

WELCOME!

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to today's 20th Annual Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference! We are pleased to present today's program which addresses emerging topics and ongoing needs of those of us who are working in the Commonwealth to increase the rates of adult immunization. This year's conference theme is "Celebrating 20 Years of Improving Adult Immunization: Accomplishments, Challenges, Opportunities" and we are very pleased that this conference has successfully run for two decades! We are grateful to all of our expert speakers for their participation today.

This conference involves many volunteers who moderate and support the implementation of the conference. As you participate today, please join us in thanking all of these colleagues from around the Commonwealth.

This conference would not be possible without our sponsors, exhibitors, and donors. During today's conference breaks, please visit the exhibit area outside the ballroom to meet these supporters. In this space, you can also view posters that highlight important topics in adult immunization and talk with the authors.

The second page of this document includes some logistical notes from our conference team that we hope will ensure your comfort. Please visit the registration desk or find us throughout the day with your questions.

Thank you for your participation and for your commitment to protecting the people of Massachusetts through vaccination. Together, we will continue to improve the health and wellbeing of all our residents.

Sincerely,

2015 Conference Planning Committee:

- Robyn Alie, Massachusetts Medical Society*
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LOGISTICAL NOTES

Cell Phones: Please turn off your cell phone during sessions.

Contact Us: JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. is honored to have supported MDPH and the MAIC in the implementation of today's conference. For questions, please contact Allison Hackbarth at ahackbarth@jsi.com or 617-482-9485.

Continuing Education: Please be sure you have signed in on your arrival to request continuing education credits. **All** participants who are requesting any type of credit must turn in a completed conference evaluation form (in your packet) at the close of the day to receive the continuing education credit certificate. See conference staff as you exit the conference.

Emergency: Medical emergencies can be reported to a Front Desk Agent, Manager or Supervisor. Press 0 on house phones to reach the front desk. In the event of other emergencies where evacuation is required, Best Western staff will notify all participants. Please use the nearest exit to proceed directly outside to the parking lot. Please follow directions of the Best Western staff. Do not use the elevators. No one will be permitted to re-enter until the Best Western staff announces the building is clear and safe for re-entry.

Internet Access: Wireless access is available. Login is april. Password is april.

Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition (MAIC): Today is a great day to join the Coalition! MAIC is a collaborative partnership dedicated to increasing adult immunization through education, networking, and sharing innovative and best practices. There are currently over 200 members representing local and state public health organizations, community health centers, health insurance plans, pharmacies, physicians, vaccine manufacturers, long-term-care, consumer advocacy groups, hospitals, home health, college health services, and more. The Coalition meets quarterly; visit the website for more information: <http://maic.jsi.com/>. Visit the registration table to complete a membership form today.

Meals: Registrants who requested a vegetarian meal have a green dot on their name badges. Registrants who requested a chicken meal have no dot on their badges. This will alert the lunch wait staff.

Photography: All conference participants are reminded that attendees may be included in photos taken at the conference for use on the MAIC website. Please notify the photographer if you do not wish to be photographed.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in 3 areas: close to the function/ballroom area, Zachary's Restaurant/Elevators, and outside the Marlborough room.

Tweeting: Feel free to tweet and follow the conversation with the hashtag #massvac.