

## Summary of Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) Office Hours - October 21, 2024

- **Welcome and Introduction:**
  - Nick Chew hosted the meeting and thanked participants for attending.
  - Reminders were given about the OIP Help Desk and staying connected through the OIP Partner listserv.
    - **OIP Help Desk:** [VFC.help@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:VFC.help@odhsoha.oregon.gov)
    - **OIP Partner Listserv:** [Sign up for updates](#)
- **Announcements:**
  - **Webinar on Respiratory Season:** The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases will hold a webinar on October 29 to discuss COVID-19, flu, RSV, and pneumococcal disease prevention, including strategies to increase vaccination uptake.
    - [Register for the webinar](#)
  - **Ask the Experts Video Series:** A new episode addressed whether infants born within two weeks of their mother's RSV vaccination need an additional antibody dose, with a recommendation for Nirsevimab.
    - [Watch the video](#)
  - **Vaccination Experience Resources:** Immunize.org has released tools to help clinics ease injection anxiety for children and adults, including printable resources and short educational videos.
    - [Improving the Vaccination Experience Resources](#)
  - **Vaccine Safety Webinar:** A recorded webinar from the Center for Immunization Research and Education provides insight into vaccine safety surveillance systems like VAERS.
    - [Watch the Vaccine Safety Webinar](#)
  - **COVID-19 Vaccine Information:** The CDC has released easy-to-use clinical references for COVID-19 vaccines, covering storage, handling, and administration guidelines.
    - [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information](#)
  - ACIP is meeting later this week, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Immunization Program Updates:**

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation:** Irma Murauskas shared that demand for Moderna Spikevax is high, but Oregon has only received about 10% of requested doses. While waiting for more allocations of adult Spikevax for Billable clients, Vaccine Access Providers may use their current state supply that was already allocated for pediatric and 317 use. There is no need to track it on a Borrowing log. We have adjusted our budget and intent with the CDC to allow for this.
- **Beyfortus Allocation:** The RSV preventive antibody (Beyfortus) is being allocated biweekly, and providers are encouraged to draw down their doses to avoid returns and reallocation.
  
- **Presentation by Dr. Melissa Sutton:**
  - **COVID-19 Trends:** Community transmission and hospitalization rates for COVID-19 are decreasing, with wastewater surveillance data indicating that these trends will likely continue.
  - **Respiratory Season Forecast:** The CDC predicts a milder respiratory season for 2024-2025 compared to previous years, with the expectation that COVID-19 severity will continue to decrease.
  - **RSV Vaccines:** New vaccines for RSV are expected to significantly reduce hospitalizations among infants and the elderly. The maternal RSV vaccine and Nirsevimab for infants have shown high effectiveness rates, potentially reducing hospitalizations by up to 76%.
  
- **Q&A Session:**
  - Participants asked about access to COVID-19 vaccines without a primary care visit, thawing times for the Jynneos vaccine, and RSV vaccination options for pregnant women.
    - **Find Vaccine Locations:** [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
    - **Moderna Vaccine at a Glance Reference:** [Moderna Vaccine Information](#)
  
- **Closing Remarks:**
  - The next Office Hours session will be held on November 4, with a presentation from Dr. Amanda Bruegl on HPV-associated cancers and prevention strategies.

