



Massachusetts Adult Immunization Coalition Meeting

Virtual Meeting, July 9, 2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

MAIC Meeting Minutes

Topic	Topic Leader
Welcome & MAIC Conference Summary 10:00am	Rich Baker - MAIC
Federal Vaccine Landscape & Advocacy Update 10:15am	Northe Saunders - SAFE Communities Coalition & SAFE Action Fund
Adult Immunization/ACIP Update 10:30am	Angela Fowler, MD - MDPH Immunization Division
Rural Vaccine Equity Initiative Presentation 11:05am	Jennifer Kimball - State Office of Rural Health Ezekiel Baskin - New England Rural Health Association
AstraZeneca Intranasal Influenza Vaccine 11:20am	Marla Campbell, BSc Pharm, PharmD - AstraZeneca
MVCP Update 11:35am	Cynthia McReynolds, MBA - Massachusetts Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and Massachusetts Vaccine Confidence Project
Community Updates 11:50am	Updates from the field

Welcome & MAIC Conference Summary

- We want to learn what is being discussed down at the community level, which is why we are looking to build new partnerships
 - Hoping to provide education, resources, training at the community level
 - If you have connections within the circles of community health workers, please feel free to reach out to us to build a connection.
 - Is there a community partner we should be working with? Let us know by emailing maic@jsi.org

Federal Vaccine Landscape & Advocacy Update

Northe Saunders - SAFE Communities Coalition & SAFE Action

- Nation's leading pro-vaccine grassroots advocacy group
- 11 SAFE families for vaccines chapters
- There are anti-vaccine organizations working in every single state
 - They are well funded, well-organized and are being successful in regard to ACIP changes on the federal level
- Spike in bad vaccine bills in 2025
 - 82.2% of vaccine legislation is bad
 - SAFE is working to stop these bills in red states
- A lawsuit was just filed to challenge RFK Jr.

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- [MCAAP Statement of Support for the AAP v. RFK Jr. Lawsuit on Vaccines](#)
 - ⅓ schools failed to submit immunization data this year
 - SAFE legislation would help close this loophole
 - What can you do?
 - Sign a provider letter
 - Submit testimony
 - Contact legislators
 - Recruit additional providers
 - Add your contact information to be updated on action opportunities here:
<https://www.mafamiliesforvaccines.org/updates>
 - Vaccine Integrity Project: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>
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Adult Immunization/ACIP Update

Angela Fowler, MD, MPH - MA Department of Public Health

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- Many of the new ACIP members have anti-vaccine views
- COVID-19
 - Continues to impact health in the US
 - Long COVID is a significant public health threat
 - Adults at highest risk for COVID are those aged 75 and older
 - Highest rates of hospitalizations are adults aged 65-74 and infants less than 6 months (due to their inability to be vaccinated at that age)
 - Data shows that vaccine decreases occurrence of Long COVID following COVID-19 in adults and children
 - April 2025 meeting was posed to move away from universal COVID-19 vaccine recommendations, seemed likely to propose recommendation only for those at high risk with permissive recommendations for others
 - Potential consequences of risk-based recommendation
 - Limits access, introduces barriers (i.e., pharmacist administration), confusion, payment considerations
 - No changes to adult immunization schedule regarding COVID-19 vaccines, except a recommendation for pregnant people have been removed
 - CDC has no recommendations for the 2025-2026 vaccine
- RSV
 - ACIP recommends that adults 50-59 years of age who are at increased risk of severe RSV disease receive a single dose of RSV vaccine
- Chikungunya
 - Virus-like particle vaccine licensed in Feb 2025
 - ACIP recommends virus-like particle vaccine for persons aged 12 and above traveling to a country or territory where there is a current outbreak
- Influenza

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- 2024-2025 season was classified as high severity for all ages and is the first high severity season since 2017-2028
- Vaccine prevented an estimated 240,000 hospitalizations
- ACIP reaffirms the recommendation for routine annual influenza vaccination of all persons aged 6 months and older who do not have contraindications
- Thimerosal
 - Has been used widely as a preservative in a number of biological and drug products, including vaccines as an antimicrobial since the 1930s
 - Contributed to the safe use of vaccines in multi-dose vials
 - Helps facilitate immunization campaigns in the U.S. and globally
 - No scientific evidence to support risk of thimerosal
 - ACIP did recommend that only the single dose formulation of the influenza vaccine should be used

Questions:

- Is there a work around with shared decision making in the interim?
- Is the Chikungunya vaccine covered by their health insurance or a self pay vaccine?
 - Self-pay vaccine since it is not included in the schedule. I would expect many insurance providers would not cover this.
- For those of us in Public Health (planning purposes), does DPH have an official list of "ok" vaccinations for adults and the guidance around those given the changes at federal level? I know you cannot dictate reimbursement, that is a separate issue at this time, but as far as what we are able to administer per the MA DPH? Is that schedule the same as it was at the beginning of this year or have we altered the schedule?
 - At this moment, the changes to the schedule have not been that significant that we cannot follow CDC schedule. But we are devising plans to perhaps provide alternative recommendations. But right now, I think it is still fine to refer to the schedule. We can still administer COVID vaccines. The schedule is still the same except for pregnant people. Although, under shared-clinical decision making, adults can still receive the vaccine.
- Is a second Covid vax after 6 mos still recommended for this year for older adults? Such as dose 2 around now?
 - Yes - a second dose of the 2024-5 for 65 yrs and older is still recommended. The specific recommendations for 2025-2026 have not been made yet.
- I am new to LBOH. Is there a full list of travel vaccine clinics supported by MDPH?
 - Travel vaccines can be found on the CDC "Yellow Book" website and vary depending on location of travel out of the US

Rural Vaccine Equity Initiative Overview

Jennifer Kimball - State Office of Rural Health

Ezekiel Baskin - New England Rural Health Association

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- Funded 12 community-based organizations in 14 rural regions
- Covering 128 rural towns, 80% of all rural designated municipalities
- Have state office of rural health funding to continue their model to provide learning collaborative and technical assistance to continue to support rural health initiatives
- Rural barriers impacting health outcomes → transportation, access to accurate information, digital equity, limited clinical care, lack of pharmacy access, limited housing/poor housing stock
 - Root cases of these barriers are misguided investment, lack of investment in rural communities, multi-generational poverty in rural massachusetts
- Addressing barriers:
 - Sharing vaccines across municipalities
 - Innovative transportation options
 - Supporting in-home vaccination options
 - Working with public health excellence groups
 - Utilizing community health navigators, translators
 - Combining what you are doing with other services and events
 - Mobile Food Markets
 - Ensuring boards of health and other town meetings are held in accessible locations as well as made accessible by Zoom/online
- Hilltown Community Development Corporation (HCDC)
 - In their first year, HCDC partnered with a co-located childcare center in a mobile vaccination clinic, reaching 9 people
 - In Fall 2023, they held mobile vaccination events and vaccinated 182 Hilltown residents
 - Mobile vaccination and in-home programs are critical in regions like this

AstraZeneca Intranasal Flu Vaccine Update

Marla Campbell, AstraZeneca (marla.campbell@astrazeneca.com)

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- ASPN website will be managing the program
- Patient journey: Finding out & learning more about FLUMIST → ordering through online pharmacy → confirming eligibility → shipping & delivery → handling & administration → disposal of FLUMIST sprayer & packaging
- FLUMIST vaccine information statement is available online

Questions:

- Who is the 'online HCP'? Is it the patient's doctor, NP, or PA? Or is it a person that works for the Pharma manufacturer? If it is the pt's doctor, etc, how does the online request get to the doctor?
 - Goes through the online pharmacy. Depends on state regulations. Potentially will be through collaborative agreement. A person's provider does not bear responsibility in the process. Same situation as going to a pharmacy in-person.



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- What is the 'online pharmacy'? Is it the patient's pharmacy covered by their insurer?
 - ASPYN is the online pharmacy - they put in insurance information on their end.
 - This is a compliment to what is already in place. Does not replace any HCP or brick and mortar pharmacies that are providing vaccines.
 - Flu mist is still available in all of the same places that it has been previously.
 - Patients cannot use this through their retail pharmacy.

MVCP Update

Cynthia McReynolds - MCAAP, Massachusetts Chapter and MVCP

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- 66 activities from March 1, 2024 to May 2025
- Project received additional funding which really allowed us to enhance activity development and completion, however this funding ended at the end of June
 - Work is changing this fiscal year
 - Hopefully will be prioritizing communities further and be as efficient as possible to move along work of the project

Updates from the Field

- mRNA - 1283 COVID-19 Vaccine at a Glance - Jennifer Tufts
 - New vaccine that has a shorter mRNA sequence and lower mRNA dose
 - Most commonly reported adverse effects in recipients aged 65 and older were pain at the injection site, fatigue, headache, myalgia, chills
 - [Webinar on July 17th](#) to discuss the new vaccine
- Save the Date! The 2025 MIAP Conference will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at the DCU Center, Worcester. We are excited to celebrate the Conference's 30th year! Updates will be sent as they become available. Please email me with questions: cmcreynolds@mcaap.org.
Thanks!

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