

## State and Territorial Immunization Activities

Giving shots is the most visible function of immunization programs, but controlling disease outbreaks, educating the public, and maintaining extensive tracking, supply, and delivery infrastructures are major public health activities.

<b>Funds Are Used To Accomplish The Following</b>	
<b>Determine Community Need and Capacity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify under-immunized and at-risk populations.</li> <li>• Implement strategies to increase immunization coverage.</li> <li>• Find public and private providers that vaccinate.</li> <li>• Detect and minimize barriers to immunization.</li> </ul>
<b>Outreach and Education to Encourage Immunization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform parents about the need for and availability of childhood immunizations.</li> <li>• Educate those with existing health conditions about their increased risk for vaccine-preventable diseases and the availability of immunizations.</li> <li>• Create and distribute culturally relevant educational materials.</li> <li>• Conduct marketing and educational campaigns to address vaccine safety concerns.</li> <li>• Use relationships with community groups (churches, businesses, senior centers, etc.) to educate hard-to-reach individuals.</li> <li>• Alert caregivers and healthcare workers about their need to be immunized.</li> </ul>
<b>Outreach and Education to Inform and Prepare Providers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop relationships with providers who are in contact with at-risk adults and children.</li> <li>• Train and educate providers regarding:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Timely administration of vaccines and use of proper techniques</li> <li>▪ Vaccine storage and handling</li> <li>▪ Record maintenance</li> <li>▪ Changes to routine schedules and newly available vaccines</li> <li>▪ Catch-up schedule for under-immunized children</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Delivery of Recommended Vaccines [by Primary Medical Care &amp; Public Health]</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate immunization in patients' medical homes.</li> <li>• Administer vaccine in state and local health departments.</li> <li>• Distribute vaccine for administration in other settings.</li> <li>• Reallocate vaccine to vulnerable populations in areas of need.</li> <li>• Supplement the private system during vaccine shortages.</li> <li>• Support screening and vaccination of children in WIC and maternal and child health clinics.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up, Tracking, Reminder, and Recall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help providers track patients to ensure timely immunizations.</li> <li>• Contact parents and targeted adults with reminders and recalls.</li> <li>• Track and maintain vaccination records using electronic registries.</li> <li>• Provide post-disaster access to electronic immunization registries across state lines.</li> <li>• Conduct onsite review of provider immunization records.</li> <li>• Draft and enforce regulations for daycare, school entry, healthcare worker and long-term care facility immunizations.</li> </ul>
<b>Maintenance of Coverage Rates and Outbreak Control</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out surveys to monitor coverage rates.</li> <li>• Identify and investigate disease occurrences.</li> <li>• Respond to and contain outbreaks.</li> <li>• Impart guidance to key stakeholders in times of vaccine shortage.</li> </ul>