

ALASKA

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State Laws

For information on Alaska's school and childcare facility immunization laws, call the Alaska Immunization Hotline at 888/430-4321.

Web page:
www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/pubs/ImmunizationManual_v03.pdf

Visit the Immunization Action Coalition for a list of state immunization laws at: www.immunize.org/laws

CHAPTER IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES

The Alaska Chapter of the AAP strongly advocates for:

- Timely immunization of all infants, children, and adolescents throughout this vast state.
- Expanded immunization requirements for school, child care, and preschool attendees;
- A statewide immunization registry; and
- Maintaining Alaska as a universal childhood vaccine distribution state.

Partnerships

The Alaska Chapter of the AAP (AK-AAP) works closely with the Alaska Immunization Program, the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership, and other immunization partners to encourage and facilitate timely immunizations for all Alaskan infants, children, and adolescents and to advocate for expanded immunization services throughout the state.

State-specific Issues

- The long-awaited Alaska immunization registry becomes reality in 2008.
- The Alaska Immunization Program continues as a universal childhood vaccine distribution program providing free vaccines for all Alaskan children. The ability to remain a universal system is under ongoing threat due to expanding immunization recommendations, increasing vaccine costs, vaccine wastage due to improper storage and refrigerator malfunction at provider offices and clinics, and threatened reductions in grant funding.
- Expansion of immunization requirements for school students to include two doses of varicella and Tdap for adolescents.

**2006 National Immunization Survey, estimated vaccine coverage (4:3:1:3:3:1 series)
among children aged 19-35 months in Alaska = 67%**

