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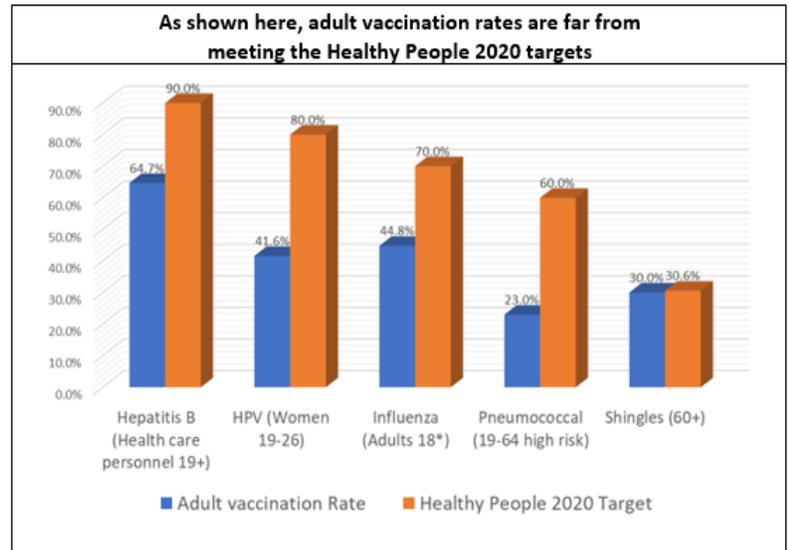
National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance reminds us to focus on getting our adult patients back on track with routine vaccinations. Once you have assessed your adult patient, do you sometimes find it difficult to engage them in a discussion on vaccines? Did you know, **your recommendation is the strongest factor** in adults getting vaccinated?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a series of videos, specifically for adult providers. These short videos demonstrate how to make effective vaccine recommendations, address common vaccine questions, and take a team-based approach to vaccination.

Learn how others are fostering a culture of vaccination in their practices by clicking this link:

[CDC's Adult #HowIRecommend Vaccination Video Series](#)



National Vaccine Advisory Committee Standards

New Standards for Adult Immunization Practice



The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) Standards call on **ALL** healthcare providers, whether providing vaccinations or not, to assess all their adult patients during every visit to ensure they are fully immunized.

Learn more at the following link: [Standards for Adult Immunization Practice](#)

For the complete adult vaccine schedule, please click the following link:

[Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older, United States, 2021*](#)

Influenza Season and Chronic Health Conditions: Educate for Success

When dealing with adult patients, it is estimated that 31% of US adults age 50-64, and 47% of those age 65 and older have at least one chronic health condition that puts them at high risk for flu-related complications, including hospitalization, disability, and even death. Along with influenza education, patients with chronic health conditions need to be aware of the risks of COVID-19.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) offers a helpful toolkit addressing the burden of flu and COVID-19 in adults with chronic illness. We encourage providers to review this toolkit when planning for this upcoming influenza season. The toolkit addresses planning for flu season during the pandemic, communication campaign tips, talking points, improving patient outcomes, and much more.

Please visit the following link to review this very helpful and comprehensive NFID Toolkit:

[Call to Action: The Dangers of Influenza and COVID-19 in Adults with Chronic Health Conditions](#)

Additional resources and educational materials can be found on the NFID Toolkits page for both patients and healthcare practitioners. Providers will find short public service announcements, along with colorful fact sheets and infographics that can be quickly downloaded to help educate patients with chronic health conditions.

Providers can find these downloadable resources by clicking the following link: [Flu & Chronic Health Conditions Toolkit](#)

Would you like to promote influenza and COVID-19 vaccine awareness through a social media campaign? NFID has a toolkit page with sample social media posts and graphics. Click here to learn more:

[Flu, COVID-19, and Chronic Health Conditions: Sample Social Media Posts and Graphics](#)

Update on ordering adult vaccines

If your site is enrolled as a 317 adult vaccine provider, the Division of Immunizations encourages you to place your orders as soon as possible.

In addition, sites that currently offer pediatric vaccines but may be interested in offering adult vaccines can enroll to be a 317 provider. This would also include sites that offer STD/HIV services and any other sites serving adult populations. Details regarding 317 eligibility requirements, as well as enrollment information, can be found on our website at [Vaccines for Children \(pa.gov\)](#)

Vaccines currently available to order through the Adult Immunization Program:

Name:	Vaccine:
Havrix ADU SYR	Hep A
Vaqta ADU SYR and Vaqta ADU VIAL	Hep A
Twinrix ADU SYR	Hep A/B
Recombivax ADU VIAL	Hep B
Engerix ADU SYR and Engerix ADU VIAL	Hep B
Hepelisav-B ADU SYR	Hep B
Gardasil ADU	HPV
Pevnar 13 ADU	PNU-13
Pneumovax 23 ADU SYR	PNU-23
Tdvax ADU VIAL	Td
Adacel ADU SYR and Adacel ADU VIAL	Tdap
Boostrix ADU SYR and Boostrix ADU VIAL	Tdap
Menactra ADU	MCV4
Menveo ADU VIAL	MCV4
Bexsero ADU SYR	Meningococcal B
Trumenba ADU	Meningococcal B
M-M-R II	MMR
Varivax ADU	Varicella
Shingrix Zoster ADU SDV: One-dose package	Zoster Recomb
Shingrix Zoster ADU SDV: Ten-dose package	



Please add the Adult Vaccine Program email to your address book: RA-DHIMMUNIZE@pa.gov