



# Idaho Immune Newsletter

April 2018

Thank you for making a difference in promoting immunizations, preventing disease, and protecting Idaho!

## Immunization Summit 2018 - Registration is Open!

[Click here to register for the summit.](#)

### 2018 IDAHO IMMUNIZATION SUMMIT



Learn, Share, Educate, Advocate, and  
Immunize to Protect Every Idahoan

**Keynote Speaker:**

Catherine Flores-Martin,  
Executive Director,  
California Immunization  
Coalition

**Costs:**

- Early Bird \$50 (April 9<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Regular \$65 (August 1<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Late/Same Day \$80 (October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)

Registration covers the Summit, educational credits, parking, and meals. [Click here to register for the summit.](#)

To check out the agenda click [here](#).

**Have a question or need a scholarship?**

Email: Karen Sharpnack at [kjs@idahoimmune.org](mailto:kjs@idahoimmune.org) or call 208-961-1514.



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**Event Details**

October 11, 2018  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
Saint Alphonsus  
McCleary Auditorium,  
1055 N Curtis Road  
Boise, Idaho

**Topics:**

- How to be a great ADVOCATE for Immunizations
- Marketing to Different Generations
- Inspirational Story from a Survivor
- Idaho Immunization Rates: Update
- Adult Immunization and Flu

**Activity:**

- Nominate an individual or organization for the IIC Immunization Excellence Awards



## Call for nominations: IIC Immunization Excellence Awards

The Idaho Immunization Coalition (IIC) is soliciting individuals and organizations for the 1st Annual IIC Immunization Excellence Awards.

The award will recognize individuals and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions towards improving vaccination rates within their communities during the past year. The award may focus on individuals and organizations that exemplify the meaning of the “immunization neighborhood” (collaboration, coordination, and communication among immunization stakeholders dedicated to meeting the immunization needs of the patient and protecting the community from vaccine-preventable diseases.)

The winners will be presented with their awards at the IIC Immunization Summit on October 11th at Saint Alphonsus, Boise.

To nominate an individual or organization please email Karen Sharpnack at [kjs@idahoimmune.org](mailto:kjs@idahoimmune.org) with a statement no more than 750 words describing why the individual or organization efforts to improve the vaccination rates within their community was extraordinary. In addition to the statement, please share the individuals full name and title or organization's name, address, phone number and email address. Deadline for submission: Friday, August 17, 2018.

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## **CDC – 2018 Childhood Immunization Champion Award – Idaho**

### **Dr. Alicia Lachiondo**



Dr. Alicia Lachiondo is a strong advocate for children. She is a young pediatrician working at St. Luke's Children's, Treasure Valley Pediatrics that has quickly become an integral part of the medical community. She is dedicated to protecting as many children as possible and immunizations are a strong focus of her practice.

Dr. Lachiondo is dedicated to education. She has been actively involved with the Idaho Immunization Coalition and HPV Free ID – speaking at conferences for both organizations. Specifically, she has spoken about vaccine hesitancy and education through social media. She also testified in front of the state legislature's Health and Welfare committee regarding processes to make vaccine tracking easier for patients.

### **Congratulations Dr. Lachiondo for receiving the CDC – 2018 Childhood Immunization Champion Award for Idaho!**

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## **Idaho State University College of Pharmacy APhA-ASP Chapter, the recipient of the 2016-17 Operational Immunization won the National Award!**

Student pharmacists from the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy recently traveled to Nashville, TN to attend the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting where they received a first place national award for their efforts with their APhA Academy of Student Pharmacists chapter's Operation Immunization during the 2016-2017 academic year. Through our partnerships with several local organizations and pharmacies, student pharmacists from both the Pocatello and Meridian campuses administered a total of 5,004 vaccines. The clinics we participated in spanned to areas across the state and focused on including children, college age students, seniors, and underserved populations. These clinics also included our partnership with the Idaho Immunization Coalition to facilitate the Meningitis B campaign at Idaho State University and the College of Idaho.

In addition to our physical outreach, our chapter was able to educate over 383,000 people in the state of Idaho about the importance of vaccines through public education initiatives including radio public service announcements, social media posts, newspaper articles, and freeway billboard signs. Through a grant provided by the IIC, we were able to fund the radio public service announcements. The ISU APhA-ASP chapter also wanted to focus on providing our own students with quality education regarding vaccines so that they were more equipped to talk to patients about getting immunized. The Idaho Immunization Coalition was able to partner with ISU to provide free registration for student pharmacists to attend both the Immunization Summit and the HPV Summit.

Our students have continued to partner with the Idaho Immunization Coalition for several projects through this last academic year and are hoping to continue our legacy of a nationally recognized Operation Immunization through educational and clinical outreach efforts. A special thanks to the Idaho Immunization Coalition for their support of our chapter's Operation Immunization and a huge congratulations to all the students involved in making Operation Immunization such a success.



Faculty, chapter advisors, and student pharmacists posing with their three national awards at APhA Annual in Nashville, TN. Awards include: 2016-2017 APhA-ASP Operation Immunization National Award, 2016-2017 APhA-ASP 2nd Runner-up OTC Medicine Safety Award, and 2016-2017 APhA-ASP 3rd Runner-up Generation Rx Award.

Picture (from left): Kevin Cleveland Pharm D, ANP; Paul Cady, College of Pharmacy Dean; Sara Cox, Megan Echevarria, Kaylee Moretto, Kathlene Bailey, Kailyn Christensen, Chelsea Bagby, Kristin Cleverdon, Glenda Carr, Pharm D; Jennifer Adams, PharmD, EdD.

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## Public Health Opportunities to Improve Late-Adolescent Immunization

Sarah J. Clark, MPH; Anne E. Cowan, MPH; Katelyn B. Wells, PhD

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## 16-Year-Old Platform Strategies for Improvement: Lessons Learned from AIM Focus Group

In recognition of Teen Health Week, we would like to share lessons learned from a 2017 Immunization Program Focus Group on Adolescent Immunization. The group discussed opportunities and challenges in promoting adolescent vaccination, especially a 16-year-old platform, and the critical role for Immunization Programs. Below is a list of potential strategies for improvement. Attached is more information about the focus group that is being published in the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. (Attached is the published-ahead-of-print version)

[16-Year-Old Platform Strategies for Improvement. Lessons Learned from AIM Focus Group.docx](#)

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## Vaccine Financing and Billing in Practices Serving Adult Patients: A Follow- Up Survey

Megan C. Lindley, Laur P. Hurley, Brenda L. Beaty, Mandy A. Allison, Lori A. Crane, Michael Brtnikova, Megan Snow, Carolyn B. Bridges, Allison Kempe

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## 2018 CDC Immunization Schedules Now Online!

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

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## Small Grant Program

Idaho Immunization Coalition would like to invite like-minded organizations (non-profits, public health, educational institutions, colleges/universities, local immunization coalitions, etc.) who want to make a difference in promoting immunizations in their community. The Idaho Immunization Coalition is sponsoring a Small Grant Program open to any organization in Idaho who would like financial support for an event, project or educational opportunity that relates to increasing immunizations in their local community. Applications will be given consideration quarterly, and organizations may apply annually.

Please contact Karen Sharpnack [kjs@idahoimmune.org](mailto:kjs@idahoimmune.org) for more details and to receive the application on the Small Grant Program.