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Upcoming Training Opportunities

2015 BOOSTER SHOTS LOCATIONS

In addition to Shot Smarts Immunization Conferences, local Booster Shots Workshops for healthcare providers are offered. Save the Date for a fall 2015 Booster Shots Workshop near you.



ImmunizeIdaho.com
Registration opens July 27, 2015!

Keep on a lookout for upcoming updates on these wonderful training opportunities!

Idaho Immunization Summit

Register before space runs out!

Online registration opens on May 4, 2015!

<http://www.idahoimmune.org/>



Immunization Summit 2015

September 21, 2015

Monday 8am — 4pm

Nampa Civic Center

311 3rd St S, Nampa, ID 83651

Summit Keynote Speakers

David R. Williams, PhD



Dr. Williams, a renowned professor at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, is an internationally recognized social scientist for his research on the social determinants of health. Dr. Williams has been involved in national health policy development by serving on numerous committees in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Institute of Medicine.

Dr. Williams has appeared on national television, including ABC's Evening News, CNN, PBS, the Katie Couric Show, Al Jazeera, C-SPAN and the Discovery Channel. He was a key scientific advisor to the award-winning PBS film series, *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?*

Carolyn Buxton Bridges, MD



Dr. Carolyn 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 and Prevention (CDC). 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.

Her career in public health has included research and policy on influenza prevention and control, vaccine effectiveness, and transmission, and improving coverage for recommended adult vaccines. Her current focus is on increasing the evidence base for adult vaccinations, vaccine coverage assessment, and adult vaccination policy and education.

For questions, please contact Karen Sharpnack, IIC Executive Director: kjs@idahoimmune.org.

Summit Presentations

- ◇ Social Influences on Health
David R. Williams, PhD
- ◇ Adult Immunization
Carolyn Buxton Bridges, MD
- ◇ Youth Immunization
Lisa Barker, MD
- ◇ Idaho Immunization Updates
Christine Hahn, MD
- ◇ HPV Panel

Summit Details

- ◇ Meals Provided
Breakfast | Lunch | Afternoon Snack
- ◇ Education Credits Available
In-person attendance only
- ◇ Attendance Cost
\$45
Online by September 14
\$60
In-person registration at Summit
\$20
Webinar (No education credits)

For scholarships, contact Karen Sharpnack kjs@idahoimmune.org

Summit Partner



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Immunization Actions Near You

College of Idaho Adopts New Immunization Policy



With the goal of making students good stewards of their campus community, the College of Idaho adopted a new immunization policy, under the direction of incoming President (Charlotte Borsch), Dean of Students (Paul Bennion), and Health Director (Barbie Vander Boegh). (The College of Idaho is a private liberal arts college located in Caldwell Idaho with a live-on campus requirement).

As of fall term 2015 all new freshmen and transfer students at the College will be required to have the listed immunizations (top right). In cases of disease history a positive titer is accepted. All Meningitis vaccines must be current within the last 5 years. There will be no philosophical exemptions, only properly verified medical and religious exemptions will be accepted.

Following the footsteps of our first President, George Washington, who had his troops vaccinated for Small Pox, the College is breaking new ground for immunization requirements in Idaho's institutions for higher education.

Documentation

A copy of the student's official immunization record must be provided to the Health Services Department. Documentation can be hand delivered to the Health Center located in Hendren Hall, faxed to 208-459-5182 attention Health Services, or mailed to The College of Idaho, Student Health Center, 2112 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID 83605. The College will accept vaccine records signed by a medical doctor, school health records or transcripts documenting immunizations, and/or state immunization bank records.

Timeline

Students must provide all immunization documentation to the Health Services Department no later than the first day of classes for the semester in which the student intends to enroll. Students who have an incomplete immunization record as of the tenth day of classes will be removed from the residence halls until all requirements are met (no refunds available). In addition, students with incomplete

records will have a hold placed on their account and will not be able to register for the following semester. Students in intercollegiate sports with incomplete immunization records will not be allowed to practice or compete until they are in compliance with the College's immunization policy.

Exemptions

The College of Idaho believes it is in the best interests of the campus community when every student is immunized (herd immunity) and, therefore, the College discourages nonmedical exemptions to required vaccines. The College, however, will consider a medical or religious request for exemption to vaccines; in such instances a Medical/Religious Exemption request form must be submitted for review. Exemption Forms can be obtained from the Health Center and must be submitted to the Health Center by the first day of classes for the semester in which the student intends to enroll. Students will be notified as to the status of their exemption request by the third day of classes. Students who do not have an approved exemption and still have an incomplete immunization record as of the tenth day of classes will have a hold placed on their account and will be removed from the residence halls (no refunds available) until all requirements are met. Students participating in intercollegiate sports who have incomplete immunization records will not be allowed to practice or compete until they are in compliance with the College's immunization policy. **Should an outbreak occur on campus, students with approved exemptions or incomplete immunization records may be restricted from attending classes or other College activities, and/or removed from the residence halls until there is no further immediate risk to the student (no refunds available).**

Immunization requirements table on top right.

For more details, please visit: <http://www.collegeofidaho.edu/studenthandbook/community-conduct-standards/immunizations>

College of Idaho Immunization Requirements

| Required Immunizations | Description |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) | Two doses. Positive titer acceptable. |
| Meningococcal | Single dose within 5 years. |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) | Single dose within 10 years. |
| Hepatitis A | Two doses. Positive titer acceptable |
| Hepatitis B | Three doses. Positive titer acceptable. |
| Varicella | Two doses. Positive titer acceptable. |
| Tuberculin (TB) | A TB Skin Test within one year. |
| Polio | Primary series alone: IPV, OPV, or IPV/OPV sequentially. |
| Recommended Immunizations | Description |
| HPV | Three doses. |
| Influenza | One dose annually. |

2015 Childhood Immunization Champion Award

The Idaho Immunization Coalition and the Idaho Immunization Program is proud to announce that Lisa Barker, MD has been selected as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion for the state of Idaho.

The CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award is an annual award given jointly by the CDC Foundation and the CDC. This award recognizes individuals who make a significant contribution toward improving children's health through their work in childhood immunization, as well as working at the state or community level. It honors those who are doing an exemplary job going above and beyond the call of duty to promote childhood immunizations or implement immunization practice improvements.

Barker volunteers at a variety of organizations:

- Idaho Immunization Coalition Board of Directors
- Chair of the Immunization Summit 2015
- Participant of the Program committee
- Idaho Immunization Policy Commission
- You Tube video's answering questions from parents about immunizations (on Idaho Immunization Programs web site)
- Speaker/educator for Immunization Childcare Nights
- Speaker/educator for Midwives



Dr. Lisa Barker is an amazing woman who has made a tremendous impact on the pro immunization front not only in the community she works on, but on the state level.

Dr. Barker received the "Immunization Champion" award in 2014 from the Idaho Immunization Program.

We are pleased and honored to congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

Dr.

Current Immunization Issues

Standards for Adult Immunization Practices

The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) revised the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice in 2013. The new standards call on **ALL** healthcare professionals – whether they provide vaccinations or not – to take steps to help ensure that their adult patients are fully immunized.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adult vaccination rates are extremely low because most adults are not aware that they need vaccines. Patients will listen to their doctors and recommendation from their healthcare professional is the strongest predictor of whether patients get vaccinated. There are many missed opportunities for vaccination because many healthcare professionals are not routinely assessing vaccination status.

Practice standards for all healthcare professionals include the following:

- Assess immunization status of all patients at every encounter.
- Recommend vaccines that patients need.
- Remind patients that vaccines protect them and their loved ones against a number of common and serious diseases.
- Refer patients to providers in the area that offer vaccines not stocked by your office (most Health Districts in Idaho offer vaccines to adults).
- Document in IRIS, the state registry, because it is a lifetime registry.

We can make a difference. Patients trust us to give them the best advise on how to protect their health and those around them.

Information and tools to help stay up-to-date on vaccination standards and practices:

- [Current Immunization Schedules \(/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html\)](#)
- [Resources for insurance and payment \(vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/adults/for-practice/insurance-payment.html\)](#)



Submitted by Pat Herman (Pictured left)

Seldom Discussed Yet Crucially Important The Issue of Noncompliance

Author: Carmela Gupta

The recent measles outbreak in the US triggered a national debate about vaccinations. If you've recently read articles on the topic, chances are you've heard about non-medical exemptions and their potential impact on herd immunity. The data is there to support such claims. People of a feather tend to send their children to school together. When people opt for exemptions over vaccines, we often end up with clusters of un- or under-immunized children, which in turn increases the risk of disease outbreaks. However, we would be oversimplifying the issue by assuming that we would achieve herd immunity by simply removing non-medical exemptions in Idaho. While it's logical to assume that all children that attend schools are appropriately immunized if they are not exempted, unfortunately, that is not the case in Idaho. Allow me to explain.

While exemptions are a hot topic at the moment, another issue exists and far fewer people are discussing it: **noncompliance**. Noncompliant students are either missing one or more required immunizations or they simply don't have an immunization record on file and school administrators still allow them to attend school even though this is prohibited. Per Idaho Administrative Code, IDAPA 16.02.15, to attend preschool and grades K-12 in public, private, and parochial schools in Idaho, students must be:

- Adequately Immunized (documentation on file that all required immunizations have been received), or
- Exempted (have a valid exemption form on file for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons), or
- Conditionally Admitted (in the process of catching up on still-needed immunizations).

Students that don't meet these requirements are considered noncompliant and legally should not be granted admission to Idaho schools. Yet based on school immunization data reported by schools to the Idaho Immunization Program each year, we know that noncompliant students still do get to attend. In Idaho, while 6.4% of students have an exemption form on file for one or more required school vaccines, another 6.7% of students are noncompliant statewide. This rate varies widely throughout the state as 16.2% of students in the Panhandle Health District are noncompliant.

You may be wondering how this is possible. The issue of noncompliance with immunization requirements is a complex one and there are many

reasons that requirements are not met. Here are just a few:

- Schools that receive public funding (i.e. public and charter schools) are financially incentivized to ensure that children are in their seats. When children are held out of school, average daily attendance numbers are impacted and as such so are budgets.

- School staff do not always have the training to accurately interpret immunization records or support from administrators to follow the rules. Once noncompliant students are granted admission to school, it is much more difficult for school staff to follow-up with families to ensure that requirements are later met.

- Idaho law indicates that immunization requirements shall be enforced but the law doesn't specify how. Idaho Administrative Code, IDAPA 16.02.15, Section 150 states that "the regulatory authority (defined as the Director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or the Director's designee) may exclude any child who does not meet the requirements in this chapter and who has not been excluded from school. And yet, the Department of Health and Welfare has never enforced this requirement and excluded children from school.

At the end of the day, no one wants to see children excluded from school because of immunization requirements or disease outbreaks. We need to figure out how to better equip school staff with the skills and resources to review immunization records to determine if requirements are met *before* children are granted admission to school. We need to encourage school administrators to adhere to the requirements, knowing that when requirements are met prior to school commencement, school budgets will not be negatively impacted by a loss of funds linked to average daily attendance. And finally, laws regarding enforcement of immunization requirements either need to be more clearly defined or a legal interpretation of the current law should identify how the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare can ensure that immunization requirements are met. All of this to say, before any attempts are made to tighten up Idaho's exemption laws, we need to determine how to enforce the immunization requirements that already exist.



Pictured right: Carmela Gupta with daughter Serena