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American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA) Conference

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Immunization Program staff attended the annual national AIRA meeting in Orlando, FL, held on May 7-9, 2024, to get updates around immunization information systems (IIS) data analysis, quality, sharing, management, dashboards, onboarding, automation and more. Breakout sessions and presentations from CDC occurred during the event.



During the first day of the conference, recognition awards were given to attendees. New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System (NMSIIS) Manager Kathryn “Katie” Cruz was awarded a recognition award for her efforts in the IIS

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Got Shots

Maggie June
NM Immunization Coalition

This summer marks the 22nd year that Got Shots has existed! Got Shots helps protect kids and serve the community, especially kids who need to be caught up to date with vaccination for school. Last summer Got Shots providers vaccinated over 3,000 kids who received more than 7,000 shots! This year Got Shots starts Saturday July 6 and runs through August 17.

Many children around the state need immunizations in order to register for school. Providers who sign up to participate help

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July 6-August 17, 2024

Got Shots received a fun graphic makeover that features a healthy roadrunner who received his shot! Visit the [Got Shots website](#) for more information.

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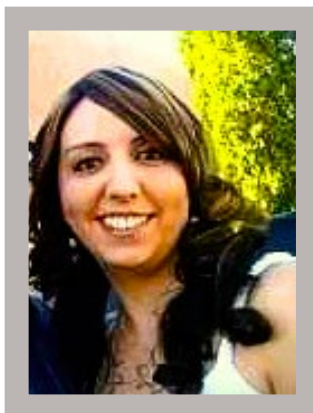
Staffing announcements

Samantha Sanchez

NMSIIS Training Coordinator

Samantha Sanchez has been promoted within the Immunization Program to the NMSIIS Training Coordinator. Samantha was formerly the Health Educator for the Vaccine for Children Program at the Immunization Program since March, 2017.

Her knowledge of the VFC program, immunization registry and New Mexico healthcare providers continues to prove invaluable to the immunization program.



Angelica Torres

Northwest Immunization Regional Coordinator

Angelica hails from California and moved to New Mexico in 2007. She has been in the healthcare field for 20+ years, working as a health assistant at the schools for nine years. Most recently, Angelica has been a Medical Assistant with DOH for five years.

She feels blessed to be a mom of four boys and grandmother to six granddaughters! Angelica loves spending time with family. She also enjoys going to concerts, traveling, and walking/playing with her four fur babies!

Nathaniel Webb

NMSIIS Epidemiologist

Nate joined the NMSIIS team as an epidemiologist in June, 2024. He recently graduated with his PhD in Public Health Sciences from the University of North Texas Health Science Center. During his academic studies, Nate's research focused on the intersection between the criminal justice system and public health with a focus on health equity. Outside of public health, Nate enjoys cooking, hiking, and playing pickleball.



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Anna Pentler, MPH, MBA
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Important vaccine updates for you

2024-25 COVID-19 Vaccine

FDA's VRBPAC has recommended that the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine contain the KP.2 strain of the JN.1 lineage. Currently this is the predominant strain in the U.S. The ACIP will meet on June 26-28, and will include discussion of this recommendation.

"Based on the totality of the evidence, on June 6, 2024, FDA initially advised the manufacturers of the licensed and authorized COVID-19 vaccines that the COVID-19 vaccines (2024-2025 Formula) for use in the United States beginning in fall 2024 should be monovalent JN.1 vaccines."

"FDA has continued to monitor the circulating strains of SARS-CoV-2. Based on the most current available data, along with the recent rise in cases of COVID-19 in areas of the country, the agency has further determined that the preferred JN.1-lineage for the COVID-19 vaccines (2024-2025 Formula) is the KP.2 strain, if feasible. This change is intended to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccines (2024-

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2025 Formula) more closely match circulating SARS-CoV-2 strains. FDA has communicated this change to the manufacturers of the licensed and authorized COVID-19 vaccines. The agency does not anticipate that a change to KP.2 will delay the availability of the vaccines for the United States.” [FDA Announcement](#)

2024-25 Influenza Vaccine

This year’s influenza vaccine will be a trivalent vaccine, (two influenza A strains and one influenza B strain). All of the vaccine distributed in the U.S. will be trivalent including the high dose, live attenuated, and adjuvanted vaccines.

Flu vaccines for the U.S. 2024-2025 season will contain the following:

Egg-based vaccines

- an A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Thailand/8/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; and (Updated)
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus.

Cell- or recombinant-based vaccines

- an A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus;
- an A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (H3N2)-like virus; and (Updated)
- a B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus.

Pneumococcal Vaccine

The FDA has approved Merck’s new pneumococcal 21-valent conjugate vaccine, Capvaxive, for use in adults ages 18+. This new vaccine is intended for the prevention of invasive disease caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae serotypes 3, 6A, 7F, 8, 9N, 10A, 11A, 12F, 15A, 15B, 15C, 16F, 17F, 19A, 20A, 22F, 23A, 23B, 24F, 31, 33F and 35B. [Merck press release](#)

NMIC statewide Immunization Program training

Immunization Program staff and regional staff attended the annual training in collaboration with the New Mexico Immunization Coalition (NMIC) on



June 6. The annual training was facilitated by two New Mexico State Personnel Office trainers. The agenda consisted of identifying communication styles and creating a culture of civility together.

The training brought out great discussions and ideas to incorporate in the work setting and personal environments. In a time of multiple communication platforms, this was a great opportunity to review individual communication styles and the importance of working together.



Two excellent recent webinars are available for viewing until August 15:

Webinars

The ABCs of School Vaccines covered the latest school and childcare immunization requirements and recommended adult vaccines for school staff and is available on this [link](#) and the passcode: .khsf+L4

KICK COVID in Kids provides information on protecting 6 mo. - 4 year olds and also how to become a VFC provider. Use this [link](#) and the passcode: #p4^+vA1

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community. The team was part of a data at rest discussion as well during the conference. Overall, the updates and networking were great.

Prior to the meeting, AIRA presented the NMSIIS unit with Certificates of Validation for meeting IIS measurement of content area of transport, submission & acknowledgment, query & response, clinical decision support, and incoming/outgoing data quality.



An array of photos from the AIRA Conference



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to make it as convenient as possible for parents to get their children immunized. Children need many immunizations, and we are fortunate that we can protect kids from many dangerous diseases. NMIC along with our managed care partners donated an assortment of giveaways for the kiddos who receive their vaccination at a Got Shots clinic. Here are some of the kid-friendly incentives this year:

- NMIC's legacy yellow duckies
- Push pop square stress-reliever games
- Scholastic children's books
- School pencil pouches
- Round lip balms
- Hot/Cold gel packs
- Mood pencils
- Tattoos
- I Got My Shot stickers

We are thankful to New Mexico providers who register to see any child who presents for vaccines at no cost to parents. This year 72 providers have registered to participate in Got Shots. There's still time for healthcare providers to sign up; go to the NMIC Got Shots website to access the registration form and for more information.



Photo Gallery

Photos capturing Immunization Program efforts from around the state

Mobile Vaccine Team clinics

Outreach events

*San Juan School Community Event
May 2024*



Bernalillo Senior Center



Chaparral

*Pueblo of San Felipe,
7th Annual Summer
Safety Event, June 20*



The Pueblo of San Felipe awarded the Immunization Program and Mobile Vaccine Team certificates of appreciation for participation

La Casa Block Party



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