Immunizations

<u>Our Mission</u>: The mission of the Division of Immunization Services, 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.



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

- Thank you for your cooperation with VFC and COVID-19 quality improvement visits!
- The VFC team has worked hard to catch up on the 2020 goal as well as conduct the current year's visits.
- Remember to complete the follow-up items discussed during your visit to finalize your facility's status.
- The Birthing Newsletter will be distributed during your next Quality Assurance visit.

West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS)

- If a password reset is necessary, be sure to use the email address used when enrolled in WVSIIS. If you do not use the email address initially entered, the link will not work.
- To reset your email address, contact:
 - o Carolyn Smith, <u>carolyn.j.smith@wv.gov</u>
 - Becky Pierson, <u>becky.l.pierson@wv.gov</u>

Reminders and Important Dates

The 2022 Recommended Immunization Schedules were released February 17, 2022, in two MMWRs:

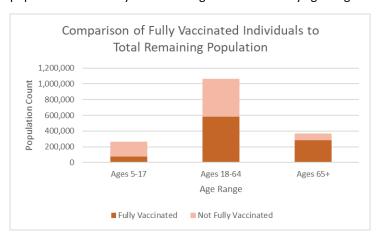
Article: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and
Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2022

Schedule: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf

*Note: Table 2 of the schedule displays the minimum interval between doses of each vaccine for children who may need an accelerated schedule due to being behind schedule.

COVID-19

Featured: Visual comparison of West Virginia's current population that is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by age range.



*For further statistics, visit https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19.

Useful Tools:

 v-safe Informative Tool: Available to help patients review and keep up with their health and symptoms postvaccination. To learn more about v-safe, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html.

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Bryndan Kidd. Bryndan is our CDC Foundation Immunization Systems Specialist. This is Bryndan's second stint as a state employee. Previously, Bryndan worked as a Data Warehouse Specialist with MIS. Bryndan has played a pivotal role in working with our immunization system vendor on

projects to modernize the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS).

Bryndan graduated from Marshall University in 2018 with a Master of Science in Technology Management. He resides in Huntington with his wife and two daughters. During his free time, he enjoys working out and spending time with his family.