School-located Vaccinations: A Strategy Whose Time is Now

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School-located vaccinations: Why bother?

• Economic burden of flu
• Impact on children
• Impact of immunizing children
• Willie Sutton’s rationale for looking at the SLV strategy
• SLV as practice for “The Big One”
Support for the SLV Strategy

- Medical Societies
- Local Health Departments
- Professional Education Groups
- School Officials
- School Nurses
- Parents

Advantages of Using the Schools for Immunizations

- Historical precedence
- Easy access by geography and for scheduling purposes
- Trusted institutions
- Financial advantages of increased immunization levels
- Improve emergency response capacity
- Normalize immunizations through a multi-faceted, coordinated educational campaign
Current Roadblocks to the SLV Strategy

- Local control of schools
- Cultural issues/practices/beliefs
- Disruptions of the educational atmosphere
- Focus on the curriculum
- Parental concerns re: safety of vaccine
- Student vaccination needs vary
- Not all students are easy to reach
- Links with IIS and medical homes
- Funding needs to be sustainable

The road from here

- Identify policy changes needed to maximize connections with the IIS’
- Sustainable funding
- Pressures on 317 funds
- Shot-givers become in-network providers
  - Concerted support for SLV from educational organizations, medical societies, public health, elected leaders, regulators to prompt third party payers