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

March 2018

Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Herpes Zoster Vaccines

On October 20, 2017, Zoster Vaccine Recombinant, Adjuvanted (Shingrix), a 2-dose, subunit vaccine containing recombinant glycoprotein E in combination with a novel adjuvant was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the prevention of herpes zoster in adults aged ≥50 years. The vaccine consists of 2 doses (0.5 mL each), administered intramuscularly, 2–6 months apart. On October 25, 2017, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended the recombinant zoster vaccine (RZV) for use in immunocompetent adults aged ≥50 years. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6703a5.htm

Immunization Summit 2018 - Registration begins April 9, 2018
Babies Crawling to College

The Idaho Immunization Program and the Idaho Immunization Coalition are partnering with Bronco Sports Properties to hold their first ever Babies Crawling to College races at Boise State basketball games this year. The races are taking place at five BSU basketball games and aim to increase awareness of the importance of childhood immunizations in Idaho. Each game holds a crawling race for babies that have been signed up to participate, and the winning baby of each race wins a $500 college savings bond. The races have been an exciting way to promote immunization this year with at least 40 families entering the contest. Here are the winners so far:

Row 1: Baby Grayson & Baby Carson
Objective: Strengthening of antivaccination movements in recent decades has coincided with unprecedented increases in the incidence of some communicable diseases. Many intervention programs work from a deficit model of science communication, presuming that vaccination skeptics lack the ability to access or understand evidence. However, interventions focusing on evidence and the debunking of vaccine-related myths have proven to be either nonproductive or counterproductive. Working from a motivated reasoning perspective, we examine the psychological factors that might motivate people to reject scientific consensus around vaccination. To assist with international generalizability, we examine this question in 24 countries.


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 (grants ranging from $100 - $500) 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 for more details and to receive the application on the Small Grant Program.

Events:

**March 15 – College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls**

Time: 6:30pm

Location: HSHS Building, Room 150

For: Oral Health Community, Dentists, Dental Hygienists

What: See flyer below.

![Flyer](image1.jpg)

**April 4th – Grand Rounds, Boise**

Time: 8:00am

Location: St. Luke’s Hospital, Anderson Center

For: Open to all providers – Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nursing staff, Specialists, medical residents and students, and any other staff who work with children, adolescents and their parents in a primary care setting.

What: You Are the Key to Cancer Prevention: Information on the burden of HPV cancers and the importance of HPV Vaccination.

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