



IMMUNIZATION UPDATES AND RESOURCES FROM RIDOH

Importance of Hepatitis B Vaccine Birth Dose and Pediatric Hepatitis B Vaccination

RIDOH continues to recommend all newborns receive a hepatitis B vaccine birth dose within 24 hours of delivery, regardless of the hepatitis B infection status of the birth parent, and that all children complete the full vaccination series within 18 months. These recommendations align with the [American Academy of Pediatrics' Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#) and the [Northeast Public Health Collaborative](#).

On December 1, RIDOH issued a clinical advisory to all healthcare providers to review these recommendations. For complete details, please visit:

- [Healthcare Professional Clinical Advisory](#)
- RIDOH 12/1/25 [Press release](#)

Recorded Webinar Available: 2025 Respiratory Season Update for Rhode Island

Did you miss the October 28 live webinar, "[2025 Respiratory Season Update](#)" or would like a refresher? You may access the recorded webinar to review vaccine recommendations, data on state and national coverage rates, guidance for messaging at patient encounters, and more. [Access](#) and help share these important immunization updates with colleagues.

More Immunization Resources for Respiratory Virus Season

For patients and families in transition or having difficulties accessing care, options such as [CVS Minute Clinics](#) are available for adults and children 18 months and older. Uninsured children without doctors can be vaccinated at the [Asthenis Public Health Hub](#). For older children, [Vaccinate Before You Graduate](#) clinics occur at participating middle and high schools. Access more vaccination resources at: health.ri.gov/vaccines and health.ri.gov/immunization.

Trusted Resources Can Help Debunk Immunization Myths

Information from trusted local and national partners can help ensure that everyone, especially expecting parents and people with medical conditions, can make informed health decisions. For reliable evidence-based information, we recommend:

- American Academy of Pediatrics: aap.org
- Immunization Action Coalition: immunize.org
- Let's Get Real Campaign: letsgetrealaboutvaccines.org
- Vaccine Education Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: chop.edu/vaccine
- Vaccine Integrity Project: cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project
- Public Health Communications Collaborative: [Vaccines Do Not Cause Autism: Messaging Guidance](#)

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Motivational Interviewing to Improve Vaccine Confidence

RIDOH and the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) will co-host Shot of Knowledge: Motivational Interviewing to Improve Vaccine Confidence. This live webinar is the second webinar in the 6-part series, Shot of Knowledge: Empowering Providers Through Vaccine Education. You may participate if you were unable to attend the previous webinar.

- Date: January 21, 2026
- Time: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- To attend: **[Register on Zoom](#)**.
- Cost: Free.