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**Adolescent Immunization Action Week 2023 (AIAW23)**

*February 6, 2023*

Dear Healthcare Providers:

**Adolescents attend school and activities with lower vaccine protection than in the past.** Many routine immunizations remain below 2019 levels, with adolescents especially lagging in recovery for meningitis and HPV vaccinations, **leaving them susceptible** to vaccine-preventable illnesses[[1]](#footnote-2).

Join Unity® Consortium in focusing attention on its second annual **Adolescent Immunization Action Week (#AIAW23), April 3rd-7th**. AIAW encourages action to ensure adolescents are up to date on well visits and immunizations.

Parents cite their adolescent’s **healthcare provider (HCP) as the most trusted and influential source of vaccine information**. Parents depend on you for vaccine recommendations, addressing questions, and correcting misinformation. **Remind parents** to schedule their adolescent’s well visits and vaccinations, including the meningococcal and HPV vaccines.

**Co-administering recommended vaccines** is a proven approach to keeping adolescents up to date. CDC guidance is to administer all recommended doses of vaccines simultaneously. The body can handle multiple vaccines at the [same visit](https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/administering-vaccines.asp)[[2]](#footnote-3).

Here are suggested actions to prepare for and to take during AIAW:

* Contact families who have missed well visits/immunizations
* Check vaccination status during all adolescent visits
* Deliver confident, concise, and consistent ([3Cs](https://www.unity4teenvax.org/3cs/)) vaccine recommendations
* Make vaccination scheduling convenient (e.g., clinics during school vacations)
* Use electronic health records and vaccine registries to identify adolescents who are not up to date
* Partner with schools, health departments, and community organizations to increase awareness

**April 3rd-7th is the time to remind parents to keep adolescents up to date on their vaccinations.** The **AIAW23 Toolkit is available to** support your efforts. Together, we can ensure that our adolescents get the care and vaccines they need.



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1. CDC, unpublished data [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Immunize.org: [Ask the Experts: Administering Vaccines - immunize.org](https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/administering-vaccines.asp); CDC: Vaccine Safety Concerns, Multiple Vaccinations at Once: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/multiple-vaccines-immunity.html>. Accessed 11/28/2022. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)