



# AAP IMMUNIZATION INITIATIVES NEWSLETTER

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## Links to AAP Resources:

- [AAP Immunization Web site](#)
- [AAP Bookstore](#)
- [Red Book Online](#)

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## Updates and Alerts

### ➤ Outbreaks

#### Mumps Outbreaks

The number of mumps outbreaks in the US has risen sharply in recent years. From 2012-15, a total of 47 outbreaks were reported (an average of less than 12 per year). Since then, there were 50 outbreaks in 2016 and 88 in 2017. To address these outbreaks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) convened a panel of experts, including individuals from the AAP and eight other national organizations and specialties. For 15 months the panel reviewed data on mumps epidemiology, duration of immunity after the recommended two-dose series of mumps-containing vaccine, and the impact of a third dose of vaccine on outbreak control and public health resources.

While data are insufficient to recommend routine use of a third dose of mumps-containing vaccine, public health officials *can* recommend a third dose of mumps-containing vaccine for groups of people who are determined to be at increased risk of acquiring mumps because of an outbreak. To learn more, view the [CDC guidance for public health authorities on use of a 3rd dose of MMR vaccine during mumps outbreaks](#).

For resources on mumps visit:

CDC – [Mumps](#)

AAP – [Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Policy](#)

#### Measles Outbreaks

Starting in October, there have been ongoing measles outbreaks in New York and New Jersey.

##### New Jersey

The [State of New Jersey Department of Health](#) reports 33 confirmed cases in Ocean and Passaic counties. Individuals affected include those ages 6 months through 59 years of age. The majority of cases have occurred in persons who were not up-to-date with Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccines.

##### New York

The [New York City Department of Health](#) reports that, “as of January 8<sup>th</sup>, there have been 55 confirmed cases of measles in the Orthodox Jewish community in Brooklyn since October. The initial child with measles was unvaccinated and acquired measles on a visit to Israel, where a large outbreak of the disease is occurring. Since then, there have been additional children from Brooklyn who were unvaccinated and acquired measles while in Israel.” The health department urges those who plan to travel to Israel to be vaccinated with MMR at least 2 weeks before their travel.

[New York's Rockland County](#) is also experiencing an outbreak. One hundred and five cases of measles have been confirmed there as of January 8<sup>th</sup>.

For resources on measles, visit:

CDC – [Measles](#)

CDC – [Measles for Healthcare Professionals](#)

AAP – [Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Policy](#)

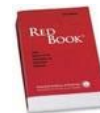


## Upcoming Events

- **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**  
February 27-28, 2019  
Tom Harkin Global Communications Center (Building 19)  
Room 232, Kent "Oz" Nelson Auditorium  
Atlanta, GA  
The ACIP holds three meetings each year at the CDC to review scientific data and vote on vaccine recommendations. Meetings are open to the public and available online via live webcast. More information on ACIP meetings is available [here](#). An archive of the meeting will be available under "Live Meetings."
- **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Vaccine Education Center Webinars**  
The dates for the 2019 Webinars are:
  - April 3, 2019
  - September 18, 2019
  - December 11, 2019Webinars are held at 12:00pm ET. For more information, visit the [CHOP Vaccine Webinar Series Website](#).
- **2019 Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research**  
April 3-5, 2019  
Hyatt Regency Baltimore Inner Harbor  
Baltimore, MD  
Sponsored by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases, the Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research is a well-established forum for the exchange of the latest scientific and clinical knowledge in vaccinology. The 2 1/2-day conference features invited presentations, panel discussions, peer-reviewed submitted oral abstracts and posters, Meet-the-Expert sessions, scientific awards, and lectures by world-renowned vaccinology experts. Networking events in an intimate setting create a rich environment for engagement and collaboration with colleagues.

## Resources

- **CDC's "Keys to Storing and Handling Your Vaccine Supply" video**  
The CDC offers an on-demand vaccine storage and handling video, [Keys to Storing and Handling Your Vaccine Supply—2018](#). This training video is designed to decrease vaccine storage and handling errors by demonstrating recommended best practices and addressing frequently asked questions. Continuing education credit is available until April 18, 2020.
- **IAC Easy-to-Read Q&As for Infants and Children**  
The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) offers 12 easy-to-read Q&A handouts that discuss 16 vaccine-preventable diseases. Each handout is available in both English and Spanish, and are written for parents of children and infants.
- **New CDC app: TravWell**  
The CDC has developed a new app to help international travelers build a trip and get destination-specific vaccine recommendations. The app can also provide a travel preparation checklist and customizable healthy travel packing list. TravWell is available from the App Store, <https://apple.co/2zDaQ8m>, and Google Play, <http://bit.ly/2xWIOct>.
- **National HPV Vaccination Roundtable**  
[Resource Library](#)  
View videos, updates, PowerPoint presentations and more resources on HPV Vaccination.  
[CCAM Share-A-Thon](#)  
the National HPV Roundtable is hosting a Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Share-A-Thon in January!



## Red Book Online

The *Red Book* Represents Official AAP Policy

It is published every 3 years, but the AAP continually updates its policy to reflect updated information

## New *Red Book Online* Outbreaks Section

*Red Book Online* is pleased to announce a [new Outbreaks section](#) for members and subscribers, providing up-to-date information and resource links on current infectious disease outbreaks affecting the pediatric population.

The [Outbreaks section](#) is intended to provide pediatric health care professionals with a quick resource to get up to speed on current outbreaks and how they affect children, along with links to explore further.

The section will mainly cover outbreaks of infections that have been identified in multiple U.S. states and that affect the pediatric population. Other outbreak types may be covered occasionally as situations warrant.

Bookmark the [Outbreak section](#) at <https://redbook.solutions.aap.org/ss/outbreaks.aspx> and keep an eye out for emails from *Red Book Online* alerting you to updates.

## CDC Spotlight on Childhood Immunizations National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Health Communication Science Office

### Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Puts Spotlight on Cancers Caused by HPV

#### **CDC, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Health Communication Science Office**

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, which provides a chance to raise awareness among your patients and staff about [cervical cancer](#), and the [HPV vaccine](#) that can help prevent it, and other cancers, from ever developing. Every year in the United States, HPV causes 10,800 cases of cervical cancer. Fortunately, HPV vaccination could prevent most of these cancers from ever developing. This Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, here are three important things to keep in mind as you recommend cancer prevention for your patients.

#### **1. Cervical cancer is just the tip of the iceberg.**

Every year in the United States, there are nearly 300,000 cases of high-grade cervical lesions, which may require invasive testing and treatment. HPV also causes cancers of the vagina and vulva in women; cancers of the penis in men; and cancers of the anus and oropharynx (back of the throat) in men and women. In total, HPV causes 33,700 cases of cancer in men and women every year in the U.S. HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of these cancers, 31,200 cases ever year, from ever developing. While doctors routinely screen for cervical cancer, there are no recommended cancer screening tests for the other types of cancers caused by HPV infections. These cancers may not be detected until they cause health problems.

- Use CDC's new [infographic](#) to educate yourself and your office staff on how cervical cancer is just the tip of the iceberg, and why HPV vaccination is important for preventing cancers and precancers in the future.
- Share CDC's new graphics on [6 Reasons to Get the HPV vaccine for Your Child](#) with parents to educate them on the benefits of the HPV vaccine.

#### **2. Recommend HPV vaccine for *all* your preteen patients.**

CDC recommends all girls and boys who are 11 or 12 years old get two doses of HPV vaccine. The vaccination series can be started at age 9 years. Your recommendation is the number one reason parents decide to get HPV vaccine for their child. *Recommend HPV vaccine the same way and same day you recommend the Tdap and meningococcal conjugate vaccines.*

- Get CME credit and learn how practicing pediatricians effectively communicate about HPV vaccine in CDC's new CME "[Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention: HPV Vaccination at 11 and 12 as a Standard of Care.](#)"
- Check out CDC's [Talking to Parents about HPV Vaccine](#) resource to find effective ways to answer the questions that parents have about HPV vaccination.

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**3. Cancer prevention is a team effort.**

Ensure a consistent message throughout the office about the importance of HPV vaccination for preventing cancers caused by HPV. Get your whole office involved in HPV cancer prevention through communicating effectively with parents about HPV vaccination and implementing systems to ensure all your preteen patients are vaccinated.

- Check out CDC's article on [5 Ways to Boost Your HPV Vaccination Rates](#) for practical and proven strategies that you can implement in your office.
- See how practicing pediatricians make effective HPV vaccine recommendations, answer common questions from parents, and get the whole office on board in recommending cancer prevention in [CDC's #HowIRecommend video series](#).

Here are additional resources to help you and your staff use every opportunity to educate parents about the importance of HPV vaccination as cancer prevention.

- Hear firsthand what it's like to be a survivor of HPV cancer in the [American Cancer Society's Survivor video series](#).
- Check out [AAP's HPV Champion Toolkit](#) to help you educate other healthcare professionals, discuss HPV vaccination with parents, make necessary changes in your practice to improve HPV vaccination rates.
- Download the new app from American Academy of Pediatrics, Academic Pediatric Association, and Kognito. The HPV Vaccine: Same Way, Same Day™ app is a brief, interactive role-play simulation designed to enhance healthcare professionals' ability to introduce the HPV vaccine and address parents' concerns. You can download the app on the [Google Play Store](#) or [the Apple iTunes Store](#).

**Featured Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents**

**HPV Vaccine for Preteens and Teens**

The CDC Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents includes a handout, [HPV Vaccines for Preteens and Teens](#). Use this to talk to parents about this important vaccine.

## Pediatrics In Practice

### Host a Learning Opportunity for Staff – Show the Importance of HPV Vaccine

#### Host a Viewing of "Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic"

Host a Free Viewing of "Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic" Documentary for yourself, your office, or community using the following resources:

- For individual and non-public screening, access the free film link in 3 easy steps:
  - Visit <https://vimeo.com/r/23BG/SWV5OTFYMW>
  - Select "buy 9.99" and create a Vimeo account
  - The link will provide a \$9.99 discount automatically
- For public screening, please [email](#) here to receive a DVD copy to use for your community viewing.
- Click [here](#) for a Community Viewing Guide: How to Host a Film Screening Within Your Practice or Community

## Chapter HPV Projects

Through AAP's Hub and Spoke Initiative Focused on Improving HPV Vaccination Rates, several AAP chapters developed resources to help increase HPV immunization rates.

### OREGON

The Oregon Pediatric Society developed [three short videos](#):

- Introduction to Motivational Interviewing
- Modeling Motivational Interviewing with an HPV Vaccine Hesitant Parent
- Modeling Effective Communication with an HPV Vaccine Hesitant Parent in Spanish with English subtitles

### OHIO

The [Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics](#) developed a Primary Care Pocket Guide: Adolescent Well-Care Visits that includes HPV vaccine strategies.

Additional available resources include an [HPV brochure](#) and a reminder recall postcard for the HPV vaccine. Contact Lory Winland at [lwinland@ohioaap.org](mailto:lwinland@ohioaap.org) to request electronic copies of these resources.

## Share with CISP!

**Success Stories:** Have you implemented a system in your practice to improve efficiency or increase immunization rates? The Childhood Immunization Support Program would love to hear and share your success story!

Visit [Share Your Success](#) for some direction on how to share your story.

# Special Section

## HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award Winners

The American Academy of Pediatrics would like to congratulate the many pediatricians and pediatric organizations selected as the 2018 *HPV Is Cancer Prevention Champion* Awardees. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association of American Cancer Institutes, and the American Cancer Society have partnered to create this award program to recognize clinicians, clinics, practices, groups, and health systems that go above and beyond to foster HPV vaccination among adolescents in their community. Every year, the program honors up to one Champion from all 50 US states, eight U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia. This year, the program is honoring champions from 32 states.

Of these 32 awardees, 15 are pediatricians or pediatric organizations. Congratulations go to:

### ARKANSAS

**Floyd Gonzalez, MD**  
De Queen, AR

### INDIANA

**Sarah Bosslet, MD, FAAP**  
Lebanon, IN

### NEW JERSEY

**The Pediatric Primary Care  
Clinic at the DePaul Center**  
Paterson, NJ

### FLORIDA

**Alix Casler, MD, FAAP**  
Orlando, FL

### KENTUCKY

**Julia Richerson, MD, FAAP**  
Louisville, KY

### NEW YORK

**Bellevue Pediatric Primary Care  
Clinic**  
New York, NY

### GEORGIA

**Tania Smith, MD, FAAP**  
Albany, GA

### LOUISIANA

**Samuel Y. Brown, MD**  
Kenner, LA

### TEXAS

**Lori Anderson, MD, FAAP**  
Corpus Christi, TX

### HAWAII

**Chunmei Wu, MD, FAAP**  
Honolulu, HI

### MICHIGAN

**Basel Khatib, MD, FAAP**  
Dearborn, MI

### SOUTH CAROLINA

**Jennifer Bailey, DO, FAAP**  
Georgetown, SC

### IDAHO

**Lisa Barker, MD, FAAP**  
Boise, Idaho

### MINNESOTA

**Robert M. Jacobson, MD, FAAP**  
Rochester, MN

### WISCONSIN

**Raj Naik, MD, FAAP**  
La Crosse, WI

These pediatric HPV Champions are an inspiration to everyone who is committed to improving the health of our boys and girls across the US. We are pleased and honored to congratulate them on this well-deserved award.

To read profiles of the awardees on the CDC's website, and to learn more about *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion* Award program, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/champions/index.html>.