

Increasing Compliance with ACIP Recommendations



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Best Practices

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has developed best practice guidelines for routine vaccination to prevent 17 vaccine-preventable diseases that occur in infants, children, adolescents, or adults. Here are a few strategies to help increase vaccine rates.

Reminder Recall Systems

- Use more than one method for reminder/recalls — phone call, text message, email or post card.
- Be mindful of the age and demographic of the population you serve as some methods may not be as accessible to them.

Community-based Interventions

- **Community vaccine clinics.** Held before and after work and school hours. Provided in schools and workplace locations. Utilize Indiana Department of Health mobile vaccine clinic.
- **Patient family incentives:** Offer gift cards to local business for completing vaccinations.
- **Reduce out of pocket cost:** Provide patients with information about VFC programs and locations.
- **Home visits, out reach for hard to reach populations:** Bring vaccines to patients homes increases vaccine rates. Who should conduct home visits? Public health nurses, Home Healthcare, Insurance companies, Case and Social workers. Patient populations: home bound patients, single parents, low income populations.
- **Enhancing access at school and child care locations:** encourage use of our IDOH vaccine clinics held within schools and childcare locations.
- **Standing orders:** allow for providers to administer vaccines without time restraints.
- **Provider assessment:** assuring vaccines are stored and handled properly will decrease vaccine errors.

Resources

- [IDOH VFC page](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Reminder System](#)
- [CDC ACIP General Recommendations](#)
- [The Community Guide Home Visits to Increase Vaccination Rates](#)
- [The Community Guide Vaccination Programs in WIC Settings](#)



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Community Based Interventions

- Utilize community vaccine clinics. IDOH's Division of Immunization offers [on-site vaccination clinics](#) that can be held at community events, workplaces, schools and more.

Patient/Family Incentives

- Offer gift cards for local businesses to patients and families for completing their vaccinations.

Reduce out of pocket cost

- Provide patients with information about VFC programs, providers, and locations

Home visits, out reach for hard to reach populations

- Use home visits to administer vaccines to patients that are hard to reach, such as home bound patients, single parents, and low income populations.

Enhancing access at school & child care locations

- Encourage the use of our IDOH on-site vaccine clinics that are held within schools and childcare locations.

Standing orders

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Provider assessment

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