose (www.raynadubose.net), spoke at BSU in March on “Winning the Game of Life.” Rayna is a survivor of meningococcal disease; she lost her limbs to the disease in 2002.

More clinics are scheduled for the summer and autumn, as students arrive or return to campus (see right)

The Meningitis Campaign has been a success primarily because of a number of fruitful partnerships. Many volunteers from the Idaho Immunization Program, Novartis Pharmaceutical Company, Schools of Nursing, and campus health clinics have contributed time and effort to this cause.

Thank You Everyone!

For meningococcal vaccine ordering, storing, and handling questions, contact olsont@dhw.idaho.gov. For questions on clinics, volunteers, etc., contact pamstrohfus@boisestate.edu.



Upcoming Meningitis Vaccine Clinics:

University of Idaho

August 23	12:30–4pm	TLC 143 Lounge
September 4	12–4pm	SRC Classroom
October 28	10am–2pm	TLC 143 Lounge
October 29	10am–2pm	TLC 143 Lounge

Northwest Nazarene University

June 15
July 18
August 23

College of Idaho

September 19

Brigham Young University, Idaho

Two clinics TBD, Summer/Fall

Idaho State University

August 24
September 17
October 9

Boise State University

August 28
Two clinics TBD, September/October

College of Southern Idaho (tentative)

August 27
August 29
September 3
September 5

Lewis and Clark State College

August 5	9am–2pm	Athletic Clinic
August 23	8:30am–2pm	Orientation
August 26	9am–2pm	Welcome Fair



Idaho Meningitis Campaign
FREE Vaccine for College Students

Pentacel, Daptacel and Pediarix Shortage to continue until September

CDC updated its [Current Vaccine Shortages & Delays](#) web page on May 16 as follows:

Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) and Daptacel (DTaP) are expected to remain in short supply throughout the summer of 2013. As a result of the ongoing Pentacel vaccine shortage that began in April 2012, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has experienced increased demand for Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) vaccine. GSK has taken steps to meet this increased demand, but will not be able to supply this vaccine at the same rate over the next 4–6 months before Pentacel is available without restrictions, which is currently anticipated to occur in September 2013.

Related Links:

- [Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2013 Pentacel, Daptacel and Pediarix Shortage](#)
- [Quick Reference Sheet: Guidance for Vaccinating Children During a Pentacel and Pediarix Shortage: 2013](#)

Starting in June, Idaho will receive partial allocations of Pentacel and Pediarix; full availability of both vaccines is expected in September 2013.

Source: Immunization Action Coalition IAC Express #1056



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H7N9 Avian Influenza in China

H7N9 is a subgroup of influenza that normally circulates among birds. It does not typically cause illness in humans. However, starting in March, cases of illness and human infection have been reported in several regions of China.

As of May 31, 2013, there have been 132 cases and 37 deaths due to H7N9 Influenza A reported, all in China. Most of the reported cases had very serious illness, though there are some reports of milder illness and asymptomatic cases. The H7N9 situation is of international public health concern because of the potential for this virus to change and trigger a pandemic.

Investigations suggest that most people have been infected with the virus after having contact with infected birds or contaminated environments. There has been no documented sustained person-to-person transmission of the virus.

While there is no vaccine against this virus at this time, influenza antiviral drugs can be used for treatment of infection.

Patients with severe acute respiratory infection requiring hospitalization and patients for whom no alternative etiology is found who have recently traveled to China should be candidates for RT-PCR testing for influenza.

Travelers to China should practice usual infection control procedures, such as hand hygiene and food safety practices, and should avoid contact with animals.

Source: CDC Avian Influenza A H7N9 Virus Key Points, May 31, June 3

Upcoming Immunization Events

Save the Date!

Monday, September 30, 2013

St. Luke's Boise Medical Center

9:00 am–3:00 pm



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*The Idaho Immunization Coalition
invites you to the :*

Immunization Summit 2013

Working together to protect Idahoans

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Prevent Disease.
Protect Idaho.**

For more information, please contact:

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Join us for the 2013
Immunization Summit!

Dr. William Atkinson &
Anna Dragsbaek,
Speakers

Sessions on:

Building a Local Coalition

Vaccine Hesitancy

New Vaccines & Recommendations

IIP and IIC Updates

Registration available soon at www.idahoimmune.org

In Case You Missed It: Immunization and Vaccine-Preventable Disease in the News

- Storage and handling tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:
<http://www2.aap.org/immunization/pediatricians/storageandhandling.html>
- Not immunizing at sick visits contributes to lower immunization rates
<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/805187>
- Hepatitis A outbreak linked to frozen berries
<http://vitals.nbcnews.com/news/2013/06/04/18751249-hepatitis-a-cases-tied-to-frozen-berries-climb-victims-sue?lite>
- Large measles outbreak in Wales attributed to low immunization coverage
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-22731784>



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