

Office Hours: Adult Vaccine Program Updates

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ACIP Adult Vaccine Updates

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- RSV
- Chikungunya Vaccine
- Measles Outbreak

Key Updates for Adults 19+

RSV Vaccine:

- Now recommended for adults aged 50–59 years with high risk for severe conditions, in addition to those 60+.

Chikungunya Vaccine:

- Reviewed for use in adult travelers and lab workers; guidance pending for pregnant/breastfeeding adults.

Measles Outbreak:

- Over 1,000 cases nationally, primarily among unvaccinated individuals.
- The committee emphasized the importance of ensuring high MMR vaccination coverage among adults.

Note: These updates are pending final approval by the CDC Director.

For more detailed information and access to the full presentation slides, please visit [CDC's ACIP meeting page](#).

Adult Vaccine Storage Guidance

Key Reminders for Adult Vaccine Providers:

Organizing Storage:

- Ensure all staff accessing vaccine storage units are trained on how inventory is arranged to avoid unnecessary borrowing or waste.

Label & Track Expiring Doses:

- Place vaccines with the earliest expiration dates at the front (“first in, first out” method), as recommended by CDC.

Communication:

- If your site has adult vaccine nearing expiration or difficulty using stock, reach out to MIP staff for support or redistribution.

Prevent Wastage:

- MIP staff may proactively contact sites with adult vaccine to assist with expiring doses and help ensure vaccines are used efficiently and equitably.

Miscellaneous Reminders & Resources

Tips to Prevent Errors in Vaccine Administrations

- Use checklists to catch any health issues before vaccinating.
- Always check labels carefully before preparing vaccines.
- Store vaccine components together to avoid mix-ups.

MIP Website



Vaccine Storage and Handling

Importance of maintaining cold chain integrity for vaccines, especially during the winter months when the outdoor temperatures can fluctuate:

- Ensure continuous temperature monitoring in vaccine storage units.
- Report any temperature excursions immediately to [vaccine manufacturers](#) and the Maine Immunization Program (207-287-3746 or email: ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov).
- Utilize the [CDC's Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit](#) for best practices.

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