

Idaho Immunization Coalition Newsletter

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Happy Fourth of July from Idaho Immunization Coalition!

SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Idaho Immunization Coalition



Idaho Immunization Coalition would like to invite like-minded organizations (non-profits, public health, educational institutions, colleges/universities, local immunization coalitions, etc.) who want to make a difference in promoting immunizations in their community. The Idaho Immunization Coalition is sponsoring a Small Grant Program (grants ranging from \$100 - \$500) open to any organization in Idaho who would like financial support for an event, project or educational opportunity that relates to increasing immunizations in their local community.

Applications will be given consideration quarterly, and organizations may apply annually.

Please contact Karen Sharpnack kjs@idahoimmune.org for more details and to receive the application on the Small Grant Program.

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Newsradio 1310AM on May 17th featured Karen Sharpnack, Executive Director of the Idaho Immunization Coalition and Pat Herman, Executive Board member of the Idaho Immunization Coalition, shared information on why it is important for everyone to be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases. Please listen ->

LISTEN TO THIS



Thursday
September 21st

8:00am – 4:00pm

Washington Group Plaza
720 Park Blvd
Boise, Idaho

*Early Bird \$45
April 24th–July 31th
*Regular \$65
August 1st–September 15th
*Late/Same Day \$80
September 16th–21st

Register

Visit: www.idahoimmune.org

Keynote Speaker, Rita Swan, PhD



Join Dr. Swan as she shares her amazing journey in becoming an advocate for children's medical rights and stopping religious exemptions. She will shed a new light on Idaho's role in promoting health through immunizations. Visit Dr. Swan's organization, Children's Healthcare is a Legal Duty, at www.childrenshealthcare.org.

Additional Summit Topics:

- Childhood Immunization Overview
- Immunization Rates by County
- Adult Immunizations
- Strategies to Increase Immunization Rates
- Injection Safety: Process and Practice in Check

*Registration covers Summit, educational credits, parking, and meals.

Have a question? Interested in a scholarship? Email Karen Sharpnack at kjs@idahoimmune.org

Happening in Your Community

Immunization Focus Groups

The Idaho Immunization Coalition, Health Districts, and community agencies around the state have partnered together to ask immunization champions (immunization coordinators, nurses, school nurses, etc.) their concerns and ideas and how we all can work together to improve immunization rates in Idaho.

Two more focus groups are scheduled in July at South Central District Health and Eastern Idaho Public Health. If you would like to attend, please contact Karen Sharpnack at kjs@idahoimmune.org for more information.



Southwest District



Southwest District



Coeur d'Alene District



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Central District



Central District



Kootenai Health

BOOSTER SHOTS

Booster Shots are local workshops for healthcare providers. Save the date for a fall 2017 Booster Shots Workshop near you.



Booster Shots 2017 Workshops:

- September 12, 2017 | Twin Falls
- September 13, 2017 | Idaho Falls
- September 26, 2017 | Lewiston
- September 27, 2017 | Ponderay
- October 11, 2017 | Caldwell
- October 12, 2017 | McCall

Resources

Public Health PSA to Highlight Cancer Prevention Through HPV Vaccine

Central District Health Department (CDHD) is creating a one-minute-long public service announcement video that speaks to parents about the importance of protecting their children's health through all stages of life.

One of the most important health stages is when children turn 11-12 years old and become eligible for the HPV vaccine—it's the best way to prevent many types of cancer and reduce the risk of HPV infection.

Once complete, CDHD will share the video PSA with community partners and through social media.

If you would like more information about how to receive the video, please contact Christine Myron, Public Information Officer with CDHD at 208-327-8639.



Free App of The Vaccine Handbook newly available from the Immunization Action Coalition

A new app of *The Vaccine Handbook* is now available from the **Immunization Action Coalition**. The free app (available for Apple iPhones and iPads only) contains the complete 2017 (6th) edition of *The Vaccine Handbook* ("The Purple Book"), by Dr. Gary Marshall, professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville. The app is fully searchable, with functionality that includes bookmarking, highlighting, user annotation, and links to important vaccination resources.

The free app may be found by searching the iTunes App Store for "The Vaccine Handbook App" or clicking on the following link: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-vaccine-handbook-app/id1043246009?ls=1&mt=8>.

Dear Immunization Colleagues,

Health and safety practices, including immunization, are the foundation of quality child care settings. Child care providers have an important role to play by verifying immunization records and educating parents about the benefits of immunization. CDC is pleased to offer a new slide deck called "How Your Child Care Program Can Support Immunization." This presentation is intended for use by health departments, coalitions, child care resource & referral agencies, and other organizations that provide training for child care programs at the state and community level. Organizations are invited to customize the presentation with their own slide template, logos and state-specific information.

To download the presentation, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/childhood/professionals.html>. Please contact childhoodvaccines@cdc.gov with any questions or feedback.

New website for CDC immunization partners

CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases is pleased to announce the launch of a new website for national, state, and local immunization partners. Now, instead of having to search through all of our communication resources to find the one you need, you can more easily find materials to help supplement vaccine conversations and educate parents, pregnant women, and adults, as well as healthcare professionals, all in one place.

On this new site, you will find links to digital tools, social media content, drop-in articles, print materials, toolkits, videos, PSAs, and more. We encourage you to explore what NCIRD has to offer and share it with others.

Please send any questions or suggestions for additional resources you would like to see posted to NCIRDwebteam@cdc.gov.

[NEW CDC WEBSITE](#)

Vaccine Confidence Webcast: On Demand

Vaccine Confidence: The Key to Communicating with Parents and Patients is now available on demand!

Sponsored by Sanofi Pasteur, this video webcast has already been attended by over 600 people. The webcast includes timely and clinically relevant information and suggestions to enable your practice to more confidently and effectively manage vaccine-hesitant parents and patients.

Presenters and vaccine advocates Gary Marshall, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and Carole Moloney, RN, MSN, CPNP, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics at Boston University School of Medicine, identify and provide solutions for many of the key issues that arise during vaccine conversations with parents of pediatric and adolescent patients.

To register for and view **Vaccine Confidence: The Key to Communicating with Parents and Patients**, please visit:

[Vaccine Confidence Webcast](#)

New CDC Immunization Schedules

The CDC has published 2017 Childhood Immunization schedules. Please be sure to check them out (along with schedules for other ages)!

[NEW CDC IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES](#)

Please also be sure to check out the CDC's vaccine website for parents:

[CDC PARENT VACCINE WEBSITE](#)

IIC Meningitis B Toolkit

The Indiana Immunization Coalition has created a new **Meningitis B toolkit**. The toolkit is available for download from the IIC website for **free**. Packed with information and handouts, the toolkit will be useful for anybody involved with immunizations.

We hope that you will download the Meningitis B toolkit!

[MENINGITIS B TOOLKIT](#)