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New educational resources for vaccinating older adults

Alliance for Aging Research has an educational campaign that focuses on vaccines in older adults called “Our Best Shot” and includes a suite of resources for use in community workshops, on-line, in waiting rooms, and more. Details about all of the campaign assets are below. [Hard copies of a number of these pieces](#) are available while supplies last.

As part of Our Best Shot educational campaign, the Alliance for Aging Research has released several new educational materials focused on providing information on the importance of vaccines. New resources include a guide to preventive services through Medicare, a fact sheet

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Vaccinating Adults: A newly updated step-by-step guide

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) announced the publication of its new book, *Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide*. This is the long-awaited update to IAC’s 2004 adult vaccination guide. This updated guide provides easy-to-use information covering “how to” activities to enhance your existing adult immunization services or introduce them into any clinical setting, including:

- Setting up for vaccination services
- Storing and handling vaccines
- Deciding which people should receive which vaccines
- Administering vaccines
- Documenting vaccinations (including legal issues)
- Understanding financial considerations and billing information

The guide is filled with web addresses and references to provide you with the latest immunization information. Two options are available to obtain the updated guide:

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New staff announcements

Jordan Burton

Ms. Burton is the new CDC Public Health Advisor. She received her undergraduate degree from Georgetown College with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and a Master in Public Health: Community Health from Eastern Kentucky University. Her professional experience includes over six years encouraging healthy living on college campuses and in the community.



members to reduce opioid overdoses in Westchester County. In addition, she served as a National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) Lifestyle Coach aimed at preventing type 2 diabetes by changes in lifestyle. As part of developing relationships within the City of Westchester, Ms. Burton also implemented Zika, tobacco, handwashing, and Sodium education events in Westchester County as part of the Keep Healthy Westchester campaign designed to facilitate the general health and well-being of the public.

Her email address is Jordan.Burton@state.nm.us or contact her by phone at 505-476-3626.

Marsha Lucero

The Immunization Program has hired a new NMSIIS Management Analyst, Ms. Lucero who was born and raised in Española. She is one of eight children and has been blessed with two daughters of her own.

Ms. Lucero comes from a background of Finance, Customer Service and Management, assisting and serving the underserved. The things she enjoys the most are spending time with her family and helping others. She is an eager learner who likes to help her team when she can and looks forward to learning and forging relationships at the Immunization Program and becoming an effective asset to her Department.

Her email address is Marsha.Lucero@state.nm.us; she can also be contacted at 505-827-2651.

Yvonne McKee

Ms. McKee started working for Andrea Romero on December 4 as her Immunization Clerk. She has been with and married to her best friend, Chris, for almost 35 years. They moved to Eldorado from

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Protect Babies for Life!

A new Hep B Brochure is now available. "Protect Babies for Life!" has recently been developed by Margaret Cunningham, Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator in Santa Fe. The attractive marketing piece provides information about the importance of protecting newborns by vaccinating within the first 24 hours of birth. Also included are resources that provide more information. To obtain the 3-fold brochure, [download it here](#).



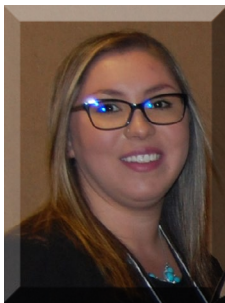
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San Diego in July. They are excited to have finally moved to Santa Fe. It's been in the plans for years and the stars finally aligned.

Ms. McKee has worked in health care since 1976—starting out working for six ophthalmologists in Phoenix during high school. She lived two years at the Grand Canyon as a supervisor for Fred Harvey and 8 years in Flagstaff working for a doctor of osteopathic medicine. She finished her time in Flagstaff working for W. L. Gore & Associates, a company that makes artificial arteries and heart valves. The past 28 years she has been an Executive Administrator for Chief Executive Officers with health care alliances in San Diego. She can be contacted at 505-827-2339 or yvonne.mckee@state.nm.us.



Charisse Montoya



Charisse R. Montoya is the new Northeast Region Immunization Clerk for the Vaccines for Children Program. She is a native New Mexican and is married to her high school sweetheart with two beautiful children, Christopher, and Ava Love. On her days away from the office, she enjoys attending her children's sporting events, camping, hunting, and coaching her daughters flag football team.

Ms. Montoya's experience in the medical field brings a personal touch to the program. She looks forward to the road ahead! She can be contacted at charisse.montoya@state.nm.us or 505-476-2619.

Gina Tafoya

Ms. Tafoya has been married for 30 years and has three children; two sons, a daughter and a granddaughter. Raising the three of them was a full-time job till her youngest went to school.

Ms. Tafoya worked at St. Teresa of Avila school for nine years as a library assistant. Her career with the Public Health Department as a Clinical and Vital Records clerk started in 2008. Ms. Tafoya worked for the Human Services Department for 18 months; however Public Health was home, and she came back this year and was recently promoted to the Immunization Coordinator position for the NW Region. She is glad to be home. Her email address is gina.tafoya@state.nm.us



Yellow Fever certification for VFC providers

The Epi Division is responsible for issuing yellow fever certifications to New Mexico providers who want to administer this vaccine.

The point of contact for yellow fever certifications is Laura Gutierrez, 505-827-2155 or Laura.Gutierrez@state.nm.us. For questions about yellow fever certification or to track down a yellow fever clinic from the number on a yellow fever stamp on a traveler's yellow card, contact Laura. These are the steps for the yellow fever certification process:

1. The physician, pharmacist, NP or PA sends the DOH a request to administer yellow fever vaccine (including a copy of their medical/pharmacy license).
2. Epi staff confirms that the clinician's license is active.
3. The ERD Director reviews the request to approve or disapprove.
4. Once approved, the Epi staff sends Sanofi Pasteur a message letting them know that the provider can order yellow fever vaccine.
5. Epi staff sends the requesting provider a letter letting them know they are approved, and have been registered in the CDC's

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on the truth about vaccines, and Spanish versions of the educational pocket film and Quick Guide to Vaccinations.

Wellness Wisdom

Focused on preventive services through Medicare, this new fact sheet walks readers through the Welcome to Medicare and Annual Wellness Visits, explores recommended vaccines, and outlines coverage of preventive services under Medicare.

[Download now](#)

Truth About Vaccines

This fact sheet empowers older adults to become “truth-tellers” in their community. Facts focus on how vaccines work, why they are safe, vaccinating children, vaccinating later in life, and more.

[Download now](#)

Pocket Film

This short animated film gives an overview of how vaccines work, highlights the importance of vaccination, debunks common myths & misconceptions, and more. The film has been viewed by more than 58 million people

and now available in Spanish. View in [English](#) or view in [Spanish](#).

Quick Guide to Vaccinations

This patient brochure offers information on vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccine schedule for adults ages 60-64 and 65+, plus a wallet-sized vaccine tracker. Now available in Spanish.

[Download in English](#)

[Download in Spanish](#)

Community Workshop Kit

Soup-to-nuts kit designed for community leaders hosting workshops for seniors and their family caregivers on the basics of vaccination. Includes a Leader’s Guide, interactive Q&A, presentation slides, attendee brochure, pocket film, and more.

[Download kit materials](#)

If you’d like hard copies or have any questions please contact Lindsay Clarke, Vice President of Health Programs, at lclarke@agingresearch.org or call Lindsay at 202-688-1241.

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Purchase a copy. Printed editions of this 142-page book can be purchased at www.immunize.org/shop. The Guide’s lie-flat binding and 10 tabbed sections make it easy to locate information. Purchased copies include Immunization Techniques: Best Practices with Infants, Children, and Adults, a 25-minute training DVD developed by the California Department of Public Health. Also included are selected IAC print materials, such as the Skills Checklist for Vaccine Administration, an tool to evaluate the skill level of staff who administer vaccines.

Download it free. The Guide can be downloaded free of charge at www.immunize.org/guide. It can be printed double-sided. Download the entire book or selected chapters.

The development of the Guide was supported by the National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Expert staff from both agencies also provided early technical review of the content. Get your copy today!

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website, and enclose a yellow fever pamphlet provided on the CDC’s website about the administration of yellow fever vaccine.

6. Epi staff also adds the provider to CDC’s website for yellow fever vaccination.
7. The provider is required to purchase a stamp

from an office supply store that meets certain specifications. *The stamp is used on the traveler’s yellow card.*

8. The Epi program issues the provider a number for their stamp.
9. The Epi staff maintains a spreadsheet with provider’s name, facility, facility address, phone number and fax number.

NMIC Annual Meeting

Over ninety members attended the NMIC's 15th Annual Meeting and Celebration on December 1 in Albuquerque. Dr. Andrew Kroger, Medical Officer with the CDC's National Center on Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases, gave the keynote presentation on the newest vaccines and most recent recommendations for immunizations. In addition, there were presentations on Vaccine Exemptions, NIS data, and Influenza Surveillance, and updates on SKIIP, the VFC program and NMSIIS. The day also included a brief "15 years in review" and a round of Immunization Bingo.

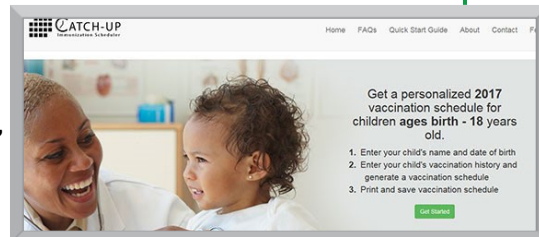
The NMIC thanks all its members for working hard to improve immunization rates in New Mexico and for promoting immunizations in their organizations and communities.



CDC's new online tool for childrens immunizations

In three easy steps, you can create a vaccination schedule for your child age birth through 18 years:

- Enter your child's name and date of birth
- Enter your child's vaccination history and generate a catch-up schedule
- Save the vaccination schedule



Using this tool, you can...

- Generate a catch-up or accelerated schedule that identifies doses and timing of vaccines needed—useful when your child needs to travel, must catch-up on missed doses, or during a disease outbreak.
- Save and update your child's vaccination history on your computer.
- Print a personalized vaccination schedule.

This tool follows the 2017 [child](#) and [pre-teens/teens](#) recommended immunization schedules. Your child's medical history and health status can affect the timing and vaccines your child may need. Talk with your child's doctor.

This is a web-based tool. No personal information is saved by CDC or Georgia Tech. Check out the new [catch-up childhood and adolescent immunization online tool](#).

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