



I Raise the Rates! November Edition

In this edition of I Raise the Rates (IRtR), you will find a variety of new resources from several public health partners, educational opportunities, and a brief selection of popular media articles related to immunization.

CDC Releases 2025 Immunization Recommendations Schedules



The schedules summarize final recommendations previously made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and made official by the CDC director. The 2025 schedules were approved by ACIP and adopted by the CDC Director on October 24, 2024, and subsequently approved by several professional organizations.

CDC's goal is for the schedules to provide the public, health care providers, and programs with clear, concise, and up-to-date immunization information. These tools help ensure immunizations are timely, effective, and given safely.

[Healthcare Provider Immunization Schedules](#)

[Schedule Changes & Guidance](#)

CDC Updates Vaccine Recommendations



- At its meeting on October 23-24, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviewed vaccine, disease, and cost-effectiveness data and voted to update vaccine recommendations for COVID-19 and pneumococcal disease.
- **CDC now recommends** a second dose of the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine for people 65 years and older and for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised 6 months after their last 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine dose.
- **CDC also recommended** lowering the age for routine adult pneumococcal vaccination from 65 to 50 years old.

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FDA Lifts Clinical Hold on Novavax's Combo COVID-Flu Vaccine

Reuters

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has lifted its clinical hold on a late-stage trial of Novavax's COVID-influenza and its standalone flu vaccines after a safety concern was found to be unrelated to the combination shot, the company said.

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Order Your 4 Free At-home COVID-19 Tests



Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests through [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken at home or other locations. Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Can be used for testing even if you do not have COVID-19 symptoms
- Can be used for testing whether you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines or not
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over the counter (OTC) tests

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Reclaiming the Vaccination Conversation in Rural America

Recorded Webinar
Aired October 11th, 2024

This webinar recording from FrameWorks Institute, in partnership with the AAP, provides an overview on framing insights from new research. Visit the [AAP Communicating About Vaccinations: Evidence-Based Recommendations to Shift the Narrative](#) page for more information and resources.

Reclaiming the Vaccination Conversation in Rural America

Framing Insights from New Research

Julie Sweetland, PhD, Senior Advisor



October 11, 2024

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2024 Adult Immunization Conference The Vital Role of Adult Immunizations in Managing Chronic Conditions

Recorded Webinar

Aired October 30th, 2024

CME Available: 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

New Jersey Immunization Network *presents*

THE 2024 ADULT IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

*“The Vital Role of Adult
Immunizations in Managing
Chronic Conditions”*

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

8:30am - 12:30pm

8:30am - 8:40am
Welcome / Opening Remarks
*Maria C. Sciancalepore, MPA,
CRA*

8:40am - 9:10am
Adult Vaccine Overview
David Cennimo, MD

9:10am - 9:40am
**Benefits of Using NJIIS for the
Adult Practitioner**
Patricia Kaiser

9:40am - 10:10am
**Using the Immunization Standards Job
Aid for Quality Improvement**

THE SPEAKER LINEUP



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Patricia Kaiser

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Recruiter/Trainer, NJIIS
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10:10am – 10:50am
Can We Vaccinate Against Heart Attacks?
David Cennimo, MD - Moderator & Panelist 1

10:50am – 11:30am
Panelist 2
HPV Vaccination and Its Broader Health Implications on Persons Living with HIV
Andrew Jameson, MD - Panelist 2

11:30am – 12:10pm
Panelist 3
RSV Disease and Prevention Among Adults Living with Chronic Disease
Justin Ortiz, MD - Panelist 3

12:10pm – 12:25pm
Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A
Panel Moderator - David Cennimo, MD
Q&A Facilitators - NJIN Staff

12:25pm – 12:30pm
Closing Remarks/CME Evaluation Information
Maria C. Sciancalepore, MPA, CRA and Ethan Pardun, MPH

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Recording**

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Back to School 2024 Best Practices for Disease Surveillance and Prevention for a Healthy School Year

Recorded Webinar
Aired September 26th, 2024
CME Available: 1.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Click below to access the Back to School 2024 webinar, hosted by the New Jersey Immunization Network, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health.

BACK TO SCHOOL WEBINAR

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
8:30AM-10:00AM EST

BEST PRACTICES FOR DISEASE
SURVEILLANCE AND PREVENTION
FOR A HEALTHY SCHOOL YEAR

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Upcoming Events

Flu Warriors Festivals 2024

It is generally recommended that eligible individuals receive a flu vaccine in September or October of each year, in order to build immunity for the coming flu season.

With that in mind, we encourage you to join NJIN at one of our upcoming Flu Warriors Festivals to receive your annual dose.

All are welcome, regardless of health insurance status or immigration status. However, those with health insurance should bring their insurance card and identification.

For the full event schedule, click the document below or visit

[Immunizenj.org/community-events-2024](https://immunizenj.org/community-events-2024).

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NJIN Community Events Schedule

Fall 2024 – Winter 2025

Flu Festivals

1. **October 5, 2024** (Sat.)

11:00am-2:00pm

- **Partner:** Saint Joseph's Health
- **Venue:** University Medical Center
- **Address:** 11 Getty Avenue (parking lot outside of Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center Infirmary), Paterson, NJ 07503
- **Vaccines Available:** Influenza

2. **October 8, 2024** (Tues.)

3:00pm-5:30pm

- **Partner:** Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers
- **Venue:** Burlington Center
- **Address:** 651 High St, Burlington, NJ 08016
- **Vaccines Available:** Influenza

3. **October 14, 2024** (Mon.)

10:00am-1:00pm

- **Partner:** Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers
- **Venue:** Augusta Professional Building
- **Address:** 860 South White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ 08037

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