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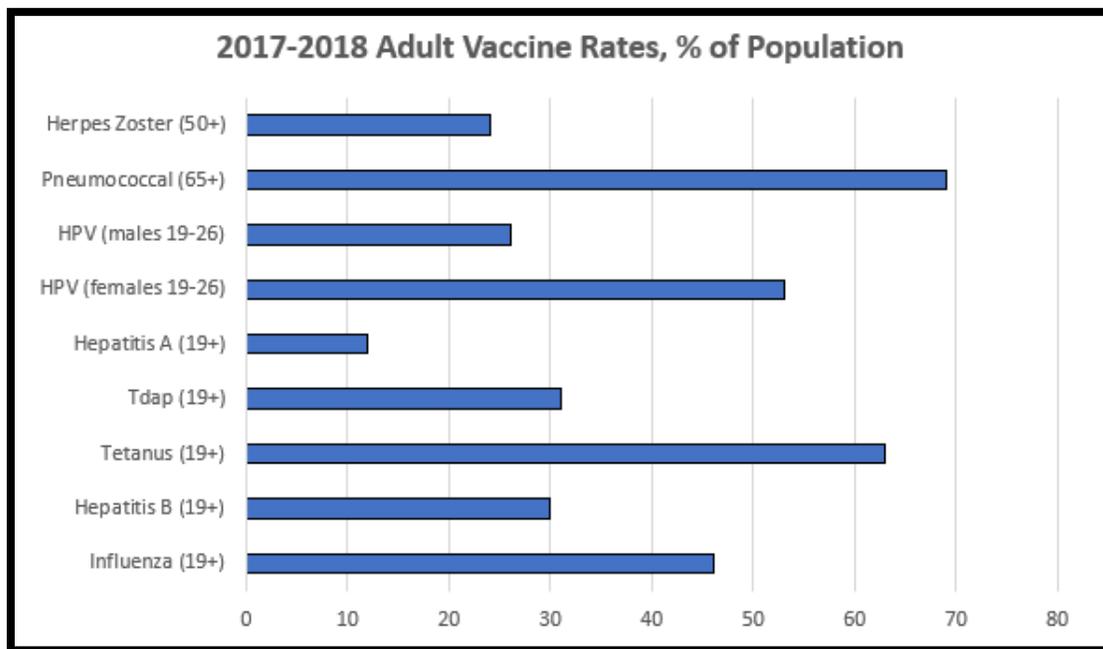
Adult Vax is a newsletter focusing on adult immunization education and outreach. If you know anyone who may want to receive these newsletters, please have them send an email to: RA-DHIMMUNIZE@pa.gov.

Vaccination Coverage among adults in the United States, National Health Interview Survey, 2017

This report summarizes data on vaccination coverage for U.S. adults older than 19 using data from the 2016 and 2017 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), an in-person survey of eligible civilian non-institutionalized adults.

The complete survey is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/coverage/adultvaxview/pubs-resources/NHIS-2017.html>

As highlighted in the following graph, there is still work to be done to increase the number of adults receiving routine vaccines.



Standards for Adult Immunization Practice

The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) issued standards for healthcare professionals to follow, in order to ensure that their adult patients are fully immunized. These four standards are important for the following reasons:

- Adult vaccination rates are extremely low.
- Most adults are NOT aware that they need vaccines.
- Recommendation from their healthcare professional is the strongest predictor of whether patients get vaccinated.

- There are many missed opportunities for vaccination because many healthcare professionals are not routinely assessing vaccination status.

Assessment: Assessment is the critical first step in ensuring that your adult patients get the vaccines they need for protection against serious vaccine-preventable diseases.

- ✓ [Standards for Practice: Vaccine Needs Assessment](#)

Recommendation: Strongly recommend vaccines that your patients need, whether your office stocks them or not.

- ✓ [Standards for Practice: Vaccine Recommendation](#)

Administration & Referral: There are a number of steps you can take to improve vaccine administration in your office and better protect your patients from vaccine-preventable diseases.

- ✓ [Standards for Practice: Vaccine Administration & Referral](#)

Documentation: Keep an up-to-date record of the vaccines your patients have received to make sure they have the best protection against vaccine-preventable diseases.

- ✓ [Standards for Practice: Vaccine Documentation](#)

Adult Immunization Schedules, 19 years or older

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) publishes yearly recommended immunization schedules. Providers are encouraged to review the 2021 Adult Immunization Schedule at the following CDC link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html>

For a printer-friendly version of the schedule, please click the following link:

[Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older, 2021- in color](#)

[Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for ages 19 years or older, 2021- in black and white](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information

Providers can find a wealth of information and materials for each specific COVID-19 vaccine at the following links, presented by the CDC. These pages cover administration, storage and handling, safety, and reporting. Clicking these links will take you directly to the appropriate page:

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#)

[Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#)

[Janssen/J&J COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#)

mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines: [Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#)

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