

Immunizations

Our Mission: The mission of the Division of Immunization Services (DIS), located within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, is to promote prevention and control of vaccine-preventable diseases among children, adolescents, and adults in West Virginia.



Immunizations Information

- A pilot test group has started for the WeVaX Learning Management System.
- Be sure to accept or remove vaccine orders and enter ALL administered vaccines.
- You can now order the flu vaccine in the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System.
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now offering weekly Pink Book webinars. CEUs are available.
- **Become a member of the Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet).** ILINet sentinel providers are healthcare providers who report how many visits they have weekly for influenza-like illness (ILI) in the United States CDC system called ILINet. Emergency Departments who report to ESSENCE, will have their data pulled into ILINet. **There's incentive too!** To find out more information, please contact Jillian Jeffrey, the Influenza Surveillance Coordinator, at: Jillian.L.Jeffrey@wv.gov.
- **WeVax** and **VOMS 2.0** (updated vaccine ordering system) is coming soon!

Vaccination Talking Tips

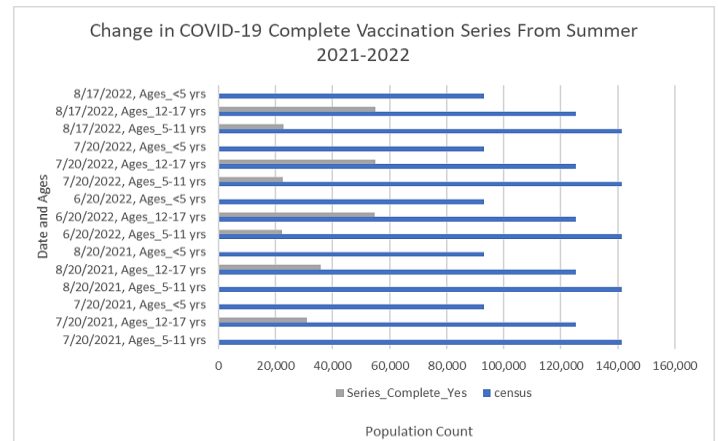
Did you know? "Parents consider their child's healthcare professionals to be their most trusted source of information when it comes to vaccines." – CDC, 2018

To administer vaccines, provide examples that bundle vaccines and recommendations the same way and the same day.

- "Your child is due for their Tdap, HPV, and meningitis vaccines today."
- "Today we have three vaccines for your child: the meningococcal vaccine, HPV, and Tdap. What questions do you have?"
- I see that [name] is 11 years old, so based on his age, we're going to administer the Tdap, HPV, and meningococcal vaccines."

COVID-19

Featured: Visual comparison of the population of West Virginia under 18 years with a completed series of COVID-19 vaccines from Summer 2021 to Summer 2022. Populations under five years old remain largely unvaccinated.



*Note: Above values do not include unknown ages of the population.

Source: [COVID-19 Vaccination Age and Sex Trends in the United States, National and Jurisdictional | Data | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/brb/202208/COVID-19_Vaccination_Age_and_Sex_Trends_in_the_United_States_National_and_Jurisdictional_Data.pdf)

Useful COVID-19 Tools and Updates

- Please be aware of possible upcoming updates on release of COVID booster doses found on: dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx
- COVID-19 Current Health Alerts: oeps.wv.gov/healthalerts/Documents/WV/WVHAN_200.pdf
- COVID-19 Due Date Calendar: dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx
- [Resources to Promote the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens](#)
- [CDC's Quick Conversation Guide on COVID-19 Vaccines for Children](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccines are safe](#)
- [CDC COVID DATA TRACKER](#)

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Dana Schrack. Dana joined DIS in September 2021. She is a Vaccines for Children Quality Assurance Specialist visiting providers in the northern part of the State. She holds a master's degree in Social Work from West Virginia University. Dana currently resides in Marshall County with her husband and two children. She enjoys being with her friends and family, traveling, and watching her kids play sports.