

## Summary of Oregon Immunization Program (OIP) Office Hours – November 4, 2024

### 1. Welcome and Introduction:

- The session started with a discussion on Daylight Saving Time and preferences for more light in the morning or evening. The historical background of Daylight Saving was also shared for interest.
- **Link:** [Daylight Saving Time 2024 – Farmer’s Almanac](#)
- **Help Desk and Information Access:** 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](#)
- **OIP Help Desk Contact:** 1-800-980-9431

### 2. Announcements:

- A webinar on vaccine conversations using motivational interviewing techniques by Boost Oregon on November 19.
  - **Link to register:** [Boost Oregon Webinar](#)
- Immunize Oregon’s Coalition Meeting on November 6 to discuss vaccine hesitancy and uptake, with a CDC guest speaker.
  - **Link to register:** [Immunize Oregon Coalition Meeting](#)
- CDC’s COCA call on November 14, covering influenza prevention and treatment recommendations for the 2024–2025 season.
  - **Link to join:** [CDC COCA Call – Flu Recommendations](#)
- Vaccine Outreach Among Orthodox Jewish Families: Lessons and Challenges from London, 11/13, 12:30-1:30 pm PT
  - **To register, visit:**  
[https://cdc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdO6uqD\\_oqE6W0E1vNfMSM6mGp0vYKY5o#/registration](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdO6uqD_oqE6W0E1vNfMSM6mGp0vYKY5o#/registration)

### 3. Immunization Program Updates:

- **COVID-19 and RSV Vaccine Updates:** Reminders to check for updated Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) and use QR codes for ease of access.
  - **VIS Resources:**
    - [VIS Statements on Immunize.org](#)
    - [List of Current VISs](#)

- [QR Code Links to VISs](#)
  - **Holiday Vaccine Delivery Schedule:** Irma Murauskas noted specific dates when vaccine deliveries would not occur due to holiday schedules. No orders will be delivered on Veteran’s Day on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving holidays from Nov 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, and winter holidays from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.
  - **Spikevax:** Moderna’s Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine for use in Billable clients. Vaccine Access Program (VAP) providers may use their current state-supplied pediatric and 317 allocations for Billable clients, while waiting for additional Spikevax for adult intent to arrive.
  - **COVID-19** vaccines: it’s still very early days for COVID-19 vaccine supply. We expect the CDC will allocate more to Oregon as the weeks go by.
  - **Beyfortus:** Be sure to draw down beyfortus as soon as possible after you receive an allocation. All unclaimed Beyfortus doses will continue to be allocated and taken back on a two-week cycle.
  - **Protocol Changes:**
    - ACIP recently voted to lower the age recommendation for pneumococcal vaccines and updated spacing for Bexsero (a meningococcal vaccine).
    - **ACIP Recommendation Updates:** [CDC ACIP Recommendations](#)
    - **Oregon Model Immunization Protocols:** [Oregon Model Protocols](#)
4. **Guest Presentation on HPV by Dr. Amanda Bruegl:**
- **HPV Disease Burden:** Dr. Bruegl shared data on HPV-related cancer incidence, emphasizing the importance of HPV vaccination for all genders due to the disease's prevalence, particularly oropharyngeal cancer in Oregon.
  - **Vaccination Recommendations:**
    - HPV vaccines are most effective when administered early, ideally starting between ages 9 and 10. Early vaccination completion increases protection efficacy, which is particularly important for underrepresented populations.
  - **HPV Toolkit:** A toolkit developed in partnership with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board was shared, aiming to improve HPV vaccination rates in tribal communities.

- **Link to HPV Toolkit:** [HPV Prevention Toolkit](#)
  - **Future Directions:** Dr. Bruegl mentioned ongoing efforts by the American Cancer Society to standardize HPV vaccination starting at age 9, although official CDC guidelines currently recommend starting between ages 11–12.
  - Dr. Bruegl’s presentation slides on HPV burden and prevention: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/VACCINES/IMMUNIZATION/IMMUNIZATIONPROVIDERRESOURCES/Documents/OfficeHours/HPVVaccination11-04.pdf>
5. HPV Toolkit: <https://www.npaihb.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NPAIHB-HPV-Prevention-Toolkit-1.pdf>
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6. **Q&A Highlights:**
- Questions included the potential for extending HPV vaccination recommendations beyond age 45 and practical challenges in administering vaccines across different healthcare systems.
7. **Closing:**
- The next Office Hours meeting will occur on November 18, with a discussion of recent ACIP meeting updates on immunization recommendations.