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The Immunization Task Force (ITF) Metro Omaha identified a need to increase pertussis and influenza vaccination rates in the community. It was decided to target efforts to a population known to have consistent, direct contact with infants in effort to improve cocooning strategies around infants.

- Develop campaigns with limited resources
- Increase awareness of the need for vaccination of individuals in close proximity to infants
- Administer influenza and Tdap vaccinations to daycare providers in need

- In 2013, decided to target daycare facilities as a venue to administer influenza and Tdap vaccines
- Partners from OneWorld Community Health Centers and Methodist Health System took on the task of reaching daycare facilities
 - Both licensed and in-home daycares
- The Community Outreach Manager for Methodist Health System secured budget funding for influenza and Tdap immunizations
 - Targeted North Omaha community daycares
- OneWorld worked with the AmeriCares G.I.F.T (Give Immunity Fight Transmission) program to receive donations of influenza and Tdap vaccines
 - Targeted South Omaha community daycares

- In 2012, the ITF began assembling informational letters to daycare providers accompanied by a letter addressed to parents
- A survey postcard was included in 2012 to inquire about:
 - Number of families served by daycare
 - Number of families with infants or teens
 - Status of facility actions regarding vaccination of daycare provider staff with Tdap
- By returning the survey postcard, daycares could request additional Tdap informational packets for the unlimited number of families
- Mailed to 1,516 licensed daycare facilities
- Survey postcards returned by 64 facilities

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Community Affairs Committee

The Immunization Task Force Community Affairs Committee oversees the outreach projects and in the community.

- Health Fairs or Health Education Events (Immunization Education and Screening)
- Speaker Bureau (For both community and professional audiences)
- Community Immunization Clinics targeting Daycare workers the underserved and uninsured population (Seasonal Flu and Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough or Pertussis).



Our Immunization Task Force Community Affairs Volunteers, made up of licensed health care professionals, are available to schedule for community health fairs (limited to availability of volunteers and scheduling).

- Review vaccinations that are available, when they are recommended and at what age, give materials or resource for further information, answer questions that may arise regarding the vaccination side effects
- Screening for Seasonal Influenza, Pneumococcal, Tetanus, Diphtheria Pertussis or Whooping Cough – Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Human Papillomavirus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Meningococcal, Zoster – or Shingles).

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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Please note: Immunization clinics that the Immunization Task Force coordinates in the community are provided by sponsoring agencies that are members of the Task Force. The Immunization Task Force does not take responsibility for these clinics. Sponsoring agencies that are providing these clinics accept all liability. The Immunization Task Force recommends the following policies and procedures for the sponsoring agencies to follow.

In accordance with the state of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the Immunization Task Force of the Metro Omaha (ITF) sponsoring agencies will follow the recommendations made by the National Advisory Commission on Immunization practices (ACIP) when administering immunizations for children, adolescents and adults in all community immunization clinics.

- ACIP recommendations: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/aci/cip-cvci/index.html>
- Statewide of practice: <http://www.doh.state.ne.us/>

Purpose:
To ensure that all immunization recipients receive only the appropriate immunizations based on the most current recommendations.

1. All volunteer staff should have in depth knowledge of:
 - Standing orders
 - Emergency protocols/location of code kit/managing of any reactions (We recommend that all clinics have both pediatric and adult epinephrine pens available)
 - Method of avoiding and handling of fainting

- ACIP vaccine schedule
- Proper handling and storage of immunizations
- ACIP vaccine administration, including appropriate immunization prep, site, dosage, needle length, etc.
- When/how to utilize the vaccine adverse reporting system (VAERS) <http://vaers.hhs.gov/index>

- Speaking engagements are available to both the broader community and professional audiences. Our Immunization Task Force volunteers are made up of physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacist, and health care professionals.
- No Fee for our Speaker's Bureau. Any travel or expenses for the speaker would need to be made by the party requesting the presentation. *(Donations can be made to the Immunization Task Force)*
- Require a minimum of 45 days' notice to find speaker
- Would prefer at least 20 participants – anything under this would need to have the speaker agree to present
- Audio and Visual tools must be available
- Any additional duplication of any materials is the responsibility of the party requesting the presentation
- Must have at least 1 week's notice on any cancellations

- * DayCares in the underinsured or uninsured areas (51503, 51510, 68102, 68104, 68105, 68106, 68107, 68108, 68110, 68111, 68131, 68147)
- * Free Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis – or Whooping Cough) and Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
- * Available from September to October while supply last
- * We will come to your DayCare in the area listed above!

3. Per federal law and prior to receiving vaccination, all recipients must receive the most current vaccine information statement (VIS) for each vaccine to be administered and all questions answered.

- No vaccine is to be pre-drawn.
- No vaccine is to be left outside storage unit.
- Assume that all recipients have been screened and have received VS sheets.
- Assume all recipients have signed a consent form.
- Appropriate needle is to be used for both intramuscular and subcutaneous injections.
- In the event that an immunization has been pre-drawn, it is to be discarded at end of the day.

7. In a case of an immediate reaction to any immunization, it is recommended that 911 be contacted.
8. All sponsoring agencies will:
 - Keep documentation of the clinic and the individual's personal information in accordance of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy.

10. Community immunization clinics are sponsored and supported by multiple community agencies that are a member of the Immunization Task Force. Clinics will be provided as long as the funding is available. Sponsoring agencies have the right to cancel the clinic for any reason. Funding for these clinics is on a first come first served basis and must be for underserved or uninsured populations. It is recommended that these clinics be within the following six code areas:

- 68102,
- 68104,
- 68105,
- 68106,
- 68107,

- 68111.
- 68131.
- 68147.

For further information please contact: journal@cambridge.org

	2013	2014
Number of Daycares Reached	42	53
Number of Tdap doses administered	445	104
Number of influenza doses administered	263	299

- Continue to target daycare facilities for education and administration outreach campaigns
- Letters and informational packets will be sent to licensed daycares again in 2015
- Contact information will be provided to daycare facilities to contact ITF if desiring immunizations
- Will continue to administer vaccinations as long as available

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