



## INAAP Monthly News & Updates

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### Letter from the President - Update on Indiana School Immunization Requirements

The new Indiana School Immunization Requirements notice was released for 2017-18, and now includes completion of Meningitis B vaccination as a recommendation for students entering their senior year. The notice also lists the Men B vaccine as a requirement for the 2018-19 school year.

#### [Indiana School Immunization Requirements Notice](#)



INAAP received multiple phone calls and emails from members expressing concern about the new schedule because the CDC and ACIP guidelines continue to list MenB vaccination as a Category B recommendation, not a requirement.

In response, I was able to sit down this past week with experts at the Indiana State Department of Health to discuss the matter. Indiana Code currently states that all children enrolled in an accredited school shall be immunized against meningitis. We all agreed that the vaccination schedule should continue to follow CDC/ACIP guidelines for our students, which means that MCV 4 vaccination will remain a requirement, and MenB vaccination will be advised, though not required. Physicians should offer MenB to all students entering 12th grade and document if the vaccine is declined.

Should CDC/ACIP guidelines change, we will revisit the school immunization requirements. For now, look for the 2018-19 requirement for MenB to change back to a recommendation later this year. Our colleagues at the Indiana State Department of Health assure me MenB vaccine supply is plentiful, but if this is not the case at your office, let us know.

It is worthwhile to note that in the state of Indiana, we had 4 cases of Meningitis B in 2014; 5 in 2015; and preliminary reports of 5 in 2016. The majority of these cases occurred in adults ages 20-40. There were also Indiana residents who were exposed to outbreaks in other states during their college tenure over this time.

In addition, MenB vaccination is covered through the VFC program and all major insurance providers. If you discover payment denials, contact us.

Lastly, as a courtesy to all Indiana school nurses, physician office staff, and your fellow doctors: please chart all vaccinations in CHIRP. If you know someone who is not using CHIRP to enter vaccine data - connect them with us. INAAP and ISDH are committed to making this process as useful and efficient as possible.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our colleagues at the Indiana State Department of Health, who provided insight, dialogue, and openness to collaboration with us as we worked

through the new recommendations together.

And, remember: Your patients are looking to you as the voice of reason and clarity when their Facebook pages, Instagram, and Twitter feeds are a frenzied litany of health scares. Continue to do what pediatricians do best: provide a clear, confident recommendation for vaccination at every visit.

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## Upcoming Meeting Wednesday, February 15th

The best way to get involved as an INAAP member is to attend one of our monthly in-person meetings. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Meetings take place at the Joseph Maley Foundation, 7128 Lakeview Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46268.



Meetings during odd-numbered months focus on business and updates for the organization, and meetings during even-numbered months focus on the work being done by our committees. Meetings are a perfect way to get to know fellow INAAP members and get involved in an area that interests you.

[Full Upcoming Meeting Schedule](#)



## Lead Symposium in Northwest Indiana to Help Address East Chicago Concerns

St. Catherine Hospital's Continuing Medical Education Department will be hosting a symposium entitled "LEAD: Implications for Practice" to help address concerns about lead issues in Northwest Indiana. The event will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 in Munster, Indiana.

**The event is free, but registration is required.** To register, please email [dtimko@comhs.org](mailto:dtimko@comhs.org) or [smemiller@comhs.org](mailto:smemiller@comhs.org). For a complete agenda, please see the link below.

[Lead Symposium Agenda](#)

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## Advocacy Day at the Indiana Statehouse - January 25th

INAAP will be joining other advocates for high quality pre-k from across the state for an advocacy day at the Indiana Statehouse on Wednesday, January 25th. This event is hosted by All IN 4 Pre-K, and will give INAAP members a chance to meet with their elected officials and talk to them about why high quality pre-k is so important for Indiana's children. As pediatricians, it is vital that we provide a medical perspective for legislators to consider as they shape possible expansion of pre-k in Indiana.



If you haven't already signed-up, it's not too late to join! Simply email Chris Weintraut at [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org) and let him know you'd like to participate. He will reach out and provide additional information.

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## Healthy People 2020 Grant - Substance Use Across the



## Lifespan

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Board of Directors, with financial support from the Friends of Children Fund, has approved another round of Healthy People 2020 grants for state AAP chapters. The Healthy People 2020 initiative

presents a comprehensive, nationwide health promotion and disease prevention agenda for improving the health of all Americans. Over the last three decades, this initiative has highlighted emerging issues as identified by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

AAP has reviewed the Healthy People 2020 pediatric objectives and determined that the next round of chapter grants will focus on **substance use across the lifespan**. The intent will be for AAP chapters to work with a coalition of health care professionals, public health, scientific, and parent organizations on programs related to this topic. This year, five chapters will be awarded \$20,000 each to develop and implement innovative programs.

INAAP is excited about this opportunity, and is currently looking for interested members to share thoughts or ideas on possible projects that our chapter could develop. If you are interested in working together on this grant opportunity, or if you have ideas on how INAAP could address substance use across the lifespan, we'd love to hear from you.

Proposals are due March 31, 2017. More information on the grant can be found through the link below.

[Healthy People 2020 Grant Information](#)



## INAAP Legislative Bill Tracking

INAAP is dedicated to providing a voice for Indiana's children on health-related issues being discussed and debated at the Indiana Statehouse during this year's legislative session.

INAAP's Government Affairs Committee is currently monitoring a large number of bills that could impact Indiana children, and the committee would like input and feedback from you on any

bills you support or oppose. Use the link below to see a list of bills currently being tracked by INAAP, and let us know if you have any thoughts or concerns by emailing [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org).

[INAAP Bill Tracking](#)

## Nominations Now Open for INAAP Annual Awards



On May 18, 2017, INAAP will hold its Annual Luncheon at the NCAA Hall of Champions, in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Pediatric Conference sponsored by Riley Hospital for Children.

At the luncheon, INAAP will announce the winners of its four annual awards. Nominations for those prestigious awards are now open.

The annual awards include:

1. The Edwin L. Gresham Award for Advancing the Care of Newborn Infants
2. The Irving Rosenbaum Award for Distinguished Service
3. The Community Service Award
4. The Virginia M. Wagner Lifetime Achievement Award

More information about each award is available through the link below.

If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter of recommendation to INAAP Executive Director, Chris Weintraut, at [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org). Winners will be presented with an award at the annual luncheon, and will be asked to give brief remarks about their work.

[Annual Awards Descriptions and Past Winners](#)

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## Register Now - 2017 Riley Pediatric Conference and INAAP Annual Luncheon



INAAP will once again be hosting its Annual Luncheon as part of the Riley Pediatric Conference. The dates for next year's conference are May 17-18, 2017. The INAAP Luncheon will take place on the second day of the conference, Thursday, May 18th. Register now to join us and hear from our annual award winners, as well as get caught up on exciting INAAP news and updates.

Additional information and registration is now open through the links below. We hope you will join us in May!

[Conference Information](#)

[Registration](#)

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## National Committee Nominations

The American Academy of Pediatrics has requested nominations for several positions open on various national-level committees. INAAP would like Indiana to have strong representation on these committees, call on your help in gathering potential nominees.

Please review the list of open positions (linked below) and email Chris Weintraut at [cw@inaap.org](mailto:cw@inaap.org) if you have anyone that might be a good candidate. The positions are a great way to get involved with

INAAP and AAP, or for an existing member to get additional leadership experience.

[Open Positions on AAP Committees](#)

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## MOC Part 4 Opportunity in 2017

IU School of Medicine Dept. of Pediatrics is offering a learning collaborative focusing on ASQ3 and M-CHAT R/F implementation during well child visits, billing/coding of developmental screening and development of a system to track referrals to early intervention services.

The Learning Collaborative will begin in March, and will provide information and support for clinicians using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, ASQ3 and Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, M-CHAT R/F.

More information on this opportunity is available through the link below.

[MOC Information](#)

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## INAAP Speaks Out on Possible Changes to the Affordable Care Act

This month, many INAAP members contacted Indiana's members of Congress to express concerns about how changes to the Affordable Care Act might adversely effect

children.

INAAP also sent a letter to Governor Holcomb to ask that he keep those concerns in mind when he is asked for input on possible changes to the ACA. The full letter is available below.

[INAAP Letter to Governor Holcomb](#)



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## On My Way Pre-K Applications Now Available

INAAP advocates for increased access to high-quality pre-k, and wanted to share the following information with our members who may pass it along to families in their community.

On My Way Pre-K applications are now available for grants to eligible children who will be 4 years old, but not yet 5 years old on August 1, 2017, and will be attending kindergarten in the 2018-19 school year. These grants will be good for pre-k programs starting in August 2017. **Applications must be completed by March 31, 2017.**



Families must be living in one of the five pilot counties: Allen, Jackson, Lake, Marion or Vanderburgh and must meet the income eligibility guidelines below.

For families who live in Marion County, grants are also available for children who will be 3 years old on August 1, 2017, through Indy Preschool Scholarship Program (IndyPSP) grants. The same application can be used for both On My Way Pre-k and IndyPSP grants.

Additional information, as well as applications in both English and Spanish, are available through the link below.

[On My Way Pre-K Information and Applications](#)



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## Register for Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition's "Taking Control Together: Regional Listening Tour"

The Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition ("InJAC") is putting on a regional tour that is designed to develop a comprehensive state wide asthma plan. InJAC aims to incorporate organizational, statewide and national priorities around reducing the burden of asthma. The goal of the tour is to collect input from diverse sources across the state on how Indiana can have more residents with well-controlled asthma.

This event is for you if you work with asthma patients in a clinical or non-clinical setting, or if you are a champion for asthma patients. Participants may include, but are not limited to school nurses, school administrators, insurance payers, environmental organizations, both rural and urban health organizations, community health workers, pre-school teachers, minority health coalitions and social workers.

If you would like more information on the Tour, or if you would like to register, please check out the link below.

[InJAC Regional Tour](#)

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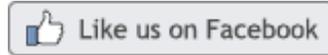
## Reminder on the Importance of Social Media



Over the past year, INAAP has made a concerted effort to increase the quality and scope of its social media messaging. We are now posting a variety of information for both practitioners and families on a daily basis. INAAP currently utilizes both facebook and

twitter, but needs your help to spread our message. If you haven't done so already, we encourage you to use the links at the bottom of this article to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. The more followers we have, the more effective we can be at spreading our message.

STAY CONNECTED:



## Support INAAP Through Amazon Smile

Did you know that you can help support INAAP with every purchase you make from Amazon? The Amazon Smile program gives a percentage of every purchase back to participating nonprofit organizations, and those donation can really add up during the holiday season. It's just like using Amazon, but with an added philanthropic benefit. Make sure the purchases you would make anyways this holiday season help support INAAP by using the link below!

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