NAISS Opening Remarks
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Who is ASTHO

- ASTHO members are the chief health officials from each of the 50 states, DC, and 5 U.S. territories and freely associated states.
- Primary functions:
  - Develop strong and effective public health leaders.
  - Improve public health through capacity building, technical assistance, and thought leadership.
  - Advocate for resources and policies that improve the public’s health and well-being.
Our Members

ASTHO’s members are responsible for:

- Formulating and influencing public health policy within their jurisdictions, in collaboration with the state legislature, governor, and other public health professionals.

- Assuring excellence in state and territorial based public health practice.

- Providing public health and health expertise to their elected officials.

- Advancing health equity and optimal health for all.
Governance Structure of Health Agencies

- Health agency governance structures are different, which can have implications for how services are delivered.
  - Centralized
  - Decentralized
  - Mixed
  - Shared

Policy Considerations for State/Territorial Health Agencies
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A Pandemic Success Story: Distribution and Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines
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https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/Fulltext/2022/11000/A_Pandemic_Success_Story__Distribution_and.21.aspx

Technical Package

• ASTHO identified evidence-based strategies that if collectively implemented by state/territorial health agencies have the potential to make a large impact.

• ASTHO is currently focusing on two high priority strategies:
  • Increase in IIS data completeness, especially around race and ethnicity data
  • Continued provider engagement in vaccination efforts
Current Trends in IIS Data Entry

- Vaccine providers are entering more race and ethnicity data into the IIS since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ASTHO is interested in working to maintain and improve these rates in the future.

Race Data

- Cumulative percent race complete (up from 73.67% in February 2021) 79.75%
- Cumulative percent race unknown (down from 15.90% in February 2021) 8.67%

Ethnicity Data

- Cumulative percent ethnicity complete (up from 70.73% in February 2021) 82.66%
- Cumulative percent ethnicity unknown (down from 26.83% in February 2021) 15.70%

Provider Engagement in Vaccine Programs

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, new providers began offering vaccine.

- ASTHO wants to continue to improve access to vaccines by maintaining or increasing provider enrollment in vaccination programs.
ASTHO is monitoring several legislative trends:

- Limits to Public Health Authority
  - Impact the health agency's ability to respond during emergencies
  - Shift authority to legislatures for school immunization schedules.
- Scope of Practice Expansion
- Non-Medical Exemption
- Vaccine Mandates and Bans

End of PHE/Commercialization
• Health agencies should partner with trusted agencies to engage different segments of the public who have varying levels of trust.
• Create messages to normalize getting updated COVID-19 formulations, in parallel to seasonal flu, to help with concerns about novelty.
• Prioritize messaging that emphasizes the ease and routine of flu vaccines, as convenience is likely to shape demand. Continue to include secondary messages about safety of the flu vaccine and protection for those at high risk of severe illness.
• Share messages about flu vaccine effectiveness for a given year in a clear context so as not to disrupt overall support.

How NAIIS members can support health departments

01 Continued provider engagement in vaccination efforts

02 Public health authority shifts/limits
Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

PHARMACY PARTICIPATION DURING COVID

BRIDGE EXTENSION TO UNINSURED POST-COMMERICALIZATION

STATE LEGISLATION TO PERMANENTLY EXPAND SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR GROUPS OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

IIS UTILIZATION DURING THE PANDEMIC

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Evidenced-Based Approaches States and Territories Can Implement to Advance Adult Immunization Uptake During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

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