

NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MEETING

Council Members: Dr. Debra Tristram, Dr. Kenneth Rowin, Elie Ward, Alison Singer, Dr. Guthrie Birkhead

NYSDOH Staff Members: Kara Connelly, Dr. Dina Hoefler, Dr. Deb Blog, Anike Shaw, Sarah Hershey, Kiersten Westbrook, Jeremy Heisey, Theresa Nichols, Kelly Brady, Lyndsey Hoyt, Aleef Rahman, Dileep Sarecha, Kathleen Sorensen, Maxine Goldberg, Barbara Joyce, Emily Lutterloh

NYCDOHMH Staff Members: Dr. Bindy Crouch

Invited Guest: Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up
<p>Welcome / Chair's Remarks: Dr. Debra Tristram</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tristram at 12:30 pm. • Introductions of those in attendance were completed. <p>Discussion Dr. Tristram discusses the council member vacancies and desire to fill the vacancies.</p> <p>The CDC has sent out guidance that providers have until March of 2024 to have private supply of Covid-19 vaccine and August 2024 to have private supply of Nirsevimab. Providers do not need to have equal amount of VFC and Private supply.</p> <p>Center for Disability is working on programs we hope will be introduced in NY that will add additional resources and access for people with disabilities to become vaccinated.</p>	<p>Ellie Ward will help amplify the message the state sent out that providers do not need to have equal amounts and make sure providers are aware of the date extensions</p>
<p>Approval of August 2023 Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting minutes from August are approved. 	
<p>Legislative Update Elie Ward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislature has ended session for the year and will reconvene January 2024. <p>In the off season as an advisory council we should be paying close attention to the shortage of RSV vaccine and help amplify the message to pregnant women that it's available. Continue encouraging people to get the updated Covid-19 vaccine.</p>	

	<p>CIR/NYSIIS issue if pregnant women don't consent to have the record entered pediatricians won't see those doses for the babies. Legislation requiring vaccine be entered has not passed in 10 years.</p> <p>Across the State many obstetricians don't administer vaccines NYC is looking at strategy to reach out to providers to encourage vaccination. Walgreens in NYC will vaccinate pregnant persons for RSV with a prescription. Local Health Departments are reporting that many pharmacies are offering several vaccines to pregnant persons.</p>	
<p>Vaccine Program Update Lyndsey Hoyt</p>	<p>Product changes since August 2023 (specific to NYS does not cover NYC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Menveo 1-vial became available for ordering for VFC/VFA on 9/1/23. Menveo 2-vial is still available on VFC only in limited supply and should only be used on children 2 months-2 years • Prevnar 20 became available for ordering on VFC 9/1/23 and Prevnar 13 no longer available through VFC/VFA <p>In September Covid-19 vaccine transitioned to the more traditional commercial market. September we rolled out ordering for our VFC providers to order Covid-19 vaccine through VFC/VFA.</p> <p>Over 1100 Covid vaccine has been ordered by VFC providers. Nirsevimab opened for ordering Oct 2 with no limitations in place, then it was announced there was a shortage so NYS paused ordering for VFC providers.</p> <p>Covid-19 is an ACIP recommended vaccine and is required to be carried by VFC providers. The state sent communications to all VFC providers who had not ordered and we saw an uptick in ordering from VFC providers after that communication.</p> <p>Upcoming Product Changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 9/22 ACIP voted to pass a VFC resolution for RSV Maternal Vaccine (pregnant teens that are VFC eligible will be covered) • On 10/25 ACIP voted on VFC resolutions Meningococcal Pentavalent ABCWY (14 yes, 0 no) and Mpox Vaccine (14 yes, 0 no) 	

	<p>VFC providers enrolled since 7/1/23 14 fully enrolled 7 under review; VFA providers enrolled since 7/1/23 20 fully enrolled 3 under review. Working hard to get birthing hospitals to enroll, they have not had to enroll to be provided with Hep B vaccine but will need to enroll for RSV.</p> <p>As previously stated, the State has sent out guidance that providers have until March of 2024 to have private supply of Covid-19 vaccine and August 2024 to have private supply of Nirsevimab. Providers do not need to have equal amount of VFC and Private supply.</p> <p>The CDC has made public its VFC operations guide and can be found on the CDC website VFC: Vaccines for Children Program CDC</p>	<p>Lyndsey Hoyt was asked to send the guidance the State sent to Ellie Ward for redistribution to providers who say they did not receive this notice</p>
<p>ACIP Meeting Summary Aleef Rahman and VPD Update Kate Sorensen</p>	<p>Summary of ACIP updates 2-day meeting</p> <p>Meningococcal vaccine update. The Meningococcal Work group considered 3 questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1) Should the pentavalent vaccine be included as an option for MenACWY/MenB in people recommended to receive both vaccines (Yes – strong consensus to recommend). • 2) Should the pentavalent vaccine be included as an option for people recommended to receive MenACWY only (No – strong consensus to not recommend). • 3) Should the pentavalent vaccine be included as an option for people recommended to receive MenB only (Perhaps – limited consensus). <p>MPOX vaccine update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC Clinical Consult service continues to see 2-6 new cases per month over the last 6 months. 54 individuals died from MPOX in the USA since May 2022 with 2 in Sep 23. • Vaccine effectiveness of JYNNEOS against MPOX ranges from 36%-75% for 1 dos and 66%-89% for 2 dose. • VSD data does not suggest an increased risk for myocarditis or pericarditis from JYNNEOS. • ACIP recommends vaccination with the 2-dose JYNNEOS vaccine series for persons aged 18 and older at risk for MPOX (14 yes – 0 No). • MPOX (VFC) Approve the new VFC resolution for MPOX vaccine (14 Yes – 0 No) Recommendation will be revisited in 2-3 years. 	

	<p>RSV Adults update</p> <p>Most adults hospitalized have one or more co-morbid condition (obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes top 3) and hospitalization rates are disproportionately higher in minority groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those 50-59 and those 65-75 hospitalized with RSV and experiences severe outcomes was 21%. 50-59 year old group comprised a higher proportion of those hospitalized with severe outcomes• June 2023 ACIP voted to recommend adults >60 may receive a single dose of RSV vaccine. Future vote will require more data on safety, cost benefit analysis, implications of shared clinical decision making <p>Immunization Schedule</p> <p>ACIP voted to approve the recommended child/adolescent and adult immunization schedules. New vaccines/immunizations such as Nirsevimab, RSV maternal, MPOX, PCV20, updated Covid-19 vaccines have been added. Heading was changed from Vaccines to Vaccines and Other Immunizing Agents to accommodate Nirsevimab being monoclonal antibodies.</p> <p>Vote passed to add a new Addendum page at the end of the schedules will include ACIP recommendations that occur after the immunization schedule is published.</p> <p>Covid-19 Vaccines</p> <p>CDC continues to meet with manufacturers/distributors for timely distribution. For Bridge Access Program there are more than 24,00 contracted pharmacy locations and 380,000 doses have been administered by the pharmacies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Among 14k adults 18+ only 7% have received an updated Covid shot, 24.6% of adults say they will get it• Among 3k children, only 2% of those ages 6 months-17 years were reported to receive updated shot <p>Updates made to clinical consideration on interchangeability of vaccine and age transition.</p>	
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	<p>Pneumococcal Vaccine</p> <p>Work group is reviewing current data on pneumococcal disease burden, efficacy, effectiveness, immunogenicity, and cost of vaccines. Will review evidence on the use of 21-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine for adults in quarter 4 of 2023.</p> <p>NYS VPD Update We saw a pertussis uptick in Fall of 22 through late Spring 23 and then numbers plateaued and trended down over the summer. 90% of the cases were in the Metropolitan Regions outside of New York City.</p>	
<p>Influenza Update Sarah Hershey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week ending 10/28/23 was 4th week of sporadic influenza activity no pediatric deaths reported in NYS • 22-23 Vaccine coverage estimates in US: 6 month-17 years 57.4% received at least 1 dose similar rates to last year and 18+ 46.9% which is 2.5% decrease from 21-22 <p>Influenza Update ACIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety of quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine in pregnant women and their infants • Safety of simultaneous vs sequential administration of mRNA Covid-19 and quadrivalent inactivated influenza vaccine • Safety of simultaneous vaccination with zoster vaccine recombinant and quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine • Effectiveness of maternal influenza vaccination during pregnancy against influenza associated hospitalization and ER visits in infants <6 months of age • Update on influenza B/Yamagata surveillance • Pregnancy outcomes with ccliv4 (Flucelvax): results of a post-marketing study 	
<p>NYSIIS Update Dina Hoefer</p>	<p>No NYSIIS system updates</p> <p>4313304 series we still have not achieved our pre-pandemic vaccine coverage among this population.</p>	

	<p>Tdap saw a decline post pandemic but we are still seeing a bigger deficit need to get back to pre-pandemic coverage (more education might need to be needed to parents again on the importance of this vaccine).</p> <p>Covid-19 coverage show statewide less than 8% of coverage (adults 18+ now must consent to have immunization entered in NYSIIS so this is a lower-bound estimate). Best coverage shown by our data is in the 65+ population. Coverage of 18 and below 34,000 doses have been administered outside NYC. Influenza is 357,917 in this age group.</p>	
<p>New York City Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene Update Dr. Crouch</p>	<p>Covid-19 Update: VFC 382 VFC providers ordered only 30% of VFC NYC providers, they are starting to do outreach.</p> <p>Bridge Access program been trying to add providers as NYC hasn't really had a program like this. 17 sites that people in the public can go to get vaccinated if they are not insured, 54 FQHC vaccinating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on trying to get independent hospitals to enroll as well. <p>Over 411,000 Covid vaccines have been administered inching toward 25,000 in children under age 18, like many places struggling to get those kids vaccinated.</p> <p>Majority of vaccination in the City is happening in the pharmacies, working on educating the pharmacies on getting consent for CIR for adult.</p> <p>Flu, 5.6% overall decrease from numbers of last year this time. Adults 17.5% below (in those who are reported in CIR).</p> <p>Held a kickoff event did flu and Covid-19 vaccines that ran for a 2-week period.</p> <p>1800 doses of Nirsevimab reported in CIR, will continue prioritizing distribution.</p> <p>Working on helping vaccinate asylum seekers.</p>	

New Business: Dr. Debra Tristram	Set meetings for next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 7, 2024• September 5, 2024• November 7, 2024	
Adjournment:	The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.	