

OUR WORK

- **Community Immunization Advocates** help us spread the word about the importance of immunizations in their own communities. We provide educational trainings on key immunization messages, including why vaccines are important and the benefits and risks of immunizations.
- **Flu Outreach** provides education about flu vaccinations and increases access to immunization resources. Our staff and outreach workers connect with Illinoisans throughout Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.
- **Immunization Initiative Seminars** allow us to convene individuals and organizations twice a year to discuss the latest immunization updates and trends and to provide health and social service professionals with valuable networking opportunities.
- **Community HPV Project** is a public education campaign that informs teens and their parents about the importance of the HPV vaccine.
- **You're Not Done at Age One** focuses on building awareness of the need for timely immunizations for babies and toddlers through outreach and education.

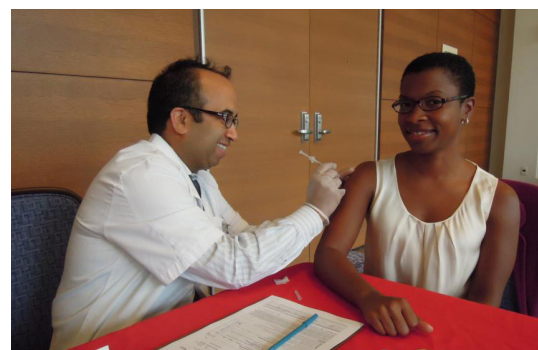
EverThrive Illinois: Immunization Initiative

EverThrive Illinois works to improve the health of women, children, and families over the lifespan through community engagement, partnerships, policy analysis, education, and advocacy.

Our *Immunization Initiative* focuses on increasing immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease across the lifespan. By promoting the delivery of safe, effective, and timely immunizations and working closely with the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we ensure that the public and providers have access to accurate, reliable information about the benefits and risks of vaccines.

We bring together public and private partners with an interest in improving immunization rates and decreasing the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases to develop a common agenda to help us reach our goals.

Learn more: www.everthriveil.org/immunization



Promoting the Delivery of Safe, Effective, & Timely Immunizations



Our *Immunization Initiative* collaborates with stakeholders to lead an influenza vaccination campaign in Chicagoland each year. In 2013, our outreach staff connected with more than 21,000 individuals to educate them on the importance of an annual flu vaccine.

We advocate for state and federal legislation that helps protect and expand access to vaccinations, especially for low-income individuals. Immunizations can decrease the burden of disease and can save lives.

The Immunization Initiative assisted with the passing of the:

IMMUNIZATION DATA REGISTRY ACT, which defined rules for how parents can opt-out of participating in I-CARE, Illinois' immunization registry. The Act streamlined the I-CARE process, making it easier for health care providers to track patients' vaccine history. Through our Registry Work Group, we continue to advocate for better data collection and coordination of immunization records.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION ACT, which added a requirement for students in sixth and twelfth grades to show proof of having received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine for the 2015-2016 school year.

PERTUSSIS VACCINE ACT (NEWBORNS), which informs parents or guardians of a newborn child in a neonatal intensive care unit about the importance of immediate family members being immunized against pertussis, also known as whooping cough. Guardians are also provided with information on where to obtain the vaccine.

School Immunization Requirement

A **2014-2015 SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT** requires any child entering kindergarten, sixth grade, or ninth grade to show proof of having received two doses of the varicella vaccine or proof of a natural immunity due to prior infection.



For more information about upcoming meetings, trainings, or immunization resources, please contact Elise Balzer at ebalzer@everthriveil.org or call (312) 763-2389.

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VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES

Babies, young children, and adolescents are routinely recommended to be protected against 16 vaccine preventable diseases. ¹



38%

ADOLESCENTS COMPLETED HPV VACCINE

Only 38% of female adolescents in Chicago have received the recommended three doses of the HPV vaccine. The Healthy People 2020 HPV vaccination coverage goal is 80%.²

553

ICU HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS RELATED TO FLU

In 2012, there were 553 intensive care unit hospital admissions and 87 deaths related to flu in Illinois. Everyone six months of age and older should get an annual flu vaccine. ³

- 1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2 National Immunization Survey - Teen, 2013
- 3 Illinois Department of Public Health, 2013