

Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition Meeting

September 28, 2017 6:30 – 8:30PM

Location: Massachusetts Medical Society

860 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Commonwealth Room

MAIC Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES IN PERSON: 19		
Last Name	First Name	Organization
Rich	Aceto	GSK
Robyn	Alie	MA Medical Society
Joanne	Belanger	Andover Health Department
Alexandra	Burke	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.
Don	Dutra	Defense Health Agency
Barbara	Hughes	MIT Medical
Caroline	Kinsella	MAPHN
Susan	Lett	MDPH
Mary	McKenzie	American Nurse Association
Cynthia	McReynolds	MCAAP Immunization Initiative
Michelle	Moran	UMASS Med
Brittany	Rahall	UMASS Med
Katie	Reilly	MDPH
Michelle	Runyon	GSK
Laura	Ryder	Tufts Health Plan
Sherry	Schilb	Sanofi Pasteur
Jacqueline	Sherry	MIT Medical Department
Rebecca	Vanucci	MDPH
Kathy	Whittaker	Winchester
WEBINAR: 11		
Michael	Goldstein	Merck
Leah	Driscoll	Boston Conservatory at Berklee/Berklee College of Music
Jeanne	Dufresne	Healthcentric Advisors, QIN-QIO
Susan	Forsythe	Gordon College Health Center
Josh	Harrell	Merck
Everett	Lam	Community Health Programs
Valerie	Laurence	St. Mary's Healthcare
Shirley	Moe	Amherst College Health Center
Judith	Pare	MA Nurses Association
Traci	Roy	Amherst College Health Center
Tanya	Sullivan	Wellesley College Health Service

Flu Update 2017-2018, Influenza Immunization Rates, 2017-2018 Influenza vaccine recommendations – Dr. Susan Lett, MDPH

- The previous flu season was moderate, peak in February, late flu season, H3N2 predominated worldwide
- Flu vaccination rates for children steady at 59%, adults 2% increase to 43%
- LAIV not recommended
- New formulations: Flublok quadrivalent, FluLaval quadrivalent, Afluria quadrivalent
- Influenza vaccination of pregnant women multiple studies have not found a link between flu and vaccination and miscarriage. CDC, ACOG and ACIP recommendations have not changed for influenza vaccination of pregnant women.
- Lower rates: Specialist providers and primary care, unscientific study, not pushing vaccines

NAIIS Resources, MDPH Resources – Rebecca Vanucci, MDPH and Katie Reilly, MDPH

- NAIIS tools to assist satellite temporary and off site vaccination
- MDPH guidelines for vaccination clinic operations
- IAC: Skills checklist for immunization (for new nurses or medical reserve corps staff)
- Education: CDC Vaccines and immunization web page-Adult immunization schedules, natil adult immunization plan, admin e-learn, know the site get it right (decrease shoulder injury)
- Pink book webinars: weekly webinar, chapter
- MDPH immunization update webinars
- Circular on who can administer vaccines
- ASTHO guide for vaccinating uninsured adults
- ‘Refugees’ due to hurricane in US or Puerto Rico. How to treat people for vaccinations, mass mobilization?
- School immunization requirements on mass.gov: Medical and religious exemptions – will need to be renewed every year. Children with exceptions to all vaccines (.5% state average) are a threat to herd immunity. State recommendations are enforced at the local level only.

Updated MDPH College Requirements – Rebecca Vanucci, MDPH

- One dose MenACWY Meningococcal vaccine: There is a waiver, can decline if signed
- Beginning Fall 2018 there is a new requirement of one dose of MenACWY rec’d after 16th birthday. Unity for teen vaccinations
- Ownership of health behavior: take a more proactive view on vaccinations. Importance of partnership w college health. A great example is the HPV campaign by Salem State university – Spread love, not warts
- Raise awareness with Flu Clinics
- Issues with students from other countries that don’t have the same vaccine requirements as the US. Some are already registered at the school, may experience pushback from students. Also an issue with students on visas on hold due to vaccine requirements.

Immunization Reports From the Field – flu updates & manufacturer updates – MAIC members

- Brittany: Starting to get claims processed for season. Public providers are now getting reimbursed for routine vaccinations (used to just be flu vaccine only).
- Medicare is changing their insurance policy numbers to move away from social security numbers (starting April 2018) but will still need it until next year. Can give the CMS bulletin to show this is the case.
- Assisted living billing questions
- CDC and ACIP says not to wait for a certain formulation, the vaccination rates would drop.
- Two weeks from today is Pediatric Immunization conference on October 12th.
- Protest at Brigham and Women's hospital: Nurses upset that flu vaccine is mandatory. If don't get vaccine, they will be required to wear a mask. Main reason given - 'I'm a healthy adult I'm not going to get sick'

Coalition Goals and Projects 2017-2018 – Robyn Alie MDPH, and Rebecca Vanucci, MDPH

- Last year's conference theme: Building Networks to Vaccinate the Village
- MIT flu clinics to increase vaccination on the campus
- Don Dutra: Requirement of 90% by December for unit vaccines
- Operation Stand Down: Able to vaccinate 50 homeless veterans during the event, but depends on when they get the vaccine
- Rebecca: Updating flu guide for diverse communities

Next meeting – January 9th, 1:30p – 3:30p at Massachusetts Medical Society