

2021 Virtual Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference

8:00 AM - 3:45 PM, April 13, 2021



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Join us for the 26th Annual Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference to support statewide efforts to increase adult immunization rates in the Commonwealth. The conference will be on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 from 8:00 AM to 3:45 PM and will take place virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This conference will provide an opportunity to receive the most updated information on routine adult immunization, including the COVID-19 vaccine, hear from leading experts in the field, and to offer networking and discussion opportunities with leading immunization experts and colleagues.

PLENARY SESSIONS

MORNING PLENARY A

2021 Vaccine (Space) Odyssey

Robert Hopkins, Jr., MD, MCAP, FAAP, Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Director, Division of Internal Medicine, UAMS College of Medicine

While 2020 is behind us, 2021 presents with many challenges on which to hone our immunization knowledge and skills. In this presentation, Dr. Hopkins will discuss aging, how it can affect vaccine choice; practical approaches to integrating shared clinical decision making in vaccine programs; communication strategies for vaccine hesitant patients; and COVID-19 vaccine access, availability, hesitancy, and information. Dr. Hopkins will offer tools and potential solutions to vaccination challenges.

MORNING PLENARY B

COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Health Communications Specialist, AD Communications Team, Vaccine Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This presentation will review the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for COVID-19 vaccines. Topics covered will include clinical considerations for use including precautions, screening, and management of anaphylaxis.

MORNING PLENARY C

COVID Vaccination in Massachusetts – Distribution and Rollout

Pejman Talebian, MPH, MA, Director, Immunization Division, MA Department of Public Health

During this session, Pejman Talebian, Director of the Immunization Division at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, will discuss COVID-19 vaccination distribution and roll out across the Commonwealth.

AFTERNOON PLENARY D

National Adult Immunization Update and Latest Recommendations

Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Health Communications Specialist, AD Communications Team, Vaccine Task Force, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr Andrew Kroeger will discuss the changes to the ACIP Recommended Adult Immunization schedule, focusing on changes to measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, varicella (Var) vaccine, zoster vaccine (Shingrix), human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, influenza vaccines, and meningococcal vaccines. He will also describe routine adult immunization in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. A discussion of CDC's vaccinate with confidence program will follow.



CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Discuss COVID-19 vaccine roll-out in Massachusetts
- Identify latest Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine and strategies to implement COVID-19 vaccination in your practice
- Describe how to use effective communication techniques to identify and address vaccine hesitancy
- Summarize recommended vaccines according to the ACIP guidelines in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Discuss the importance of maintaining adult vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

The Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Massachusetts Department of Public Health is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Massachusetts Medical Society through the joint providership of the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, MA Dept. of Public Health and the MA Adult Immunization Coalition.

The Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, designates this Live activity for a maximum of **6.0** AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Segments of this program meet the criteria of the MA Board of Registration for Risk Management study and qualifies for RM credits; The MIIS and Adult Vaccine Storage and Handling each qualify for 1.0 RM each.

This program has been offered by the Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A maximum of **6.0** contact hours for this program will be provided in accordance with the regulations governing continuing education requirements for the following Boards of Registration:

- **Board of Registration in Nursing** (CMR 244 5.00)
- **Board of Registration of Social Workers** (258CMR 31.00et seq)
- **Board of Mental Health Professions** (262CMR 7.00)
- **Board of Certification of Health Officers** (241CMR 4.03)
- **Board of Registrations of Sanitarians** (255CMR 5.02)
- **Pharmacists** may receive up to **6.0** AMA PRA Category 1 CreditTM in accordance with 247 CMR 4.00.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
8:15 AM	Morning Plenary A: 2021 Vaccine (Space) Odyssey
9:15 AM	Morning Plenary B: COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations
10:00 AM	Morning Plenary C: COVID Vaccination in Massachusetts: Distribution and Rollout
10:30 AM	Question and Answer Panel
11:00 AM	Networking Break/ Exhibits
11:15 AM	MORNING SESSIONS A, B, & C
12:15 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	MAIC Champion Award
1:15 PM	Afternoon Plenary D with Q & A: National Adult Immunization Update and Latest Recommendations
2:30 PM	Networking Break/ Exhibits
2:45 PM	Afternoon Sessions D, E, & F
3:45 PM	Adjournment



MORNING SESSIONS

A. Women's Health

Nandini S. Choudhury, LCSW, MPH; Women's Health Program Coordinator, Fenway Health

Rebekah Vilorio, MD; Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Fenway Health

Healthcare providers who work with persons who identify as LGBTQIA+ face unique barriers to getting their patients vaccinated. In this session, challenges in LGBTQIA+ vaccination and strategies for breaking down barriers to vaccination will be reviewed. Vaccinations for persons who identify as LGBTQIA+ will also be discussed from a women's health and OBGYN perspective.

B. Adult Immunization "101"

Laurie Courtney, MSN, RN, Nurse Manager, Immunization Division, MA Department of Public Health

During this session, the adult immunization schedule will be reviewed, along with the principles of vaccination, required documentation when administering vaccines, and how to screen patients for contraindications and precautions to vaccines. Vaccine safety, common vaccine errors, and how to report errors & vaccine-adverse events will also be discussed. COVID-19 will be included. Great for new staff!

C. MIIS: Beyond the Basics

Tricia Charles, BA; Manager, Immunization Information System (MIIS), MA Department of Public Health

Joseph Conte, BS; Roll Out and Help Desk Coordinator, MIIS, Immunization Division, MA Department of Public Health

The Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) is the official source of immunization data in the Commonwealth. During this discussion, presenters provide an overview and demonstrate various functionality including enhancements to support COVID-19 vaccination available in the MIIS, such as Coverage, Reminder Recall, Invalid Dose and Practice Profile reports. You will become familiar with tools in the MIIS that will provide you information about data quality and HL7 messages. The target audience for this presentation is current MIIS users who would like to learn more about using MIIS functionality to explore their data, including reporting features.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

D. Vaccinating College Students — A Panel Discussion

Kathryn Ahnger-Pier, MPH; Epidemiologist, Immunization Division, MA Department of Public Health

Ann Becker, RN, DNP; Public Health, Occupational, and Infection Control Nurse, UMass Amherst

Joanne Belanger, RN, BS; Assistant Health Director, Town of Andover

Denise Dwyer, NP

Whether administering routine immunizations or responding to an infectious disease outbreak, vaccinating college students can be challenging. In this panel discussion, we will summarize the current immunization requirements for college students in MA and review current vaccination rates. Presenters will also outline their experiences responding to infectious disease outbreaks on college campuses, collaborations with campus and local response partners, and discuss the opportunity for collaboration between colleges and local boards of health. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the presentations.

E. Vaccine Storage and Handling in the Time of COVID-19

Shumethia Seal, MPH; Manager, Vaccine Unit, Immunization Division, MA Department of Public Health

Proper vaccine storage and handling is crucial for patient safety and vaccine effectiveness. In this session, we will summarize best practices for vaccine storage and handling, including COVID-19, and describe how to resolve common storage and handling issues, and list which adult vaccines are available through the MDPH vaccine unit.

F. Vaccine Preventable Disease Epidemiology in Massachusetts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Marija Popstefanija, MS, MPH; Epidemiologist, MA Department of Public Health

This scenario-based session will cover recent trends in the epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases, including COVID-19, and provide an overview of current guidance concerning COVID-19 prevention and control in a variety of settings.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is for all medical and public health professionals interested in:

- Recent changes to the immunization schedule
- Evidence-based strategies to improve adult immunization rates
- Networking opportunities to build and maintain partnerships

INTERESTED IN EXHIBITING AT THE CONFERENCE?

Virtual Exhibitor Conference Fees:

- \$0 Virtual Exhibitor - Non-Profit
- \$100 Virtual Exhibitor

You are invited to exhibit virtually! Basic exhibitor information will be listed on the main conference website, and more information will be featured within the Attendee Hub.

Attendees will have the opportunity to view additional exhibitor information, download attachments, make connections for future appointments and exchange information with exhibitors. Live exhibitor booth interactions will not be available through the Attendee Hub.

BENEFITS INCLUDE visibility at the premier statewide virtual conference.

For **more information** contact Alexandra Burke at Alexandra_burke@jsi.com or (617) 385-3874

PROGRAM

PLEASE REGISTER by visiting the MA Adult Immunization Coalitions's website at: <http://maic.jsi.com> or the Cvent Conference website at: <https://cvent.me/A3x2D0>

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE FEES

\$75 Registration fee for all attendees. There are no student discounts or early bird pricing.

Cancellations will be accepted until **April 10, 2021**. A \$5.00 processing fee will be assessed for all refunds.

Payment must be made by credit card at the time of registration. Payment by check will not be accepted for this conference.

Questions about webinar logistics or online registration?

Contact Alexandra Burke at (617) 385-3874 or alexandra_burke@jsi.com

THE MASSACHUSETTS ADULT IMMUNIZATION COALITION (MAIC)

MAIC is a collaborative partnership dedicated to increasing adult immunization through education, networking, and sharing innovative and best practices. To learn more and become a member, visit <http://maic.jsi.com>.

Feedback from the 2020 Massachusetts Adult Immunization Conference:

"I was extremely impressed. A very good presentation with a wealth of information."

"Consistently great content and presentations. Congrats on going COVID Virtual."

"The presentations were well done and they translated well for an online audience."

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