

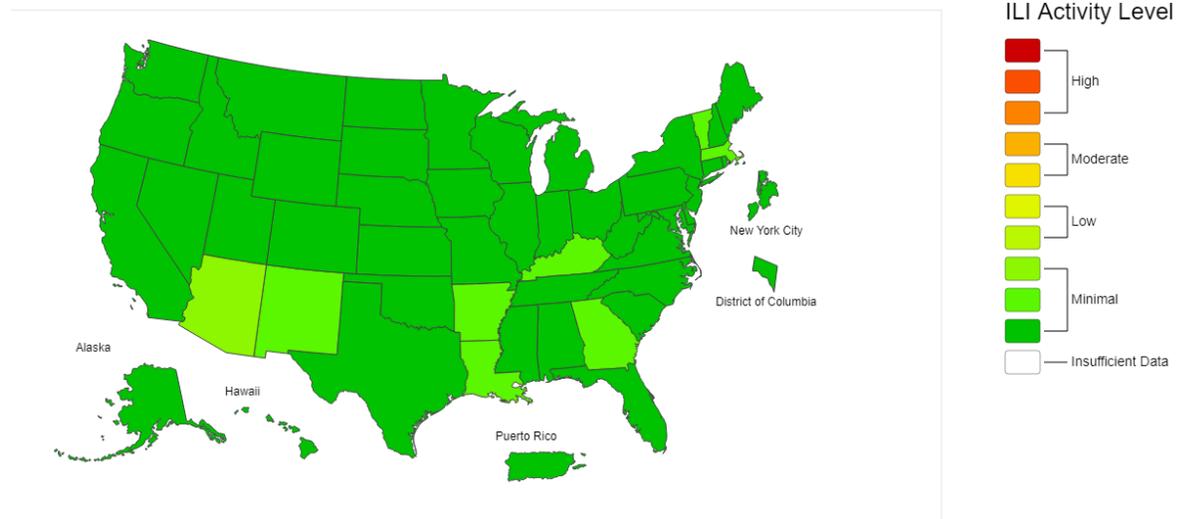


May Immunization Newsletter

Influenza Activity in the United States is Decreasing

According to the [FluView](#) report for the week ending May 12, 2018, seasonal influenza activity remained at levels below baseline in the United States. Two states experienced low Influenza Like Illness (ILI) activity (Arizona and Puerto Rico).

2017-18 Influenza Season Week 19 ending May 12, 2018



Updated! ACOG's Immunization Applet

Download the [ACOG app](#) and access authoritative information from the leading experts in women's health care. The immunization applet is part of the ACOG app, and is a trusted and interactive resource on immunization best practices. The app includes an interactive "By Profile" feature in which recommended immunizations are generated based on the information providers enter about their patient's age and conditions.

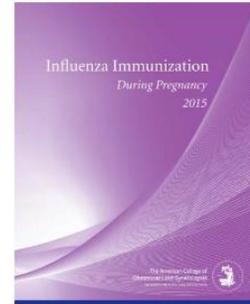
The app has also been **updated** to include the 2018 CDC Adult Immunization Schedules.



ACOG Influenza Vaccination during Pregnancy Toolkit

Visit [ACOG's Immunization for Women](#) website to access the [Influenza Immunization During Pregnancy Toolkit](#), which includes:

- [Committee Opinion 732, Influenza Vaccination during Pregnancy](#)
- **UPDATED** - [FAQs for Patients Concerning Influenza \(Flu\) Vaccination During Pregnancy](#)
- [FAQ's for Patients Concerning Vaccine Safety](#)
- **UPDATED** - [FAQs Concerning Seasonal Influenza for Ob-Gyns](#)
- A [Flu Vaccine Information Statement](#)
- ACOG's [Influenza Season Assessment and Treatment for Pregnant Women with Influenza-Like Illness](#)



Congratulations to ACOG's 2018 Immunization Champion Award Winners

The ACOG Immunization Champion Award recognizes members who have demonstrated exceptional progress in increasing immunization rates among women. This year ACOG recognizes the hard work and dedication of three selected members who exemplify ACOG's guidance on immunization for women.

Dr. Linda O'Neal Eckert maintains a clinical ob-gyn practice at the University of Washington, Harborview Medical Center, where she is a Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Adjunct Professor in the Global Health Department. She is on ACOG's Immunization, Infectious Disease, & Public Health Preparedness Expert Work Group, and works as a consultant to WHO and to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in policy and implementation tool development for maternal immunization, and the HPV vaccine.

Dr. Meryl Y. Grimaldi, Vice Chair of St. Barnabas Hospital Ob-Gyn is a generalist ob-gyn. She works in a safety net Bronx Hospital that cares for a large multicultural medically underserved population. A comprehensive program of preconception, prenatal and postpartum vaccination is the standard of care in the department.

Dr. Sangini S. Sheth is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Sheth has been using dissemination and implementation science methods to successfully improve HPV vaccine utilization among patients of Yale New Haven Hospital's obstetrics and gynecology clinic in outpatient and inpatient postpartum settings.

Save the Date for ACOG's Zika Refresher Webinar

On **Thursday, June 14, at 12:00-1:00pm ET (9:00-10:00am PT)**, ACOG will offer a free, 1 CME credit, webinar on Zika.

This webcast will explain how Zika virus is contracted, prevention methods, who should be assessed for Zika virus exposure, current testing recommendations, and what follow-up is recommended for the infants of women with possible Zika virus exposure during pregnancy.

[Register today!](#)

Zika Virus Update

See ACOG and SMFM's [Practice Advisory](#) on Zika virus.

Regardless of location, providers should evaluate all pregnant women in the United States for possible Zika virus exposure during each prenatal care visit. This evaluation should include an assessment of signs and symptoms of Zika virus disease, a travel history and a woman's sexual partner's potential exposure.

Access ACOG's [Zika Toolkit](#) online! The toolkit includes ACOG's Patient Education Zika virus [infographic](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) and [video](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)), and additional links for ob-gyns.

Visit ACOG's [Zika Virus webpage](#) for up-to-date information and resources.

Remind travelers to protect themselves and loved ones [from mosquito bites](#) and [sexual transmission of Zika](#). Refer them to [CDC's Zika Travel Information](#) page to learn what they need to know before, during and after their travel.

Zika Care Connect

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with March of Dimes, has established a specialty healthcare professional network, known as [Zika Care Connect](#) (ZCC), to facilitate access to services for the management of Zika. **ZCC now includes a searchable member directory.** The directory is an online searchable tool for ZCC members to access the phone number, email, and address of other ZCC members. The information you provide for this directory will only be accessible to other professionals with a ZCC login and NOT to the general public. If you are already a member of the Zika Care Connect Network you can call the HelpLine for assistance joining the directory.

If you have not yet joined the Zika Care Connect Healthcare Professional Network, it's not too late! To find out more about how to be included in the ZCC Healthcare Professional Network or the Member Directory, please contact the Program Director, Lindsay Rechtman (lrechtman@mcking.com/404-683-4394) or the Zika Care Connect HelpLine (helpline@zickcareconnect.org/ 844-677-0447).