

AIM Overview

State Vaccine Legislative Trends

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About AIM

- The **Association of Immunization Managers (AIM)** represents the 64 immunization programs that receive funding from CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)
50 states, 6 major cities, 8 territories/federated states
- AIM works to:
 - Collaborate with partners
 - Promote efficient allocation of resources
 - Promote development/implementation of policies and programs
 - Provide a forum for information sharing and leadership development



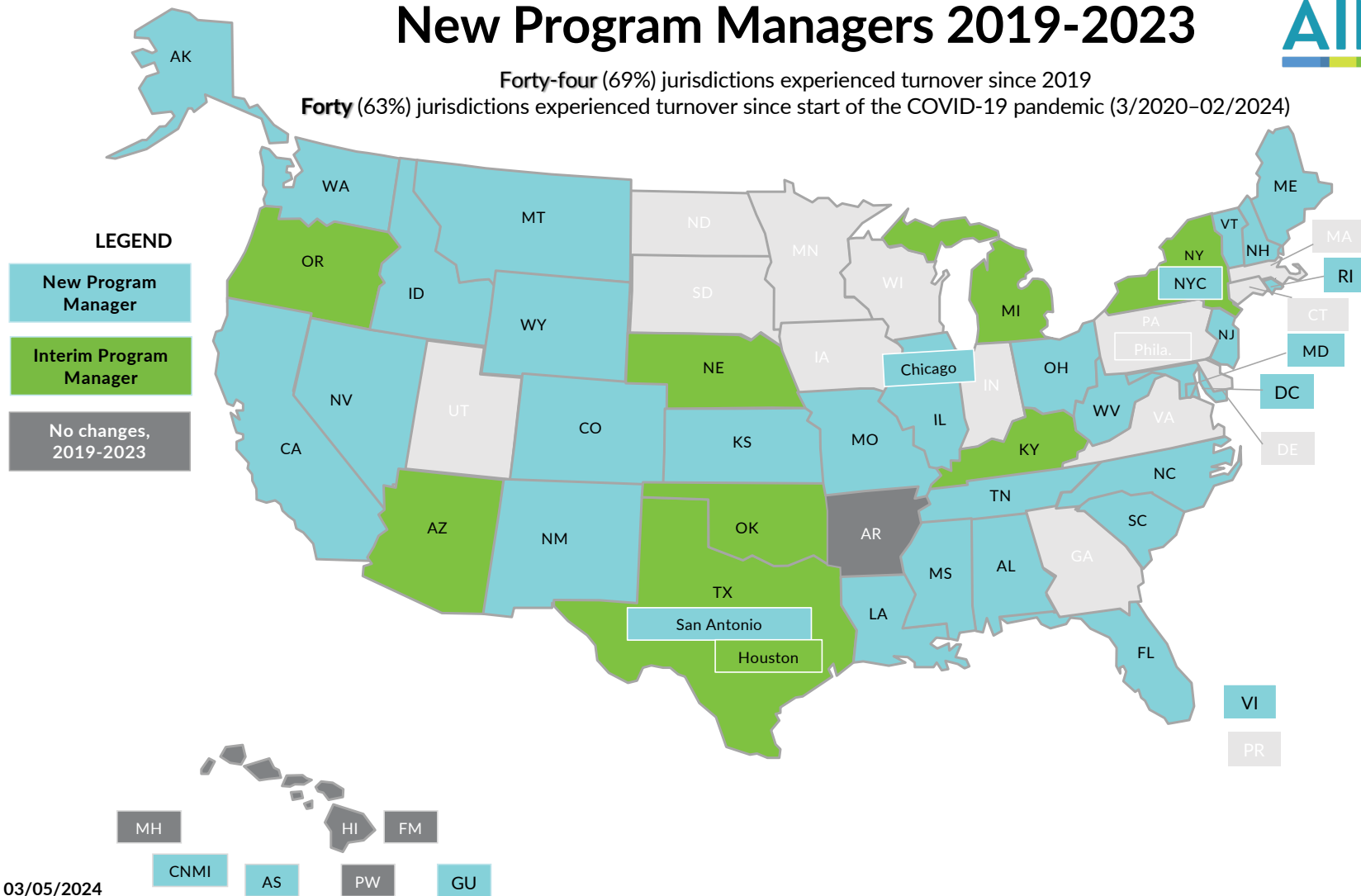
Working with IZ Programs

- Build relationship with state/local IZ program; participate in IZ activities
- Clearly articulate population and geographic location represented
- Meet regularly, understand shared priorities, & identify emerging issues
- IZ program manager list at www.immunizationmanagers.org
- Resources: AIM CBO and Faith Leader handouts
 - <http://bit.ly/AIMFaithLeaders>
 - <https://bit.ly/CBOhandout>

New Program Managers 2019-2023

Forty-four (69%) jurisdictions experienced turnover since 2019

Forty (63%) jurisdictions experienced turnover since start of the COVID-19 pandemic (3/2020-02/2024)



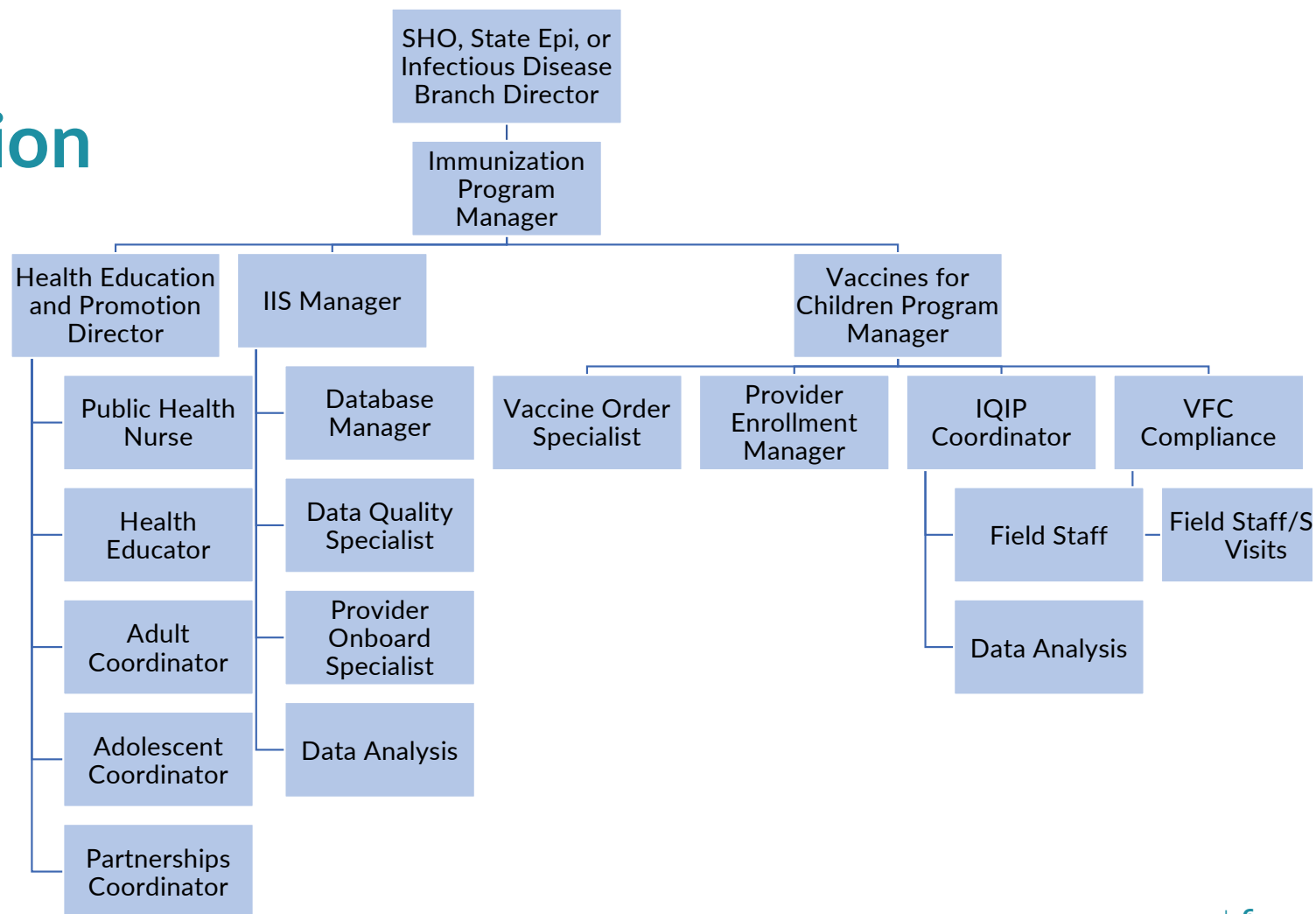


Immunization Program Basics

Routine Activities

- Vaccines for Children Program
 - Enrolling private providers
 - Managing vaccine inventory
- Section 317 Program
- Outbreak control
- Strategies to increase coverage rates
- Data collection and analysis
- Immunization education, promotion, communication
- COVID vaccine program

Sample Immunization Program Org Chart



SECTION 317 TOTAL U.S. BUDGET (IN MILLIONS)



Future Program Considerations

- Programmatic emphasis on data and equity
- Incorporation of COVID into routine activities
- Expansion of adult infrastructure thru COVID
- Vaccine confidence and trust ongoing concern



Partnerships, Coalitions, & CBOs CRITICAL To IZ Success

Future Considerations

Active legislative environment



A Look Back - Volume

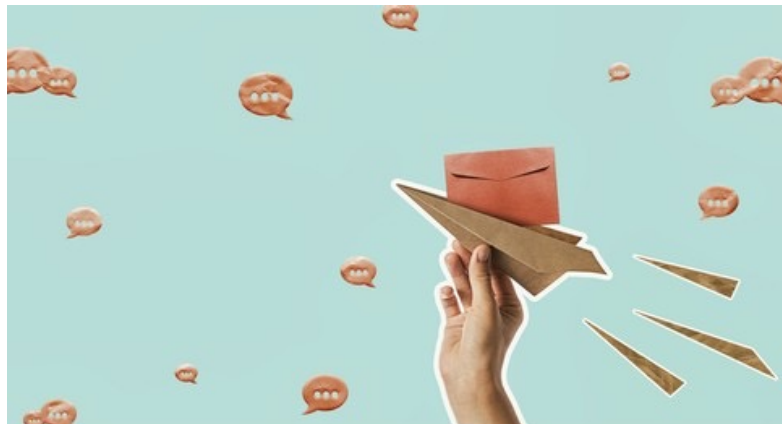
National Conference of State Legislature's
State Public Health Legislation Database: tracks
vaccine related legislation introduced by states

- 2023 – 740+ bills
- 2022 – 590+ bills
- 2021 – 800+ bills



Many Message Bills

Key Fact – Only 13% of vaccine related bills tracked in 2023 became law (98)



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A Look Back - Themes

Top enacted legislation topics regarding **vaccines** in 2022-2023:

- Pharmacist/pharmacy tech authorization to administer vaccines (approx. 24)
- Prohibition of COVID-19 vaccine mandates and vaccine status anti-discrimination (approx. 11)

2023 Changes to School Entry Requirements

- At least 6 states considered bills to shift authority for determining which routine childhood immunizations are required for school entry from the health department to the legislature - **None passed.**
- At least 5 states **passed laws** relating to school entry vaccine requirements:
 - CA requires advising parents to have their child immunized against HPV
 - TN removed vaccine requirements for homeschooled children not enrolled in interscholastic sports
 - AR and FL now prohibit requiring COVID-19 vaccines for school entry.
 - Washington, D.C. removed its COVID-19 vaccine requirement for school enrollment.



Shifts in Public Opinion

“Contrary to what some may have expected, beliefs in safety and trust for information on routine childhood vaccines have remained high and stable since the pandemic began, or even increased, despite negative views of COVID-19 vaccines. It is the public’s views on requirements for routine childhood vaccinations for school entry that have swung toward greater opposition, alongside limited support for the various COVID-19 mandates put into place during the pandemic. Stated differently, public opinion data appear to show that Americans have not grown more anti-vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic, but rather, more anti-mandate.”

Source: "Has COVID-19 Threatened Routine Childhood Vaccination? Insights From US Public Opinion Polls", Health Affairs Forefront, June 6, 2023. DOI: 10.1377/forefront.20230605.570346

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RELATED TOPICS:

VACCINES | PUBLIC OPINION | COVID-19 | PUBLIC HEALTH | PANDEMICS | CHILDREN'S HEALTH | DISEASES
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Recently there has been a great deal of media attention to [anti-vaccine sentiment](#) around COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, and public health experts have become concerned that it [could spill over to routine immunizations](#) for children, including vaccinations for polio, measles, and tetanus. Experts worry that anti-vaccine sentiment could disrupt both parents' willingness to get their children vaccinated and threaten current policy, which centers around school-based vaccine requirements in all 50 states and US territories. The media notes several



2024 Emerging Themes

- Exemptions
- Public Health Authority
- IIS Opt Out
- mRNA Specific Legislation
- Anti-Discrimination due to Vaccine Status
- Safety



Recent Action – Passed Legislation

- **UT HB 405-** The bill adds medical, religious, and personal exemptions to medical student vaccine requirements.
- **WA SB 5982-** The bill simplifies the definition of vaccine as any “immunization” approved by FDA and recommended by CDC
- **DC B 25-0278-** The bill removes the COVID-19 vaccine from school requirements.
- **ID H 597-** The bill amends existing law to allow students of majority age to submit a signed statement for exemption from immunizations requirements.
- **KY HB 274-** The bill permits pharmacists to vaccinate down to age three.

Common Themes Amongst Other Proposed Bills:

Pharmacist Vaccination: HI HB 2553, MD HB 76, MD SB 18, KY HB 274 would allow pharmacists to vaccinate down to age three.

- SC H 3988 would allow pharmacists to vaccinate down to age 16 (12 for influenza).
- NH SB 402 would allow pharmacists to administer any FDA approved/ACIP recommended vaccine (to those 18 and older).
- MO SB 1455 adds chikungunya to the list of vaccines pharmacists can administer.

mRNA-Specific Policy: MO SB 1429 would require blood banks to test donated blood for COVID-19 or other mRNA vaccines.

- AZ HB 2406, AZ SB 1146, TN SB 1760, and TN HB 1945 would require that manufactures disclose on their website, or food packaging, whether livestock received mRNA vaccines.

Vaccine Requirements: IA HF 2280 removes the requirement for parents enrolling their student in private school from providing the district with proof of immunization. LA HB 246 prohibits COVID-19 vaccine school requirements. NH HB 1213 removes immunization requirements at childcare facilities.

IIS Inclusion and Reports: TN SB 2151, TN SB 2519, TN HB 2861, and TN HB 2664 all would require an electronic copy of an annual report on immunization rates of children, by county, be provided to the governor and the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives. FL SB 680 would have prohibited the health department from requiring enrollment in the state's immunization registry but died in committee.

Anti-Discrimination Due to Vaccine Status: MO HR 4210 would compensate military members terminated for not receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. SC S 965 would state that one's vaccination status couldn't be used to determine unemployment benefits and prohibits COVID-19 vaccine mandates in any state entity (including schools). TN HB 1726 and TN SB 2358 would establish that one's vaccination status cannot be a requirement for adopting or fostering a child.



Our Tips to Program Managers to Prepare for Legislative Sessions

- Anticipate substantial interest in vaccine-related legislation, especially exemptions.
- Develop agency policy and messaging in advance on anticipated issues, if possible, and in accordance with your state process.
- Research & be ready to educate on the process(es) for changing your school or other vaccination requirements. Brief your State Health Officer, Legislative Liaison, and Governor's Office.
- Share with stakeholders.

AIM is Here to Help!

- Peer to Peer Dialogue
- Trend Analysis
- Talking Points & Draft Testimony
- Customizable Fact Sheets
- Legislative Analysis & Individual Consultation



Connecting the Dots

State Legislative Sessions



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Explore these key tools and resources to effectively engage with elected officials during the legislative session.

Legislative Process Overview

- [2024 State Legislative Session Calendar](#)
- [Introduction to Vaccine Policy for State Legislators \(NCSL\)](#)
- [Advocacy Rules and the Legislative Process \(AIM\)](#)
- [The Public Policy Landscape and Key Partners \(AIM\)](#)
- [2024 Legislative Update \(AIM\) Webinar Recording](#)

Resources & Portals

- [Template Fact Sheet -Existing State Vaccine Requirements \(AIM\)](#)
- [National Conference for States Legislators \(NSCL\) Vaccine Policy Series](#)
- [Vaccine Policy Toolkit \(ASTHO\)](#)
- [Vaccinate Your Family Advocacy Portal](#) (*registration required*)
- [IDPN Portal - Legislative Talking Points](#) (*registration required*)
- [Map of School and Childcare Exemptions \(Immunize.org\)](#)

Clear Communication

- [Tip Sheet: Navigating the Legislative Environment & Addressing Incorrect Vaccine Information \(AIM/NPHIC\)](#) (see also [webinar](#))
- [Promoting Vaccine Confidence During the Legislative Process \(AIM\)](#)
- [Effective Strategies for Educating Policymakers \(AIM\)](#)
- [Addressing Incorrect Vaccine Information \(AIM\)](#)
- [Project VCTR: Vaccine Communication and Tracking Response](#) (*registration required*)

Peer Sharing & Assistance

- Contact [Brent Ewig](#), Chief Policy and Government Relations Officer, for personal assistance
- [AIM Program Practices Database](#) where programs managers can share resources confidentially with one another
- [Peer Sharing & Information Requests \(AIM\)](#)



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Thank you!



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