

NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 MEETING

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**NYCDOHMH Staff Members:** Dr. Jane Zucker

Invited Guest: Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
<b>Welcome / Chair's Remarks:</b> <b>Dr. Debra Tristram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tristram at 12:30 pm.</li> <li>• Introductions of those in attendance were completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b>            Dr. Tristram – RSV is on the rise, pediatric beds in hospitals are full            Issues with automated processes in scheduling at provider offices</p>	
<b>Approval of June 2022 Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting minutes from June were approved</li> </ul>	
<b>MPX Update</b> <b>Dr. McDonald</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently there are 352 cases in NYS</li> <li>• 10 times as much in NYC</li> <li>• JYENNEOS vaccines has been widely distributed</li> <li>• There were shortage issues but by changing the route of administration more doses became available. Now at point where supply exceeds demand.</li> <li>• Disparities in vaccine distribution continues to be an issue with the black and Latino population, the same types of disparities you see with other STIs</li> <li>• Efforts are being made not to stigmatize, offer vaccine at a wide range of locations, for example, gay bars, flu clinics, etc</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> – What else can be done to combat disparities?            Large events, work with LHDs and other health care provider partners and organizations</p>	

	<p>Will route of administration change as supply increases?  Not sure, no one knows at this time. However, if a patient has a strong preference for an alternate vaccine route providers can and should accommodate those requests  How is the vaccine distribution being tracked?  NYSIIS and CIR</p>	
<p><b>Polio Update  Dr. Rosenburg</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On July 21, 2022, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Rockland County Department of Health (RCDOH) alerted the public to a case of paralytic polio in an unvaccinated young adult in Rockland County. The case was identified by NYSDOH's Wadsworth Center Laboratory and confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through testing. The individual experienced severe symptoms, including paralysis, and was hospitalized. New Yorkers should know that paralysis from polio is typically permanent, resulting in life-long disability.</li> <li>• <b>WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE TO IDENTIFY THE VIRUS IN COMMUNITIES:</b> NYSDOH launched <a href="#">wastewater surveillance</a> — a tool to check for signs of the virus in sewage water in communities, as people infected with polio shed virus in their stool. Testing and sequence analysis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has detected poliovirus repeatedly in samples collected from Rockland County, Orange County, Sullivan County and in samples collected from New York City and Nassau County. All samples <a href="#">reported</a> are samples of concern, meaning they are types of poliovirus that can cause paralysis in humans. <a href="#">82</a> of these samples have been genetically-linked to the case in Rockland County. The latest <a href="#">wastewater surveillance results are here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>DRIVING IMMUNIZATIONS:</b> Working with local and national health authorities, healthcare providers and clinics, and community-based organizations, particularly in the affected areas, NYSDOH is driving immunizations among unvaccinated and under-vaccinated children, for whom coverage is lower, and adults. The inactivated polio vaccine the only vaccine available in the U.S., protects 99 to 100 percent of people against disease who receive all recommended doses. Learn more about <a href="#">polio immunization here</a>, and check <a href="#">polio vaccination rates for children by two years of age by county here</a> and by <a href="#">ZIP code here</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b> last known case of wild polio was in 1979  Polio vaccine is not on the ACIP schedule</p>	

	<p>Most adults are vaccinated  Low risk  Wastewater has shown that polio is circulating. For that one case to occur it is estimated that anywhere from 5,429 – 9,500 people have had it</p>	
<p><b>Covid-19 Update</b></p>	<p><b>Covid-19 Vaccines Timeline – Updates</b>  <b>3/29/22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC updates its clinical guidance to allow persons with moderate to severe immunocompromise AND people over the age of 50 years who received the initial booster dose at least 4 months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster</li> <li>• Adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Janssen/J&amp;J COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months ago may also now receive a second booster dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine</li> </ul> <p><b>5/19/22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC recommends a Pfizer booster dose for person ages 5-11 years, who are NOT moderately to severely immunocompromised, at least 5 months after the primary series</li> <li>• CDC recommends a Pfizer booster dose for person ages 5-11 years, who ARE moderately to severely immunocompromised, at least 3 months after the primary series</li> <li>• CDC clinical considerations were amended for people who recently had SARS-CoV-2 infection to delay their primary series or booster dose by 3 months from symptom onset or positive test (if infection was asymptomatic).</li> </ul> <p><b>Provider Channels</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,252 providers fully enrolled as of 6/1/22. 494 are pediatric offices.</li> <li>• 11 <a href="#">NYS operated vaccination sites</a> “State PODs” remain operational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medgar Evers College – Brooklyn will be permanently closed as of 06/03/2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">NYS #VaxForKids</a> - Community based vaccination events in partnership with local provider partners (LHDs, pharmacies, hospitals, FQHCs)</li> <li>• Community- and faith-based <a href="#">pop ups</a> – continued focus on ZIP codes with lower vaccination coverage rates.</li> </ul> <p><b>Provider Education</b>  <a href="#">COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comprehensive website with guidance, trainings, resources</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Guidance: Children Ages 5-11</a> 5/21/22 Significant format revision, addition of booster info</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Individuals 12 and older</a> 4/1/22 – latest revision in approvals</li> </ul>	

## [NYSDOH COVID-19 Vaccine Webinars for Healthcare Providers](#)

Previous webinars recorded and available for viewing

- Under development – Vaccinating Children Under 5 years

### **Journal Articles**

JAMA publications about efficacy for 5-11yo population

- [Risk of Infection and Hospitalization Among Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Children and Adolescents in New York After the Emergence of the Omicron Variant](#)
- [Association of Prior BNT162b2 COVID-19 Vaccination With Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Children and Adolescents During Omicron Predominance](#)
- [Protecting Children Against Omicron](#)

### **Public Education [#VaccinateNY](#)**

(links to many social media resources and materials)

- Dedicated workgroup to **promote vaccine confidence** and quickly **address misinformation** that may spread on social media and in other media forms
- Intensive campaigns including media buys featuring Dr. Bassett encouraging vaccinations for [kids](#) and [boosters](#)
- Link to the YouTube page with all the DOH videos: <https://www.youtube.com/user/NYSDOH/videos>
- “COVID is still a risk” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXyC62MAzHo>
- [#GettheVaxFacts](#) - Campaign to counter misinformation and disinformation with [downloadable toolkits](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - Answers to common questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

### **May 12, 2022**

- Our country marked an unthinkable milestone - one million lives lost due to COVID-19.
- We don't want any more New Yorkers to go through the pain of losing a loved one to this awful virus.
- New York has made significant progress in the fight against COVID-19. We must keep using the tools we know protect against and treat COVID-19: [Vaccines](#), [Boosters](#), [Testing](#), and [Treatment](#).

### **What's Next**

#### **Vaccines:**

- Monitor new products or changes in authorization or approval of existing products
- Coming VERY soon: COVID-19 vaccines for young children:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Potential opportunity to pre-order COVID-19 vaccine for young children

June 7<sup>th</sup> VRBPAC Novavax 18+ (no rollout expected in the U.S. until fall)

	<p>June 14<sup>th</sup> VRBPAC Moderna EUA for children ages 6-17 years  June 15<sup>th</sup> VRBPAC Moderna EUA for children ages 6 months-5 years and Pfizer EUA 6 months–4 years  June 16-17<sup>th</sup> ?? ACIP expected to review based upon VRBPAC decision  June 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> ACIP Routine Meeting  June 28<sup>th</sup> VRBPAC COVID strain selection/future boosters</p> <p><b>Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The primary focus continues to be vaccinating the unvaccinated (including hard to reach adults, adolescents and children 5-11 and younger than 5 – when authorized) while supporting ongoing booster efforts.</li> <li>• Monitoring expiration dates, beyond use dates, proper storage and inventory to prevent avoidable waste.</li> <li>• Continued integration of COVID-19 activities within regular immunization operations</li> </ul> <p><b>Data and Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYSIIS (CIR in NYC) continues to support all data reporting needs</li> <li>• COVID-19 <a href="#">Vaccine Finder</a> tool remains active for determining vaccine provider locations</li> <li>• <a href="#">Excelsior Pass (being phased out by the end of June) and Excelsior Pass Plus</a> — New York’s free, voluntary and secure platform to retrieve digital proof of COVID-19 vaccination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New York State’s Excelsior Pass Blueprint is a national framework to aid in the development and implementation of digital health credentials.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 Data Hub</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralized COVID-19 data access page with information related to testing, hospitalization, fatalities, vaccination, etc.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">NYS COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 38,932,413 doses have been administered</li> <li>• Additional Doses and Boosters administered: 8,540,541</li> </ul> <p><b>Vaccination Coverage (NYSIIS/CIR data)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74.5% fully vaccinated, 82.1% with one dose, data available on age groups, race/ethnicity</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are still under vaccinated</li> <li>• Approval for bivalent for children is underway, but children should get primary series first</li> </ul>	
<p><b>NYSIIS Update:</b>  Dina Hoefler</p>	<p><b>1. An amendment to 2168 was recently signed. Not changing why or who can access NYSIIS, but they updated the language in how schools access the immunization registry. Schools are</b></p>	

	<p>looking for an automated batch process. Hopefully next meeting there can be a quick overview of this.</p> <p>2. Vaccine coverage is down among children and overall doses administered is still down. Especially in rural counties. Pediatric flu vaccine is way down compared to previous seasons. 2021 influenza season was better than 2021-2022. Because the pediatric population were getting COVID immunizations during the fall push for flu vaccine. Flu took a backseat to COVID.</p> <p>3. Same in NYC, 9% decrease in flu vaccine for children and 3% decrease in adults</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b> Dr. Debra Tristram</p>	<p>There may be a Federal VFA program coming, if it gets passed – 25 billion over 10 years to for vaccines for adults</p>	
<p><b>Adjournment:</b></p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.</p>	