

Activities of the Hawaii Immunization Coalition



It is with great pleasure that the coalition welcomes the following new officers and board members. The HIC board is an all-volunteer board consisting of persons who are passionate about immunization and have diverse backgrounds in immunization strategies. Welcome:



President, Celeste Baldwin PhD, APRN. Celeste has been in the field of nursing with specialties in pediatrics and obstetrics for 42 years and has been teaching at all levels for 26 years. She currently teaches at the Graduate level for University of Hawai'i Manoa and Regis College Boston



New Board Member, Michael Robinson is the Vice President for Government Relations & Community Affairs for Hawai'i Pacific Health where he has served for the last 20 years. He oversees the legislative, advocacy and community engagement activities across the healthcare system.



Vice President, Kaberi Mozumder MSN, APRN. Kaberi is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, specializing in pediatrics with more than 10 years of experience. She currently works in school-based health on the island of Maui where she functions as a health educator, coordinator and clinician for 20 schools with children in K-12.



New Board Member, Mia Tran is a member of the The Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Class of 2020, a former Operation Immunization Co-chair for American Pharmacists Association - Academy of Student Pharmacists (APHA-ASP) Hawaii chapter, and a Pharmacy Intern at Safeway.

COVID-19 and Vaccinations

The new world of COVID-19 has brought about several important considerations related to vaccinations. Now, as much as ever, it is important for both children and adults to stay up to date on their vaccinations. ***It is also especially important that children and adults get their flu vaccine this season.***



Vaccinating Your Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic

It is very important that your children stay up to date on their routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many healthcare providers are taking special precautions to keep your child safe from coronavirus when they come in for an appointment, such as:

- seeing well patients at a different time or in a different location than sick patients
- limiting the number of people who can accompany the child at the visit

If your child has a vaccine or well child visit coming up, don't cancel. Please call your provider's office first to see if the appointment can safely stay as scheduled.

Vaccinate Your Family strongly recommends that you reschedule any cancelled vaccination appointments.

[Link to State of the ImmUNION 2020 Special Supplement: COVID-19 Vaccination](#)

Why should I have my child vaccinated?
During the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a decline in routine childhood vaccinations. It is important for parents to have their children up to date with vaccines and regularly attend health checkups.

What is herd immunity?
When more people are vaccinated, larger populations are protected against disease. This is called *herd immunity* and helps prevent the spread of infection.

No immunity

Infectious Susceptible

Herd immunity

Vaccinated or immune

What can I do to inform myself about vaccines?
Seek trustworthy sources:

- Physicians
- Government health agency websites:
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
 - National Institutes of Health: [nih.gov](https://www.nih.gov)

Think about risks of opting out of vaccination:

- Contracting dangerous infections
- Spending time and money on extra health care visits
- Missing school and playtime
- Lost work time for parents

Know the facts:

- Avoid medical advice from social media or blogs unless you can verify the information
- Vaccines do not cause autism
- Adverse events from vaccines are rare

The doctor is in!
Pediatricians are taking steps to make sure it's as safe as possible for office visits:

Separate "Sick" and "Well" times and areas

Phone check-in and in-car waiting rooms

Video visits when possible

If you have any concerns about your child's health, please give your pediatrician a call.

American Academy of Pediatrics [aap.org](https://www.aap.org)

The American Academy of Pediatrics is also promoting the **#CallYourPediatrician** campaign reminding families that is safe and important for parents to check in with their pediatricians and continue both sick and well visits as well as getting children up to date on their vaccinations

Above From:

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2768826>

Vax to School 2020-2021 Immunization Requirements



Beginning fall 2020, additional immunizations will be required for all students entering childcare or preschool, kindergarten, seventh grade, and post-secondary school, and for students entering school in Hawai'i for the first time. Details of these updates may be found at <http://www.vaxtoschoolhawaii.com/#info>

HIC Recently hosted a webinar on June 17th reviewing the school immunization requirements for the 2020-21 school year. A link to a recording of the webinar may be found here: <https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/ceform/video/?cmId=5486>

Hawaii COVID-19 Update

Hawaii has been seeing a second surge of cases with over 800 new cases seen in July alone. Cases have been linked to bars, funerals, and gyms.

Latest updates can be found at <https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/>

Stay tuned for HIC's upcoming workshop on COVID-19 and Contact Tracing on September 2nd from 12-1pm

What about a COVID vaccine?

Researchers around the world are working diligently on developing a vaccine to protect against COVID-19. This brief video helps explain "What will it take to get a COVID-19 vaccine and how will it be made":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFXs8tG1ACo>

The NIH has recently started phase 3 trials of an investigational vaccine for COVID-19. Details can be found here: <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/phase-3-clinical-trial-investigational-vaccine-covid-19-begins>