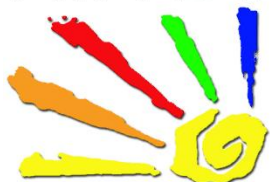


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# IMMUNIZE OUR KIDS VACUNEMOS NUESTROS NIÑOS



## New Mexico IMMUNIZATION COALITION

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Voices for Children  
Western Sky Community Care

Dear VFC Provider:

This has been a most surreal spring. Coronavirus is challenging our health care system in many ways. Now that our curve is beginning to flatten and our state and clinics are starting to re-open, we want to refocus our attention on making sure our children are protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. A Measles or Pertussis outbreak would be devastating right now!

We are moving forward with planning our annual "Got Shots" campaign scheduled for July 25-August 15. We invite you to sign up now to participate as a Got Shots provider for your community. Please check the [CDC website](#) for suggestions for how to hold your clinic safely.

**Many children need immunizations for school, and this year has been particularly challenging due to stay at home orders and postponed well child checks.** If your clinic has reopened, and would like to participate, we ask you to consider the following:

- Hold your Got Shots clinic on one or more of the days during **July 25-August 15**, preferably during evening or weekend hours to accommodate working parents;
- See any child who presents for immunizations **without an appointment**, regardless of whether they are a patient or whether they have insurance;
- Bill insurance for the administration fee reimbursement, but during your event, we ask that you immunize all children **at no cost to the parent, including co-pays**;
- Complete timely entry of all vaccines into NMSIIS;
- Follow all CDC and AAP guidance for safe clinic practices during the pandemic.

Posters will be available for download to help your clinic advertise and announce your dates and times of participation. NM DOH will be helping to advertise using radio ads.

We plan to provide bags of incentives for you to give out to your patients 0-18, as per usual; however, travel is currently restricted, so we cannot guarantee that we will be able to get bags to all parts of the state. We will do our best. In order to have sufficient bags of incentives, we ask that you register by June 29. If you will be traveling to ABQ and can pick up your bag on July 6 or any time after that, please let us know.

Please join the New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Primary Care Association and the New Mexico Immunization Coalition, along with our managed care partners, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, and Western Sky Community Care, in making sure that all New Mexico children are immunized on time!

Be sure to fill out the attached registration form and return by **June 29, 2020**. Thanks in advance for your participation! Please contact any of us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure