

Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy Updates September 2, 2021

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National Vaccine Advisory Committee

- Met February 16-17
 - Fears of needles and vaccine compliance
 - Reducing vaccination pain: intervention and guidelines
- June 16-17
 - Vaccine equity and provider hesitancy
 - Catching up on routinely recommended vaccines
- Action item:
 - NVAC approved vaccine equity report during June meeting.
- Next meeting
 - September 14-15: Vaccine Safety & Innovation

National Vaccine Implementation Plan

- Implementation of activities to meet 5-year plan with goals, objectives, strategies, indicators, targets.
- Currently engaging Interagency Vaccine Work Group (IVWG)
 - ✓ Updated IVWG roster
 - ✓ Identified meeting date to convene IVWG- September 21, 2021
 - ✓ Steering committee letter will be distributed detailing roles and responsibilities
 - ✓ Data collection tool will be disseminated to IVWG two weeks before convening meeting
- Publication of National Vaccine Implementation Plan:
 - ✓ December 2021-January 2022

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health Community Grants to Improve Vaccine Uptake

- Promoting Vaccine confidence in Local Communities through partnership with Regional Health Offices
 - Identify local community with low vaccination rates
 - Design an intervention strategy to improve vaccine confidence
 - Evaluate the intervention using quantitative or qualitative data
 - Recommend and share how intervention can be used in similar communities
- Enhancing Immunization Culture in Obstetric/Gynecological Care
 - OIDP Partnership with Office of Women's Health
 - Promote and strengthen immunization culture within OBGYN/Family practice settings
 - Provide opportunities to get patients vaccinated in these medical settings
 - Increase vaccination rates for all routinely recommended vaccines given to children, adolescents, pregnant in 14 MSA areas

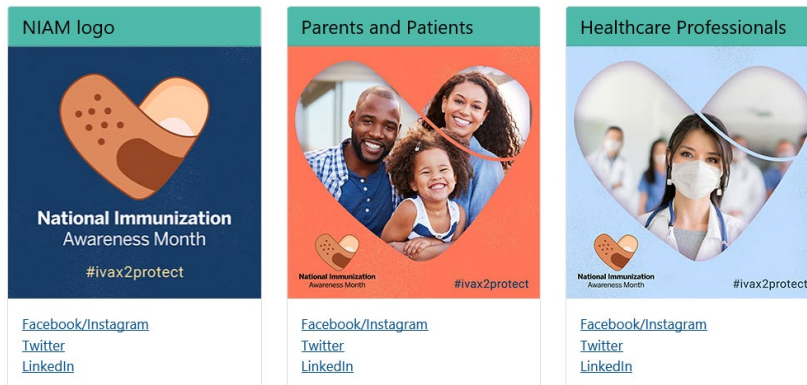
Catch-up of Routinely Recommended Vaccines

- Routine vaccinations were missed due to government shutdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- An estimated 26 million doses were missed by children and teens during the COVID-19 pandemic
- As U.S. communities begin to gather in larger groups more non-COVID-19 diseases such as influenza and pertussis are likely to increase
- Unvaccinated populations can lead to more cases of VPD illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Office of Infectious Disease HIV/AIDS Policy: Vaccine Communication

- Promotion of National Vaccine Awareness Month in August
 - Theme: **Get Back on Track with Routine Vaccines**

NIAM Promotional Graphics



- Promotion of catch-up activities for routine vaccinations
 - Catch-up to Get Ahead Toolkit
 - Increase access to childhood vaccines
 - Coordinate Communication
 - Utilize policy to reduce barriers to obtaining these delayed vaccinations