

Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition Meeting

Thursday, September 27, 2018 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Location: Massachusetts Medical Society
860 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Commonwealth Room

MAIC Meeting Notes

ATTENDEES IN PERSON: 35 Total count : 52		
First name	Last name	Organization
Alie	Robyn	Mass Medical Society
Arnold	Richard	Lasell
Bouton	Lindsay	MDPH
Burke	Alexandra	JSI Research & Training
Church	Dan	MDPH
Cientanni	Christina	Salem State University
Cohen	Joyce	MDPH
Dutra	Don	DHA
Goldstein	Mike	Merck
Horne	Kate	
Jaeger	Jenifer	BPHC
Kuroki	Michiko	Salem State University
LaFauci	Cassandra	Salem State University
Laurence	Valerie	St. Mary's Healthcare
Leydon	Lisa	ACS
Mello	Tracy	Middleton Health Dept
Menders	Libby	Umass Med
McReynolds	Cynthia	AAP
Muir	Adam	MDPH
Pagliarini	Alexis	Sequirus
Palmese	Patrese	Walgreen Co.
Puleo	Madelin	Salem State University
Rahall Tibbets	Brittany	Umass Med
Reilly	Katie	MDPH
Romero	Ashley	MDPH
Ryder	Laura	Tufts Health Plan
Schoen	Lorraine	Healthcentric Advisors
Smajilovic	Almedina	Salem State University
Sokola	Jessica	Sanofi
Spinney	Savanah	Salem State University

Sweppenheiser	Nina	Astra Zeneca
Vanucci	Rebecca	MDPH
Waksmanski	Mark	Town of Bedford
Whittaker	Kathy	Winchester
Zullo	Bobby	Astra Zeneca

Webinar		Attendees: 17
Aceto	Rich	GSK
Benoit	Jessica	MRPG/Lung Allergy & Sleep
Berry	Jane	MRPG/Lung Allergy & Sleep
Bonner	Cindy	Canton Board of Health
Courtney	Laurie	MDPH
Curran	Tess	Fall River Dept of Public Health
Hampton	Donna	U Mass Dartmouth Health Services
Kosior	Deb	Fall River Dept of Public Health
Lamm	Everett	Berkshire County, Community Health Programs
Lett	Susan	MDPH
McNeill-Raymond	Nancy	UMMS Vaccine Reimbursement
Moniz	Victoria	Greater New Bedford Community Health Center
Moran	Michelle	Commonwealth Medicine
Moran	Patricia	Marlborough Board of Health
Rimplia	Erica	North Suffolk Mental Health Association
Rubenstein	Jessica	Tufts Health Public Plans
Stiller	Susan	VNA Care

Flu 2017-2018 Review and Key Points - Joyce Cohen and Adam Muir, MDPH Epidemiology Program

- Severe influenza season for all ages, record season for hospitalization
- Predominant Flu A/H3N2, peaked mid-February
- 180 pediatric deaths, 80% not vaccinated
- Increase in Nov, remained elevated through March, above baseline for 19 week
- Overall efficacy for vaccine ~40%
- 80,000 deaths due to influenza/900,000 hospitalizations
- Place of Vaccination: 2/3 go to medical setting, 1/3 non-medical (store, workplace, other)
- Mass.gov/flu website
- LTC facilities updated available on website – newly redesigned sources

Flu Recommendations 2018-2019 - Katie Reilly

- Routine annual influenza vaccine recommended for +6mo age
- 10 products for 2019 – take into consideration age, situation etc. (summary chart in slides)
- Timing of vaccination – offered by the end of Oct, offer as long as available. Best before onset of flu season
- High dose – Fluzone high dose – HD IIV for 65+ and older. Provides stronger immune response
- Most of US vaccines are un-adjuvanted, except for one SD-IIV3

- Most are egg-based, except for cclIV4 Flucelvax, also RIV4 (Flublok) egg free
- ACIP influenza statement updates
 - Vaccine composition changed
- LAIV4 is back – Flumist is an option for those for whom is appropriate
 - AAP recommends IIV as primary choice for children
 - AAFP recommends IIV for non-preg patients age 2-49
- Vaccines for egg-allergic patients - Can get any flu vaccine, including LAIV4

Communication plans – Rebecca Vanucci

- Seasonal influenza vaccination rates in MA (children)
- CDC Flu objectives - Good info to use, include health care providers to provide strong recommendations, supporting providers to make flu recommendations across lifespan
- Plans for 2018-2019 flu season:
 - Campaign kickoff, national influenza vaccine week December 2-8, Fight flu materials, updated website, “How I recommend” videos
 - CDC resources: key messages for the public. Lifespan campaign messages (6mo and older) by life stages, tactics by life stage, material examples
 - Fight flu campaign
 - National Foundation for Infectious Diseases – caring for 65+ aged patients
 - MDPH resources
 - Standing orders, screening and consent forms, flu highlights and simple language to use to talk about flu vaccine
 - Highlights for 2018-2019 flu Season - Overall Flu Summary – It is best to protect against flu virus, best tool. More effective than not getting vaccinated
- HPV information sheet
 - HPV associated cancers are increasing
 - Gardasil is effective against 90% of these cancers
 - Vaccine confidence Project – target areas of states that have higher school exemption rates

Current Hepatitis A Virus Infection in Persons Experiencing Homelessness and Substance Use Disorder in Massachusetts - Dan Church and Lindsay Bouton

- Hepatitis A – Causes Liver disease, spread through fecal/oral route, causes acute (but not chronic) infection
- ~50 confirmed reported cases per year, 50% hospitalization rate, ¼ from travel
- CDC tracking outbreaks in homeless and/or drug using populations since 2017
- April 2018: Increased reports in MA from April-September
 - 68 cases related to this outbreak, higher hospitalization rate, 2/3 homeless, 70% injection drugs, 91% any drug use. Confirmed 63% HepC, 8% HIV
- MDPH response
 - Work with local health department, identify vaccine opportunities in population
 - Joint clinical advisory in August with Boston Public health commission and public health alert.
 - Outreach to local health departments, homeless shelters, CHCs, jails, at risk populations, syringe service programs
 - Providing state-supplied & CDC HAV vaccine
 - Developing communications materials – Poster in multiple languages, online resources
 - Vaccination recommendations of single dose of monovalent HepA vaccine and vaccinate all persons at risk: homeless, injection/non-injection drugs, chronic liver disease, currently incarcerated, MSM

New Bedford Hepatitis B Update - Katie Reilly, MDPH Immunization Program

- 29 cluster associated cases
- Vaccine efforts – Field epidemiologists, St Lukes vaccinate in ER, Seven Hills
 - Health Innovations Mobile Van – Heplisav (2-dose series HepB vaccine) van went to outpatient substance use clinics, bus stations, public parks
 - 135 received 1 dose, 69 got 2 doses, 66 still need dose 2

Immunization Reports From the Field – including flu updates & manufacturer updates - MAIC Members

- Cathy – Question on Shingrix supply issue. CDC guidance – go to another provider (through vaccine finder) to get it. Still a problem to finding second dose.
- Rich Aceto – Answer: 4 million doses shipped to US. But demand is higher than ever before. Demand is 5x higher than anticipated.
- FluMist is ready and being shipped out. Bulk available by Oct, rest by Nov
- Wendy Swanson presenting at webinar series Wed 12-1p. Partnering with Alexa to answer Flu question
- MIAP Oct 18 conference
- MA Adult Immunization Conference, April 2, 2019. MA Adult Immunization Champion awards out in November

Next Meeting January, 2019