



Colorado Influenza and Pneumococcal Alert Coalition

Purpose

To decrease vaccine-preventable respiratory disease in Colorado through collaborative efforts in education and immunization

Target Population

Anyone with an interest in influenza and pneumococcal vaccination in adults

Goals

- To improve immunization rates for influenza and pneumonia among Colorado residents
- To raise awareness about the benefits of immunization
- To improve provider awareness and participation in immunization efforts

Structure and Operations

The Colorado Influenza and Pneumococcal Alert Coalition (CIPAC) has 50 members representing local and state public health agencies, community nursing organizations, influenza vaccination providers, private physicians, pharmacists, influenza vaccine manufacturers, Medicare quality improvement organizations, other health coalitions, and Medicare and Medicaid organizations.

Pharmacists give the coalition updates on state legislation related to immunization, collaborate with other health care providers to develop standing orders for immunizations to be distributed in state-run long-term care facilities, and provide lists of flu shot clinics for the pharmacies in the state. They have been working to raise immunization rates in hospital settings among health care workers, as well as flagging high-risk patients in out-patient settings for immunization. In 2002, CIPAC won the Excellence in Immunization Award, given by the National Partners for Immunization, for its community outreach efforts.

Years in Operation

Approximately 20 years

Funding

CIPAC is funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and through the support of the Immunization Program at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

For More Information

Additional information is available online: <http://www.immunizecolorado.com>