

# Idaho Immunization Coalition Newsletter

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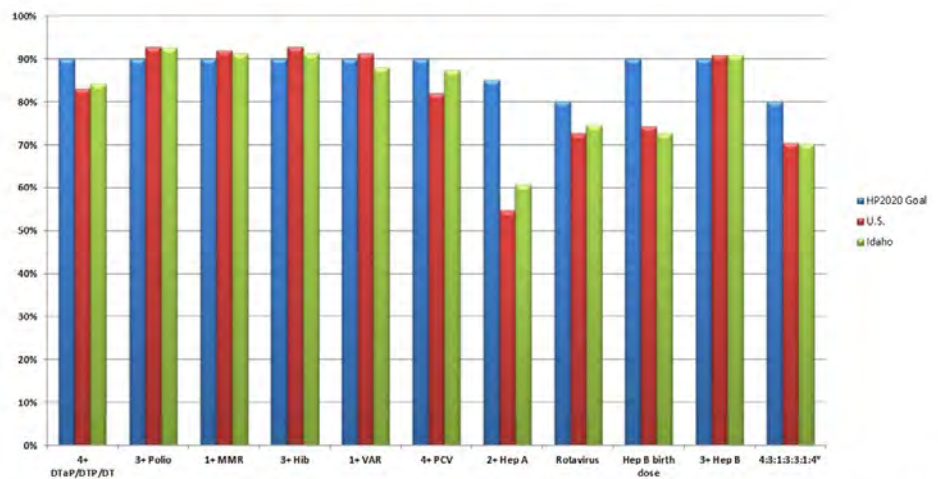
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## 2013 National Immunization Survey Data Released

The 2013 National Immunization Survey (NIS) data was released on August 28th, 2014. On par or above US rates in most categories, the data shows that Idaho is on target for reaching the Healthy People 2020 goals. Read more at the [Idaho Health and Welfare website](http://Idaho Health and Welfare website).

2013 Immunization Rates in Idaho and the U.S. Compared to the Health People 2020 Goals



\*The series of 4 or more DTaP vaccinations, 3 or more polio vaccinations, 1 or more MMR vaccinations, 2 or 3 Hib vaccinations depending on brand received, 3 or more hepatitis B vaccinations, 1 or more varicella vaccinations given at age 12 months or older, and 4 or more pneumococcal vaccinations



### Who Should Attend?

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, medical assistants, educators, advocates, and other representatives from public and private sector health organizations interested in learning more about current immunization issues, strategies, and activities.

### Summit Objectives:

- Enhance participant knowledge about vaccines and vaccine preventable diseases
- Explore strategies for increasing immunization rates in all age groups
- Learn communication strategies for responding to questions about vaccine hesitancy

### About the Idaho Immunization Coalition

The Idaho Immunization Coalition is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to promoting health and preventing serious illness through immunization protection of all Idahoans.



### Keynote Speaker



**Ari Brown, MD, FAAP** is a pediatrician, book author, child health advocate, and a mom. She completed a bachelor's degree in child development from the University of Texas at Austin. She completed her pediatric residency and developmental pediatrics fellowship at Harvard Medical School/Boston Children's Hospital. She practices full-time in Austin, TX. Her passion to educate families about children's health led her to co-author the best-selling "411" parenting book series. She is a trusted voice for children's health. Dr. Brown is a medical advisor for Parents Magazine and ABC News, and a spokeswoman for the American Academy of Pediatrics. She has appeared on numerous national news and talk shows including NBC's Today Show, CNN, and Rachael Ray.

### Registration

Space is limited so sign up today. Log on to [www.idahoimmune.org/summit](http://www.idahoimmune.org/summit) to reserve your place. Registration is free and includes lunch. For questions contact Karen Sharpnack, [kjs@idahoimmune.org](mailto:kjs@idahoimmune.org).

Tuesday, September 30, 2014  
8:30 am—3:30 pm  
St. Luke's Boise Medical Center  
Anderson Center  
Online web conferencing available

## 2014 Immunization Summit

### Online Web Conferencing Still Available

*Promote and Advance Lifetime Immunizations Through Education and Advocacy*

Educational Credits Provided: CME and CNE

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

8:30 am—3:30 pm

Live participation has reached maximum capacity for the 2014 Immunization Summit, but you may still participate online via web conferencing. Registration and educational credits are provided at no cost to participants, courtesy of the Idaho Immunization Coalition.

### Registration

Visit [www.idahoimmune.org/summit](http://www.idahoimmune.org/summit) to reserve your place. Registration and educational credits are free.

### Questions:

Contact Karen Sharpnack at [kjs@idahoimmune.org](mailto:kjs@idahoimmune.org).

## Back-to-school time

As you equip your children with the necessary back-to-school supplies, it is just as important to make sure they are up to date on their immunizations so they are prepared for a healthy and happy school year ahead.

Two Idaho Immunization Coalition advocates recently joined KTVB's Healthy Idaho to share their knowledge and encourage parents to get their children immunized.

Watch Tom Patterson, MD, at this link:

<http://www.ktvb.com/videos/newshealth/2014/08/22/14162646/>

Watch Pam Strohfus, DNP, RN, at this link:

<http://www.ktvb.com/videos/newshealth/2014/08/22/14243530/>



Tom Patterson, MD, was recently interviewed by Kim Fields of KTVB's Channel 7 discussing back-to-school vaccinations for Healthy Idaho.



Pam Strohfus, DNP, RN, joined KTVB's Justin Corr on Healthy Idaho to discuss meningitis on campus and free clinics available to students.

## There's an App for That!



Physicians in the Vaccine Education Center (VEC) at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia have created a smartphone app: **Vaccines on the Go: What You Should Know.**

A valuable addition to any parent's phone, the app provides reliable information about the science, safety and importance of vaccines and the diseases they prevent. It also provides information related to vaccines children should get before starting school. Its interactive features include novel graphics, storage for questions to ask your physician at the next appointment, and links to a variety of videos and print materials produced by the VEC.

Download the free mobile app, Vaccines on the Go: What You Should Know, or get more information at this link: <http://vaccine.chop.edu/>





## Nasal flu vaccine given thumbs-up

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has given the thumbs-up to the nasal flu vaccine. In a press release dated June 25, 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services explained that the ACIP voted to recommend a preference for using the nasal spray flu vaccine (i.e., LAIV) instead of the flu shot (i.e., IIV) in healthy children 2-8 years of age when it is immediately available. The recommendation is based on a review of available studies that suggest the nasal spray flu vaccine can provide better protection for this age group. If the nasal spray flu vaccine is not immediately available, the recommendation includes that the flu shot be given in an effort to provide timely vaccinations. Flu shots remain recommended for adults and children as indicated, for those six months and older.



Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/s0625-acip.html>

## Immunization Workshops

William Atkinson, MD, MPH, former Medical Epidemiologist in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC will be the guest speaker at each Booster Shot workshop.



## Booster Shots

immunization workshop

- 10/6 **PONDERAY** (Holiday Inn Express)
- 10/7 **POST FALLS** (Templin's)
- 10/8 **CLARKSTON** (Clarkston Event Center)
- 10/9 **GRANGEVILLE** (Syringa, Saltman Center)
- 10/15 **TWIN FALLS** (Hilton Garden Inn, Snake River Room)
- 10/16 **IDAHO FALLS** (Shiloh Inn) *\*Location has changed*
- 10/21 **CALDWELL** (College of Idaho)
- 10/22 **MCCALL** (Holiday Inn Express, The Hunt Lodge)

**OCT.  
2014**

**12:00 - 4:30pm** (all locations)

Online registration will open July 28, 2014, and will close when locations reach capacity. Register at [www.immunizeidaho.com](http://www.immunizeidaho.com)



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## Join us!

Registration is free, including lunch, while space remains.

Register at this link: <http://goo.gl/TZKiyF>.

Organized by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Idaho Immunization Program.



# Get Ready for the Idaho Immunization Summit 2015

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
Monday, September 21, 2015



## Immunization Summit 2015

Nampa Civic Center

### Key Note Speakers:

**David R. Williams, PhD** is the Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University. He is internationally recognized as a leading social scientist focused on social influences on health. His research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which race, racism, socioeconomic status, stress, health behaviors and religious involvement can affect physical and mental health.

**Dr. Carolyn Buxton Bridges** is the Associate Director of Adult Immunizations in the Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control. A board-certified internal medicine physician, Dr. Bridges was in clinical practice before joining the CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer in 1996 working primarily on influenza. She has held a number of different positions at CDC working on influenza and other vaccine preventable diseases and transitioned to her current position in 2011 as the Associate Director of Adult Immunizations.

Event registration will open spring 2015, watch the IIC website [www.idahoimmune.org](http://www.idahoimmune.org) for more updates.

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The Idaho Immunization Coalition extends its deepest gratitude to all who donated and supported financially and/or in-kind to help fulfill the IIC mission of promoting health and preventing serious illness through immunization protection of all Idahoans.

**Thank you!**

If you would like to contribute to the Idaho Immunization Coalition and help protect Idahoans, please visit [www.idahoimmune.org](http://www.idahoimmune.org).



# Call for Submissions

Are you passionate about immunizations and want to share your enthusiasm? Do you have a specific vaccine-related topic that you can't stop talking about at the dinner table?

The Idaho Immunization Coalition welcomes article submissions from all sources. Please share your ideas for the next newsletter with Karen Sharpnack.

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