

# NMDOH News Brief

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## NMIC Annual Provider Awards

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Every year, the New Mexico Immunization Coalition honors providers in our state who have excelled in vaccinating the children they serve. Forty-five providers were honored this year for their high immunization rates.

This year we especially want to commend all providers for keeping their patients safe during the pandemic.

Award winners are recognized with a framed Certificate of Excellence signed by NM Dept. of Health leadership and NMIC co-chairs.

Providers are recognized for their excellence in these two categories: 1) Providers who have achieved 80% or higher in their childhood

immunization rates and, 2) Providers who have achieved a teen vaccination completion rate of 80% or higher. Data are obtained through NMSIIS reporting, and reflect rates for the year 2020.

We're excited to announce the award winners, listed by public health region, on page three.



**Provider Awards**  
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Word Cloud created by attendees of the Annual NMIC meeting responding to "what are the strengths of NMIC?"

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## School and Child Care Immunization Requirements for 2022

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The importance of vaccines for keeping us and our communities safe from infectious diseases has never been more evident! Immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases can avert or quell outbreaks by keeping herd immunity high. In a typical year, New Mexico schools enjoy good coverage—about two-thirds of New Mexico’s schools attain 95% completion rate for their kindergarteners on all the required vaccines. However, due to the challenges that the pandemic presents, rates have declined somewhat. We continue to underscore the importance of keeping our immunization coverage high.



Each year, the Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) convenes to review the NM School and Child Care requirements for the upcoming year. The VAC makes recommendations to the New Mexico Department of Health, who issues the official requirements. This year’s VAC recommendations are currently under review. The VAC members agree that maintaining school requirements is of utmost importance to prevent an outbreak of another vaccine-preventable disease during a pandemic.

The requirements for 2022-23 will be available on the NMDOH’s website by early spring. [Click here](#) for the school requirements.



## NMSIIS Annual Training

Kathryn (Katie) Cruz  
NMSIIS Manager

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Statewide Regional Training. Rather than in-person trainings in various cities around NM, this year’s training will be an online forum that allows the attendee to choose the topics they’re interested in. The training will be held on Tuesday, January 25. An agenda with presentation topics and times will be sent out soon! We hope to see you all then.

## NMIC December Meeting

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On the first three days of December, the NMIC annual meeting was held, and we celebrated our 19th year! To allow for physical distancing, the meeting took place remotely for the second year in a row. While we certainly miss gathering in person, the zoom presentations and brainstorming sessions were outstanding and provided the latest up-to-date immunization information.



To encourage participation, we spread the meeting out over three days, with about 1 hour and 45 minutes each day during the lunch hour. In addition to the latest on adult immunizations, we heard about de-escalation techniques, motivational interviewing, New Mexico’s efforts to vaccinate our population equitably, and COVID-19 vaccines for children.

As a brainstorming activity, attendees wrote on virtual post-it notes to suggest activities, speakers, and other ideas for NMIC 2022 planning. We got some great ideas! The group created a “word cloud” each day by using cell phones, the graphics are on pages 1 and 4.

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# NMIC Provider Award Winners

## Over 80% Childhood Vaccination Rates

### NE Region

Santa Rosa Public Health Office  
Villa Therese Catholic Clinic, Santa Fe

### NW Region

- \* Cañoncito Health Center, To'Hajiilee  
Children's Clinic, White Rock  
Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center, IHS  
Edgewood Pediatric Clinic
- \* Isleta Health Center, IHS
- \* Jicarilla Service Unit, IHS  
Journey Pediatrics, Albuquerque  
McLeod Medical Centers of NM, Edgewood  
PMG, Rio Rancho Pediatrics  
PMS, Rio Rancho Family Health Center  
Pueblo of Sandia Health Center, IHS
- \* Santo Domingo Health Center, IHS

### SE Region

- \* BCA Medical Associates, Dexter  
BCA Medical Associates, Roswell  
Raney Pediatrics, Carlsbad

### SW Region

- Alamo Navajo Health Center, Magdalena  
Ben Archer Health Center, Radium Springs  
Family Care Associates, Las Cruces  
Full Bloom Pediatrics, Las Cruces  
La Clinica de Familia, Anthony Medical
- \* Maria G. Crawley, MD, Las Cruces
- \* Pine Hill Health Center, IHS  
Santa Clara Health Center, IHS  
St. Anthony Pediatrics, Anthony
- \* Zuni Community Health Center, IHS

## Over 80% Teen Vaccination Completion Rates

### NE Region

PMS, Ortiz Mountain Health Center, Cerrillos

### NW Region

- \* Cañoncito Health Center IHS, To'Hajiilee  
Cochiti Health Clinic, IHS
- \* Isleta Health Center, IHS
- \* Jicarilla Service Unit, IHS, Dulce  
Midwifery & Women's Health, San Juan Health  
Partners, Farmington  
Pueblo Pintado Health Center, IHS
- \* Santo Domingo Health Center, IHS  
Thoreau Health Clinic  
Zia Health Clinic, IHS

### SE Region

- \* BCA Medical Associates, Dexter  
Farmers Uptown Pharmacy, Roswell  
Gocorona LLC, Union Medical, Roswell

### SW Region

- J. Paul Taylor Center, Las Cruces  
Las Cruces Family Medicine
- \* Maria G. Crawley, MD, Las Cruces
- \* Pine Hill Health Center, IHS
- \* Zuni Community Health Center, IHS  
Zuni Teen Health Center & Family Wellness

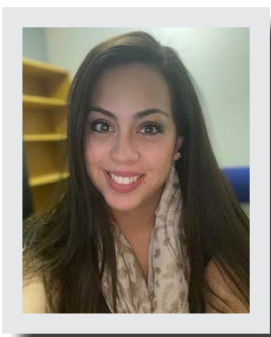


\* *Providers who have achieved outstanding vaccination rates in both categories of Childhood and Teen immunizations.*

# Immunization Program

## Staffing announcements

**Lyndsey Delgado** / NMSIIS Training Coordinator



Ms. Delgado recently joined our team as the NMSIIS Training Coordinator. Lyndsey is hardworking and skilled in rapport-building, with an emphasis on teamwork. She enjoys networking to create partnerships and prides herself on maintaining confidentiality and protecting sensitive information. Ms. Delgado's career goal is to become an integral part of the Division while broadening her knowledge and increasing the skillsets of

others through her trainings, while continuing to be a resource to lend a hand. Contact Lyndsey at [lyndsey.delgado@state.nm.us](mailto:lyndsey.delgado@state.nm.us)

## Shingles Workgroup set to re-convene

The Shingles vaccination workgroup was a pre-COVID effort that plans regroup in 2022. Stakeholders have expressed interest in reviving this important focus. This group will address the importance of vaccination against Shingles, as the need to protect older adults continues. Stay tuned for details about the Shingles workgroup moving forward.

For more information, contact Maggie or Anna at NMIC.

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As a special treat to ring in the holidays, our very own Dan Burke, Infectious Disease Bureau Chief, performed several songs with his trio, The Chameleons. The Chameleons gave a great performance and added a festive note—pun intended—to the meeting.

In case you were unable to attend the meeting, here are the links to view the presentations on YouTube.

- **Day One:** Brainstorming activity. Musical Interlude. Starting at 52 min: Speaker, Mayra Perez MSW, UNM Health Sciences Center, De-escalation Training

- **Day Two:** Speakers: Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, CDC NCIRD; Laura Parajón, MD, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, NM DOH
- **Day Three:** Speakers: Walter Dehority, MD, UNMH Pediatrics; Melissa Martinez, MD, UNM Family Medicine

Word Cloud responding to "I am grateful for..."



Word Cloud responding to "My accomplishments in 2021..."



Thank you to our Immunization Program folks and to David Vigil, Alberta Davis and Manny Hinojosa from Comagine Health for their assistance with making this meeting a great success. ❤️

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