

# Immunization Updates for Long-Term Care

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#### Overview

- Information about the influenza, pneumococcal, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines
- Strategies for addressing common concerns and myths surrounding vaccination
- Strategies to increase vaccine acceptance among both residents and staff
- Principles of vaccine administration and safety



# Vaccination in Nursing Homes

- Importance of vaccines in vulnerable populations
  - Age
  - Immunocompromised residents
  - Underlying health conditions
  - Close interactions with both residents and staff



#### Benefits of Vaccination for Residents & Staff

- Preventing disease
- Preventing complications from disease
- Preventing workplace outbreaks
- Improving quality of life



#### Immunization Overview

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- COVID-19
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)



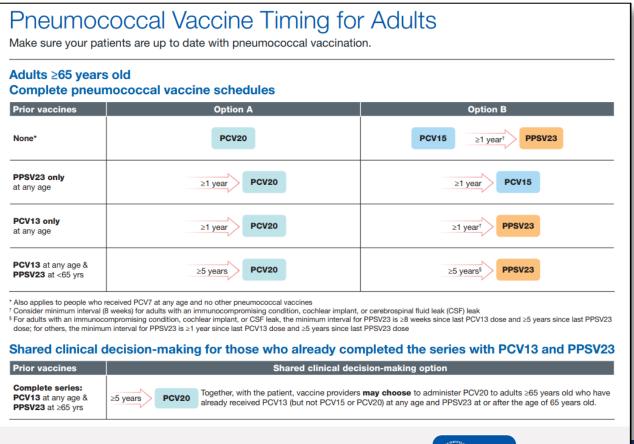
### Influenza Vaccination

 The unique role of healthcare professionals in preventing the spread of influenza



#### Pneumococcal Vaccination

Available pneumococcal vaccines







#### **COVID-19 Vaccinations**

- Efficacy and safety data
- New booster approval
- Variants of concern and their implications
  - BA.2.86 variant
- Evolving guidelines for healthcare professionals



#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations**

 You are up to date when you get 1 updated Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.



#### **RSV Vaccination**

- RSV and its impact on the elderly population
- RSV vaccine recommendation
- Availability of vaccines



# **Addressing Common Concerns and Myths**



## Identifying Common Vaccine Hesitancy Issues

Common concerns and myths that may lead to vaccine hesitancy:

- Safety concerns
- Misperceptions about vaccine ingredients
- Natural immunity vs. vaccination
- Vaccine effectiveness
- Perceived lack of risk
- Religious or philosophical beliefs
- Concerns about overvaccination



# **Building Vaccine Confidence**

- Use active listening
- Have empathy and respect
- Provide accurate information
- Use visual aids
- Share personal experiences



# Assessing Residents' Unique Concerns

 It is important to understand residents' specific concerns and fears about vaccination.



## Importance of Trust in Healthcare Providers

 Building trust between residents and healthcare providers can positively impact vaccine acceptance.



# **Engaging Families and Caregivers**

 Involving families and caregivers can influence residents' vaccine decisions.



# **Encouraging Resident Participation**

 Encourage residents to have an active role in the decision-making process.



### Strategies for Increasing Acceptance Among Staff

- Tailored communication
- Peer influence
- Continuing education



# Identifying and Addressing Staff Concerns

 Strategies to identify and address the concerns of staff members who may be hesitant about vaccination



# Staff Engagement and Communication

Effective communication and engagement with staff regarding vaccination



# Ensuring Ease of Access to Vaccination

 Strategies for making vaccination as convenient and accessible as possible for staff



# **Encouraging Vaccination as a Team**

- The importance of teamwork and collective responsibility in promoting staff vaccination
- Normalizing annual vaccinations



# Vaccine Clinics, Vaccine Administration, and Safety



## Implementing On-Site Vaccination Clinics

- Benefits of on-site vaccination clinics for residents and staff:
  - Convenience
  - Increased vaccine coverage
  - Timely vaccinations
  - Minimized barriers
  - Increased trust
  - Data collection
  - Resident and staff wellness



## Vaccine Administration in Nursing Homes

- Ensure staff is trained on vaccine administration:
  - Intramuscular injection competency
  - Vaccine storage and handling
  - Sharps disposal



### **Ensuring Safety and Minimizing Adverse Events**

 Strategies for ensuring the safety of vaccine administration and minimizing the risk of adverse events



#### Role of Vaccine Documentation

- The importance of accurate vaccine documentation
  - Tracking
  - Safety monitoring



# Regulatory Compliance and Reporting

- Consents
- Vaccine Information Statements (VISs)
- Vaccine Documentation
- Electronic Health Record
- State Reporting



#### State and Local Resources

#### Pennsylvania

- PA Department of Health:
  Adult Immunizations Page
  - https://www.health.pa.gov/topi cs/programs/immunizations/Pag es/Adult.aspx
- Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS)
  - https://www.health.pa.gov/topi
    cs/Reporting-Registries/PA SIIS/Pages/PA-SIIS.aspx

#### **West Virginia**

- West Virginia Division of Immunization Services
  - https://oeps.wv.gov/immunizati ons/Pages/default.aspx
- West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS)
  - https://www.wvimm.org/wvsiis/



# Resources and educational campaigns related to vaccination

- Quality Insights
  - https://www.qualityinsights.org/qin/resources
- Immunize.org
  - <a href="https://www.immunize.org/">https://www.immunize.org/</a>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
  - https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
  - https://www.ahrq.gov/nursinghome/materials/prevention/vaccine-trust.html



# **Questions?**



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