

# NMDOH News Brief

# IMMUNIZATION



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## Announcing... the new Southwest Region New Mexico Immunization Coalition

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New Mexico Immunization Coalition

We are pleased to announce, with much excitement, that the Southwest New Mexico Immunization Coalition (SwNMIC) is reestablishing its presence in Doña Ana County and the surrounding Southwest Region—formerly known as the Doña Ana County Immunization Coalition.

An open invitation was extended to attend the initial SwNMIC forum so feedback could be gathered as to what support can be offered to local providers that are involved in immunization programs, such as the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, Boo to the Flu, and other

### Next SwNMIC meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 10:30am  
Las Cruces Public Health Office  
1170 N. Solano Drive  
*Skype link can be provided*

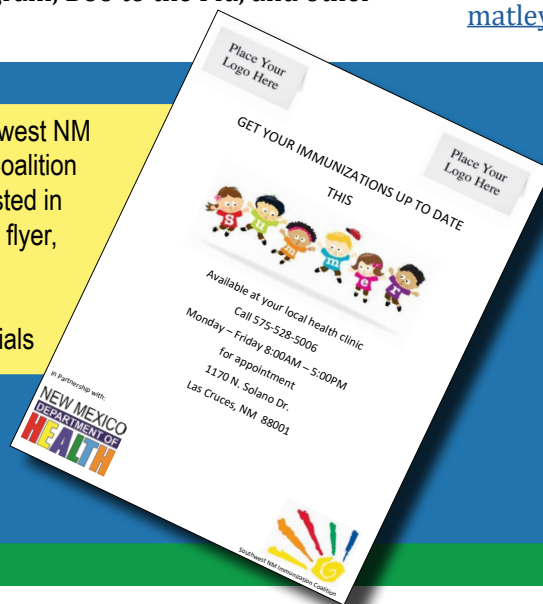
immunization outreach clinics such as Hepatitis, HPV, Meningitis, and SKIIP.

The inaugural meeting was held on May 22 and led by the Las Cruces Public Health Office. Meeting attendance was robust and included representation from these partners: Las Cruces Public School District, Ben Archer Health Centers, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, NMSU Health Center, as well as Department of Health Immunization Coordinators, and Nurse Managers from the Public Health Offices in Lordsburg, Deming, Alamogordo, and Silver City.

SwNMIC members discussed future efforts and goals, such as reaching outlying areas, NMSIIS access, other partners to include, creating and sharing immunization resources, and

establishing a communication resource so that accessing vaccinations in the SW Region becomes even better. For more information, contact Veronica Matley, 575-528-6027 or [vernoicam.matley@state.nm.us](mailto:vernoicam.matley@state.nm.us).

Contact Southwest NM Immunization Coalition if you are interested in this customizable flyer, also available in Spanish, or other immunization materials



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# Immunization Program

## *Staff announcements*

### Katie Cruz

Kathryn (Katie) Cruz recently accepted the position of the New Mexico State Immunization Information System (NMSIIS) Manager.



Katie was born and raised in Santa Fe and brings over 15 years of experience in customer service, finance, and human resources. Since she started working with the Department of Health in 2015, Katie has had the opportunity to work with many programs within the Infectious Disease and Population Community Health Bureaus in the PH Division. She has spent most of her career working with underserved populations and communities with health disparities. She strives to continue making an impact on the health improvement of New Mexicans.

Katie holds a BA in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management with a minor in Marketing and Business from New Mexico State University. She enjoys reading, baseball and spending time with her family. Contact Katie at [Kathryn.Cruz@state.nm.us](mailto:Kathryn.Cruz@state.nm.us)

### Joelle Jacobs

Joelle Jacobs was recently hired as the Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator and she has a passion for helping others. Joelle graduated with a Master of Public Health degree from Grand Canyon University in 2017. Joelle



has worked in various areas of healthcare; prior to coming to work for the New Mexico Department of Health, she worked in Behavioral Health for Bernalillo County. Joelle can be reached at [joelle.jacobs@state.nm.us](mailto:joelle.jacobs@state.nm.us)

### Marlene Montaña

Marlene (Peña) Montaña was recently hired in the position of VFC Clerk. She is a Santa Fe native who enjoys her family; she is a mother of three and has two beautiful grandchildren. She loves roses and enjoys long drives with the top down.



Marlene has been a contractor for the Department of Health since September 2013, when she joined the Infection Disease Bureau Hepatitis Program to begin the U30 Enhanced Surveillance Pilot Project. This project focused on under 30 injection substance users who were exposed to HCV.

She looks forward to working with the awesome team at the Immunization Program and welcomes the new adventure! Contact Marlene at [Marlene.Montano2@state.nm.us](mailto:Marlene.Montano2@state.nm.us) or (505) 827-1781.

### Carl Schoepke Jr.

Carl hails from Kenosha Wisconsin and currently lives in Santa Fe. He recently accepted a position as VFC Clerk. His career experience includes working at the Santa Fe Boy's and Girl's club, Primerica Financial Services, Global Art Gallery, and the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.

On a personal note, he is very festive, multicultural and outgoing. Carl enjoys attending social functions and is involved with the Japanese Festivals and Greek Festivals in Santa Fe and Albuquerque. He is an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and oldies music, in addition to being a bookworm.

Carl is thrilled to be part of the team and to learn and work alongside the team. He looks forward to many years ahead. Carl's contact information is [Carl.Schoepke@state.nm.us](mailto:Carl.Schoepke@state.nm.us) or (505) 827-2731.

## Immunization resources

### CDC Vaccine Schedules App for Health Care Providers

The free app provides access to recommended immunization schedules and footnotes, and the most current version of the following vital information:

- Adult schedule, including recommended vaccines for adults by age group and by medical conditions
- Adult contraindications and precautions table
- Child and adolescent schedule with vaccine

recommendations for patients birth thru 18 years

- Catch-up schedule for patients 4 months through 18 years

#### Features of the App

- Colors match printed schedules
- Hyperlinked vaccine name opens as a pop-up with dose specifics
- Related resources and websites
- Any changes in the schedules will be released through app updates

For more information visit [Immunization Schedules for Health Care Providers](http://www.immunizenm.org).

## Got Shots?

This year "Got Shots?" back-to-school clinics will take place July 27 through August 17 to allow three full weeks for providers to participate.

Spread the word to all providers to call NMIC at 505-272-3032, or go to the NMIC [website](#) to access the registration form, promotional flyers, or to get more information. Register by June 25 to receive incentives—late registrations are accepted.

Checkout the Got Shots? interactive [map](#) to find a clinic near you.

## Introducing the new public portal for immunizations: **VaxViewNM**

Katie Cruz  
NMSIIS Manager



The Immunization Program has created a public portal called VaxViewNM that will soon be available to the public.

VaxViewNM enables individuals, parents, and guardians to access, save and/or print, official immunization records, eliminating the need to carry multiple or aged documents. More information and training to come... stay tuned!

## MEASLES

Margaret Cunningham  
Vaccine and Outreach Manager

We have put together some great resources on Measles and they are posted at

<https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/imp/>

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