

Implementing ACIP's Expanded Influenza Vaccination Recommendations

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Goal and Strategy

- **Goal:** Develop a national strategy regarding implementation of ACIP expanded influenza recommendations – July 2008, Atlanta, GA
- **Strategy:** Hold a Partners Meeting by bringing together a broad range of stakeholders to identify coordinated next steps for implementing universal influenza vaccination recommendations

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Topics of Discussion

- **Five strategic areas were addressed:**
 - Financing, policy, and legislation
 - Public and provider education
 - Industry accountability and product control
 - Applied (demonstration) research
 - Building and supporting capacity for action

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Outcomes

- Top concerns of participants (based on frequency of use during 2-day meeting):
- *Excludes* influenza, children, and vaccination:
- Schools (154)
- Insurance Coverage (56)
- Data (39)
- Supply (33)
- Infrastructure (22)

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School Settings

- **Key Issue:**
 - Identify and disseminate best practices to give a spectrum of school systems ideas on how to implement and sustain school-located influenza vaccinations
- **Key Solution:**
 - Central database of best practices and peer-to-peer exchange mechanisms
- **Key Concerns:**
 - addressing spectrum of issues related to logistics, communications with parents, schools, principals; consent forms, sustained funding, and working with mass vaccinators

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Health Care Issues

- **Key Issue:**
 - Expand access points for vaccine: includes not only sites for clinics, but also personnel for running the clinics and identifying additional vaccinators
- **Key Solution:**
 - The target groups identified to accomplish this were mass vaccinators, community partners, and pharmacists
- **Key Concerns:**
 - public misperceptions about the vaccine, missed opportunities, physician buy-in of influenza vaccination in non-medical-home settings, reimbursement, insurance barriers to reimbursement for services outside medical home, improving access and increasing points of access, training needs, safety, liability concerns

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Supply, Distribution, Financing

- **Key issue:**
 - Improved communications between manufacturers and public health re: supply and distribution challenges
- **Key concern:**
 - eliminating insurance/reimbursement barriers for vaccination given outside medical home; improved communications b/n public health and payers

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Final Report

- This report will be formally written and placed on NACCHO's web page at:

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/HPDP/infectious/immunization/index.cfm>

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