Full-Speed Ahead!
COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program:
Resources to Support
New Infection Preventionists (IPs)

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Today's Quickinar Objectives

Review CMS booster campaign progress.

Review key IP responsibilities and the HSAG IP Orientation Checklist.

Describe additional state specific IP resources.

CMS=Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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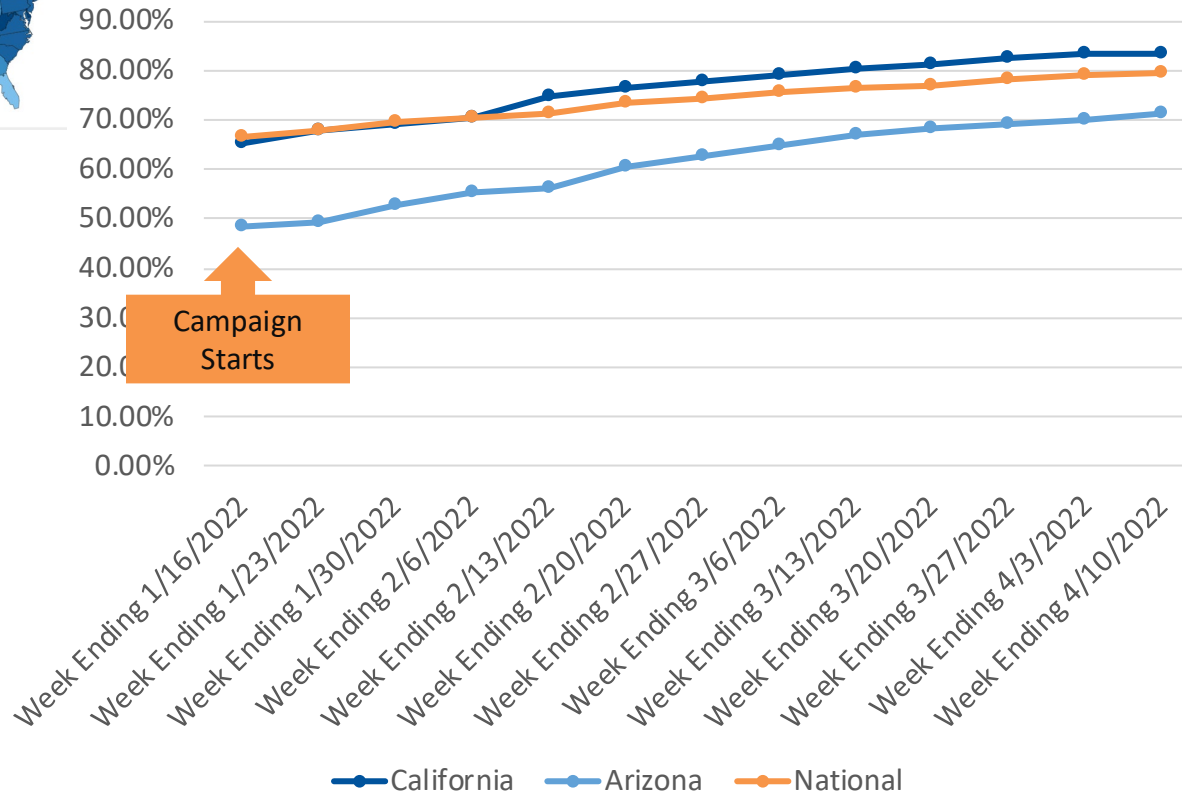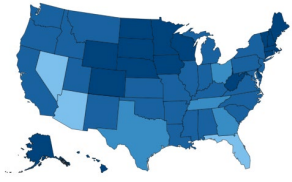
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Past Topics Covered
- Week 1: Campaign Kickoff
- Week 2: The Action Plan
- Week 3: Onsite Clinics
- Week 4: Vaccinators
- Week 5: Messaging
- Week 6: Marketing
- Week 7: Goal Review
- Week 8: NHSN
- Week 9: Monitoring Data
- Week 10: Short-Stay Issues
- Week 11: Success Stories
- Week 12: NHSN Updates
- Week 13: Motivational Interviewing

https://www.hsag.com/covid-19/vaccine-resources

The Current State of Boosters in Arizona and California

Resident Booster Rates—**Improvement**

Current
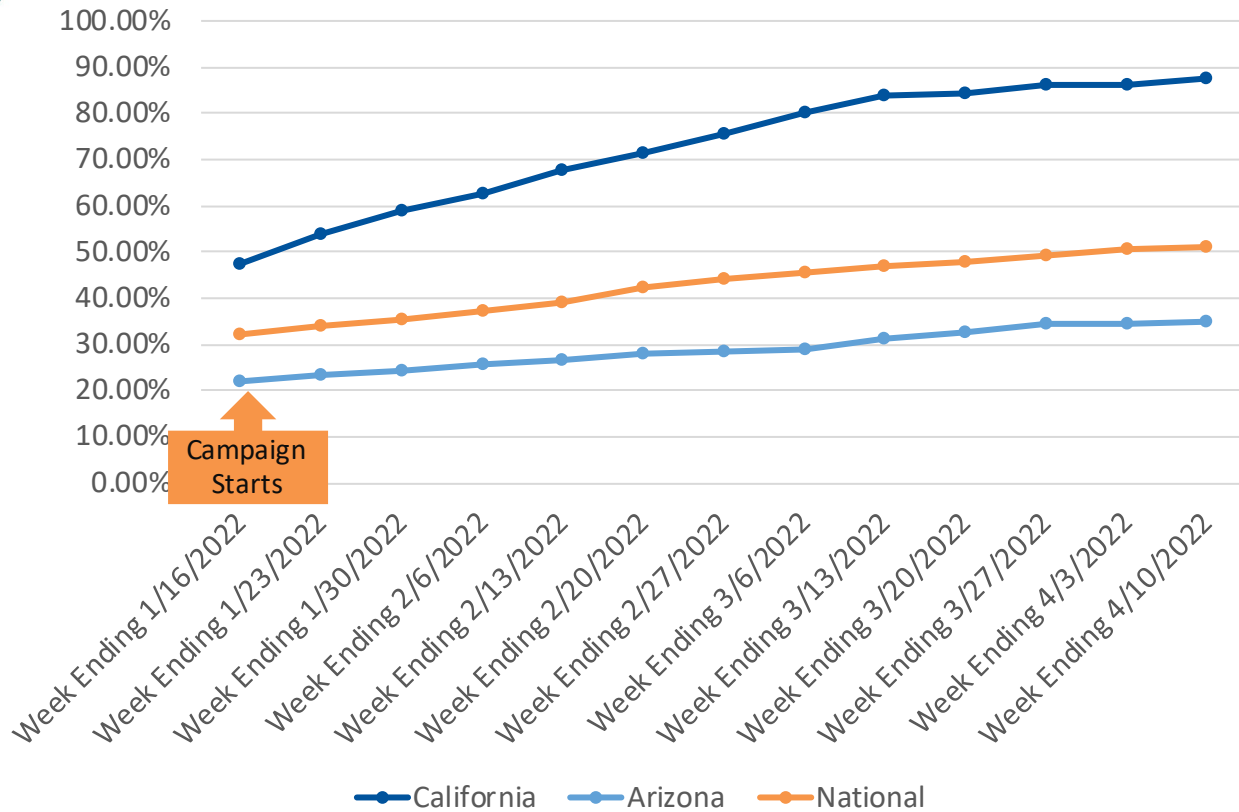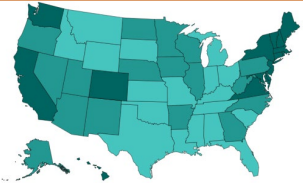
U.S.: 79.5%
CA: 83.4%
AZ: 71.1%

Relative Improvement

U.S.: 19.4%
CA: 27.9%
AZ: 46.6%

Campaign Starts

— California — Arizona — National

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/ltc-vaccination-dashboard.html

Percentage of Residents with Complete Vaccination Receiving Additional Primary or Booster Dose, 1/17/2022 – 1/23/2022

Staff Booster Rates—**Improvement**

Current

U.S.: 51.2%
CA: 35.1%
AZ: 87.6%

Relative Improvement

U.S.: 58.5%
CA: 84.4%
AZ: 58.1%

Campaign Starts

— California — Arizona — National

https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/ltc-vaccination-dashboard.html

Percent of Staff Receiving Complete Vaccination, 1/17/2022 – 1/23/2022

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New IP Resources

What It Is Like To Be A New IP

General Role of the Nursing Home IP

Develop, direct, implement, manage, and operationalize facility IP program.

Identify, investigate, monitor, and report HAIs* and communicable diseases.

Nursing Home IP

Ensure adherence with organizational standards, professional guidelines, and regulations.

Collaborate with teams and individuals to create, educate, and sustain IP strategies.

*HAIs= Healthcare-Acquired Infections

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Additional IP Responsibilities During Pandemic

❑ Cohorting Plans

❑ Outbreak Investigation

❑ IP Assessments

❑ CMS Regulations

❑ Testing

❑ Vaccine Clinics

❑ Vaccine Education

❑ Data Reporting

IP Assessments: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/assessment-tool-for-nursing-homes.html

IP Orientation Checklist

- Departmental Organization
- IP Education
- Technological Skills
- IP Surveillance
- Exposure/Outbreak Investigations
- Public Health
- In-Service Education
- Microbiology/Laboratory
- Environmental Services
- Policies/Guidelines/ Regulatory

https://qioprogram.org/sites/default/files/2021-06/IP_orientation_checklist_FINAL_20200601.pdf

Environmental Services (EVS)

- Questions to drive success?
  - Does your facility's IP understand the competencies and training of the EVS staff who are performing cleaning and disinfection in the facility?
    - Focus areas include daily cleaning (especially of high-touch surfaces), terminal cleaning, and special isolation rooms, etc.
  - How often does the IP meet with the EVS leadership?
  - Is EVS a part of the IP committee?
  - Does EVS track and trend quality assurance metrics?

  IP = Trainer and Collaborator

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EVS Items on the IP Orientation Checklist

- ❑ Importance of appropriate cleaning product selection
- ❑ Cleaning, disinfection, and dwell times
- ❑ Responsibilities (who cleans what)
- ❑ Wet pack
- ❑ Sterilization failure notification and follow-up

Technological Skills

- Communication
  - Outlook email
  - Secure message
- Information Organization/Word Processing
  - Microsoft Word
  - Microsoft Excel
  - Microsoft PowerPoint
- COVID-19 reporting
- Immunization registry

Getting Started with NHSN

1. Federal Rules

- Review CMS Requirements for Reporting in NHSN

2. Review NHSN FAQ

- Review the HSAG NHSN FAQ guidance document

3. Enroll into NHSN

- Register with the SAMS Partner Portal to access facility's NHSN account

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Check Your Local Regulations

State Requirements

- California: Daily Reporting and Weekly Testing (AFL 20-43) and Vaccination Reporting (AFL 20-60)
- Arizona https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/index.php

Local Health Department

- Reach out to the local health department for possible additional reporting requirement

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National Resources to Help You Get Started

- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)](#)
  - Local Chapter: http://www.apic.org/Member-Services/Chapters

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](#)
  - HAIs: http://cdc.gov/hai/
  - Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/

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Arizona IP Support and Resources

- **Arizona State Immunization Information System** (ASIIS): [ASIIS-Web Main Page (azdhs.gov)](#)

- The **Disaster Ready Emergency Preparedness Infection Control** (*EPIC*) program is offering two no-cost infection control training courses.
  - For more detailed information on these trainings [click here](#) or contact Kay Huff at [Khuff@azhca.org](#).
  - **AHCA Infection Preventionist Zoom Cal**l.
    Email [Khuff@azhca.org](#) for Zoom Link

- **Arizona Department of Health Services HAI Program**: [ADHS - HAI & Antibiotic Resistance - Home (azdhs.gov)](#)
  - ADHA HAI Long-Term Care Subcommittee: [ADHS - HAI Advisory Committee - Long Term Care Subcommittee (azdhs.gov)](#)

- **HSAG IP Support**: Contact https://www.hsag.com/en/contact-us/

- **Arizona Post-Acute Care Coordination Calls:**
  https://www.hsag.com/en/covid-19/covid-19-events/

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California IP Support and Resources

- **CDPH SNF IP Webinar**
  - Register: https://www.hsag.com/cdph-ip-webinars
  - Past recordings | PPT | meeting notes: https://www.hsag.com/en/covid-19/long-term-care-facilities/cdph-ip-webinars-past/
  - FAQ: https://www.hsag.com/globalassets/covid-19/cdph_faqsipwebinars.pdf
- **CDPH HAI IP Training and Office Hours**
- **Immunization Registry**
- **CalREIDE**
- **MyCAVax | Vaccine Administrator**
- **LTC Vaccination Toolkit/MyTurn**
- **CDPH Daily and Weekly Surveys**
  - To update facility's account info: Contact **COVID-19SNFSURVEY@cdph.ca.gov**
  - To inquire about submitted data: Contact **covid-19-chcqdata@cdph.ca.gov**
- **CDPH COVID HAI Support:** Contact **CovHAI@cdph.ca.gov**
- **HSAG IP Support:** Contact **https://www.hsag.com/en/contact-us/**

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This Week's Action Item

Share these resources with your new IP!

Next Week's Topic: Second Booster

Friday, April 29

11:30 a.m. PT

Register Here:

https://bit.ly/FullSpeedAheadBoosterProgram

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Thank you!

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