



I Raise the Rates! September 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.

Internal Medicine Physicians emphasize the importance of immunizations to guard against disease



As the fall season begins, the American College of Physicians (ACP) urges adults to get all recommended immunizations for protection against preventable diseases such as influenza, RSV, pneumonia and COVID-19. Immunizations protect against health issues, hospitalization and help prevent the spread of disease, especially among those who are most vulnerable to serious complications. Visit [ACP's Adult Immunization Resource Hub](#) for a wide range of valuable vaccine related resources for physicians and other health care professionals.

[Adult Immunization Hub](#)

RSV Vaccine Effectiveness Against Hospitalization Among US Adults 60 Years and Older



On September 4, 2024, CDC published new real-world effectiveness data from CDC's IVY Network showing that respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines protected older adults against RSV-associated hospitalizations.

Overall, the study concluded RSV vaccines reduced risk of RSV-associated hospitalization by 75% compared to those who did not receive a vaccine.

Importantly, this study included a more representative population than prelicensure randomized trials of people at increased risk for severe RSV, including adults aged 75 years and older, those with weakened immune systems, and those who reside in nursing homes. CDC will continue to monitor RSV vaccine effectiveness through IVY, as well as other surveillance systems.

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As a reminder, CDC updated its RSV vaccine recommendation for older adults taking into account new real-world vaccine effectiveness and safety monitoring data. CDC now recommends an RSV vaccine for:

- Everyone ages 75 years and older
- People ages 60–74 years who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease, meaning they have certain chronic medical conditions, such as chronic lung or heart disease, or they live in nursing homes.

To encourage RSV vaccination among older adults, creative assets are available through HHS's public health education campaign called [Risk Less. Do More.](#)

Impact of physician-patient relationship on adult vaccination rates

Janet Jokela, MD, MPH, MACP, senior associate dean of engagement at Carle Illinois College of Medicine at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and ACP's Treasurer 2022-2025 discusses the importance of physician-patient relationship in boosting immunization rates in a recent article "Patients and Immunization: It's a Matter of Trust,". Click the buttons below to read the full [article](#) and listen to the accompanying [podcast](#) interview.

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Risk Less, Do More

HHS

**RISK LESS.
DO MORE.**
Get this season's vaccines

During this respiratory virus season, explore the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' *Risk Less Do More* campaign, a national, integrated effort to increase awareness of confidence in and uptake of vaccines that reduce severe illness from influenza, COVID-19, and RSV in at-risk populations. Click below to read more about the campaign and explore a wide range of social media and other digital advertisements encouraging audiences to get vaccinated.

[Read More](#)

**Need Vaccines for Your Clinic?
Order Now!**



If you haven't ordered vaccines for your clinic, it's not too late. This tool from the CDC makes ordering and offering vaccines easier.

Order Now

September-October is a Great Time to Recommend Vaccines

CDC

- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines to all patients 6 months and older.
- RSV vaccines for *all* adults 75+ and 60-75yo with certain chronic conditions or living in a nursing home. At this time, only one lifetime dose is recommended for eligible older adults.
- Check out this table for a reminder on the vaccine recommendations:

	2024–2025 COVID-19 ¹	2024–2025 Influenza ²	RSV ³
Infants & Children	6 months – 17 years Some children 6 months through 4 years may need multiple doses	6 months – 17 years Some children 6 months through 8 years may need multiple doses	All infants < 8 months* and children 8 through 19 months with risk factors should get nirsevimab Typically, October through March, *if birthing parent not vaccinated with maternal RSV vaccine
Pregnant People	All	All	32–36 weeks gestation should get RSV vaccine (Pfizer, Abrysvo only) Typically, September–January
Adults 18–59	All	All	See pregnant people
Adults 60+	All	All Higher dose or adjuvanted flu vaccine for 65+, if available	All adults 75+ and adults 60 through 74 years with risk factors should get one lifetime dose of RSV vaccine

¹ Immunocompromised may need to get additional dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine regardless of age.

² Solid organ transplant recipients ages 18 through 64 on immunosuppressives may get high-dose or adjuvanted flu vaccine, if available.

³ All infants should be protected by either maternal RSV vaccine or nirsevimab. Both are not needed for most infants.

For infants born during October through March, nirsevimab should be administered in the first week of life—ideally during the birth hospitalization.

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.

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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Upcoming Events

2024 Adult Immunization Conference

Live Webinar

Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

8:30am-12:30pm

New Jersey Immunization Network *presents*

THE 2024 ADULT IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

8:30am - 12:30pm

8:30am - 8:40am Welcome / Opening Remarks

Maria C. Sciancalepore, MPA, CRA Program Director New Jersey Immunization Network

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

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

9:40am - 10:10am Using the Immunization Standards Job Aid for Quality Improvement
Fran Griffin, MPA, RRT

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

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

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THE SPEAKER LINEUP



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Click to Register

Flu Warriors Festivals 2024

New Jersey Immunization Network

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).



NJIN Community Events Schedule 2024

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, COVID-19

3. **October 15, 2024** (Tues.)

8:00am-12:00pm

- **Partner:** Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers
- **Venue:** Katz Dalsey Academy Charter School
- **Address:** 3098 Pleasant St, Camden, NJ 08105
- **Vaccines Available:** Influenza, COVID-19

St. Joseph's Health Family Health & Safety Fair



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Rain or Shine

**11 Getty Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey
DePaul Parking Lot**

In the event of rain, the Fair will be held at
703 Main Street, Paterson, New Jersey
St. Joseph's University Medical Center Auditoriums

FREE Learning and Fun for the Whole Family!

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(children 6 months to adult)



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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.

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