



San Diego Immunization Coalition Monthly Update

January 15, 2012

Another holiday season has come and gone, but the flu is still here. January or later is NOT too late to get flu vaccine! The flu season often peaks in February or even later each year. See your doctor or other regular source of health care. Flu vaccine is also being offered at retail pharmacies and other locations. For more information about flu and flu vaccine, click [here](#).

- **DON'T MISS THE NEXT SDIC GENERAL MEETING: January 25 at 1:00** in the **San Diego Room** at the **HHSA Rosecrans Complex**. Our special guest will be **Rick Kneeshaw**, who will share his story about living with polio and post polio syndrome.
- **PRE-TEEN VACCINE WEEK (PVW) IS COMING IN FEBRUARY:** San Diego Immunization Coalition partners, we invite you to join immunization champions across California in celebrating Preteen Vaccine Week. This annual campaign raises awareness about immunization recommendations for 11-and 12-year-olds, promotes a preteen doctor's visit, and highlights California's Tdap requirement for incoming 7th graders.



ACIP currently recommends that 11- and 12-year-olds receive Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough) vaccine, meningococcal vaccine, annual flu vaccine, the HPV 3-shot vaccine series and a total of 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine.

For PVW 2012 SDIC is promoting ShotByShot.org, a collection of stories from people who have been touched by vaccine-preventable diseases. With the success of vaccines, we don't see diseases like meningitis, polio, and hepatitis as often as our parents and grandparents did. But diseases still touch people in our community! Shot by shot's story bank of real-life stories, told by survivors, family members, friends, touch us, educate us, and remind us of the value of prevention. Visit www.ShotByShot.org today and be reminded why your ongoing immunization efforts are so valuable.

Why not consider creating your own Shot By Shot story? You've likely been affected by a vaccine-preventable disease and have a powerful and poignant story. There are kits and terrific resources on the website to help you create and upload a video. And if you have a preteen—or work with preteens—encourage them to create a Shot By Shot story. It's a great way to get kids involved with Preteen Vaccine Week and to appreciate the importance of immunizations.

You can also visit Visit the California Department of Public Health's PVW web page by clicking [here](#). Thank you for being an immunization champion.

- **NEXT SDIC ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library Room at the HHS Rosecrans Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans St. in San Diego. [Click here](#) for directions. For any questions, please contact April Fernández at 619-540-8431

MORE EVENTS COMING IN 2012:

- **IZ Coalitions Network Conference Call is January 17, 2012:** IAC's project to facilitate communication between Coalitions is holding a conference call on Tuesday, January 17 at 11 a.m. (PT) to discuss the project and various related topics. The call will include a presentation by Every Child By Two's partnership with the Shot@Life campaign and how partners can engage on the issue, and an update about the IAC IZCoalitions Network Project. For more information and to subscribe to the project's mailing list, please contact tanderson@immunize.org.
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would like to introduce the [Childhood Immunization Champion Award](#),** a new annual award to recognize individuals who make a significant contribution toward improving public health in their communities through their work in childhood immunization. **Champions** can include health care professionals (e.g., physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, medical assistants, etc.), coalition members, parents, and other immunization leaders who meet the award criteria.

One **CDC Immunization Champion** from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia will be honored during National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW), April 21–28, 2012.

Nominations are due to State Immunization Programs by February 10, 2012. Use [this link to find resources](#) which will help you promote the new award program and solicit nominations for deserving **Champions** from your community.

Send an e-mail to imzchamps@cdc.gov if you have any questions or suggestions.

- **The 1st Annual National Immunization Conference Online (NICO)!** This first-ever NIC to be entirely online is scheduled for **March 23**. Pre-registration is not required. The attendance at the live workshops is limited to the first 1000 people to log in at the beginning of each workshop. For more information, please visit [this web page](#).
- **The California Immunization Coalition (CIC) Summit!** The 2012 Summit is set for **April 23** in Sacramento. It will focus on strategies that increase adolescent and adult immunization coverage. Two annual awards will also be presented (see below). The CIC website has more information and online registration at [this web page](#).
- **Now Accepting Nominations for CIC Annual Awards:** For nearly two decades, California's immunization champions have made a difference through local coalition activities, legislative advocacy, and community outreach. Each year, CIC recognizes two very special champions during an awards luncheon. This year's awards luncheon will take place at the California Immunization Coalition Summit in Sacramento on April 23, 2012. Consider nominating your immunization champions today. CIC is accepting nominations through March 9 for the **Natalie J. Smith Award** and the **Ronald P. Bangasser Award**.

For more information about the awards and to submit a nomination, visit the CIC website at www.immunizeca.org/about/cic-awards.

- The **National Conference on Immunization and Health Coalitions** will take place in New Orleans on **May 23-25**, hosted by the Louisiana Shots For Tots Coalition. The theme this year is “Jazzing Up Partnerships The Big Easy Way”. For more information, visit the website [here](#).

- **INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTY:** The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency’s Epidemiology and Immunization Services Branch (EISB), works with the local medical community to summarize influenza activity here in our county. The weekly summary, called Influenza Watch, is available on the County Immunization Program website. *Click on the graphic at right to view the Influenza Watch document.*



- **HAVING A COMMUNITY EVENT? TELL US! Don’t forget our SDIC Community Event Calendar!** We are always seeking submissions for the Calendar. Help get the word out about your upcoming event! Please use [this form](#) to submit events (at least 2 weeks before the event).

* Note: This update will be sent the 15th of every month (or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday). If you have immunization-related news or information you would like to share with your Coalition partners, please send it via email to Harrison Bolter at harrison.bolter@sdcounty.ca.gov no later than the 13th of that month. Any information received later than that will be held until the next Update. Thank you!

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