



HoosierVax Health: Vaccine Insights for Clinicians

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Spotlight

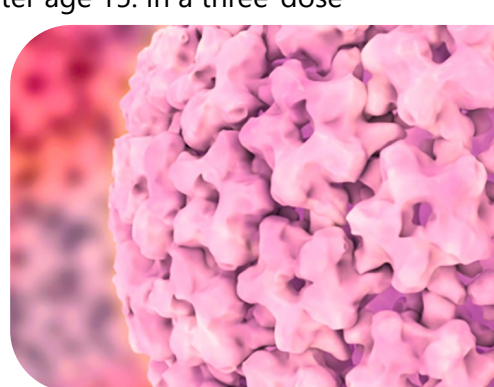
Human Papillomavirus (HPV): Applying the Correct Interval

Whether a patient is on a two or three-dose schedule is based on the age when the first dose was given. If the first dose is administered prior to the child's 15th birthday, the patient is on a 2-dose schedule. The recommended interval for a two-dose schedule is 6-12 months with a minimum interval of five months between the first and second dose. If the second dose is administered earlier than five months, a third dose should be administered with a minimum interval of five months after the first dose and a minimum of 12 weeks after the second dose.

A three-dose schedule is recommended for patients who receive the first dose after age 15. In a three-dose series, the second dose should be administered one to two months following the first dose (minimum interval of four weeks) and the third dose given six months after the first dose (minimum interval of 12 weeks between doses two and three with a five-month interval between the first and third doses).

The recommended interval for the second dose of the HPV vaccine is different for the two and three-dose schedule. CHIRP will forecast a third dose for a two-dose series if the second dose is administered too early. Remember, timing is everything and for a two-dose series to be effective, the doses must be spaced correctly to provide similar protection compared to the three-dose regimen. More on the HPV dosing schedule can be found [here](#).

Additionally, a recent [study](#) from Scotland shows the real world impact uptake of this vaccine can have. The country has detected zero cases of cervical cancer among women born between 1988 and 1996 who were vaccinated before they turned 14, even if they had only received one or two doses of the vaccine rather than the full, three-dose protocol. More on this study can be read [here](#).



COVID-19 Bridge Program

Adults ages 18 and older who are uninsured or underinsured, meaning their insurance plan does not cover a COVID-19 vaccine without cost-sharing at in-network providers can get a free updated COVID-19 vaccine through the CDC Bridge Access Program.

If a patient's insurance plan covers COVID-19 vaccine costs in-network, they are **not** eligible to get a free COVID-19 vaccine from an out-of-network provider participating in the Bridge Access Program. Being a Bridge Access Program Provider allows you to be reimbursed an administration fee for each dose administered. Reimbursements will be soon be dispersed with a report of doses administered. Please reach out to Ahmad Abdalla at abdalla@health.in.gov or Wesley Searer at wsearer@health.in.gov with any questions.

TD Vaccine Availability

MassBiologics has discontinued production of their Td vaccine, TdVax. Supply of TdVax is anticipated to last through June. It is anticipated that the supply of Td vaccine in the U.S. market will be constrained through 2024. Sanofi, manufacturer of Teniva, is taking steps to augment their available U.S. supply of Td and will be implementing ordering controls until the supply has increased.

As a result, CDC has put allocations into place, effective 2/23/2024, for all three Td vaccine presentations (Grifols vials; Sanofi vials; and Sanofi syringes). Awardees will receive thresholds across the three presentations. The total threshold across the three presentations will be less than awardee historical usage of Td vaccine. Thresholds will be refreshed monthly. The total doses available each month are anticipated to remain level while ordering controls are in effect. However, awardees should anticipate that the mix of products will change over time and will eventually adjust to include only Sanofi products.

Awardees will not be able to make bulk purchases of any Td vaccines while they are under allocation. Awardees should reach out to their vaccine advisor for guidance about purchasing an alternative vaccine if needed.

Please note that Tdap vaccine, which is an alternative to Td vaccine in most circumstances, is available without supply constraints. CDC clinical guidance during the period of Td supply constraint is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/clinical-resources/shortages.html>.



CHIRP User Group Meetings

The CHIRP and immunization teams have now resumed User Group Meetings (UGM). UGMs are a great opportunity for providers both new and experienced to learn more about CHIRP and get questions answered/clarified. During these meetings, the CHIRP and VOMS teams will provide an overview of the system and highlight salient features as well as answer frequently asked questions. Staff will also be able to provide assistance for any specific provider related issues or concerns. Our first in-person UGM of the year was held in March at the Decatur County Health Department. We plan to host an online UGM next month to benefit providers who were unable to attend. The UGM schedule (in-person and online) for the rest of the year will be posted on the CHIRP home page in April 2024.

MyVaxIndiana

MyVaxIndiana is a consumer portal that allows all Indiana residents to access and download their official immunization record at no cost. MyVaxIndiana can be accessed via <https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/> or on the Apple app store.

Hoosiers can access to their immunization record in three easy steps:

- 1) Request a personal identification number (PIN) for themselves or their child from their healthcare provider or local health department.
- 2) Go to <https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/> or the MyVaxIndiana Apple app and enter the assigned PIN along with date of birth.
- 3) View, download or print their official immunization record! For more information, visit <https://myvaxindiana.in.gov/>.

Upcoming Events

Indiana Immunization Coalition (IIC) HPV Stakeholders Meeting

April 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Ritz Charles, 12156 N Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032.

Register [here](#).

Public Health Nurses Conference

June 26-27, 502 East Event Centre, Carmel, IN 46032

Labor of Love Summit

July 23-24, JW Marriott Indianapolis, Floor 3, 10 S. West St, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

For more information, [CLICK THIS LINK](#).



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