



September 2026 Edition

On Aug. 17, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) [announced](#) the launch of the National Respiratory Communications Initiative (NRCI), a new coalition with the Association of Immunization Managers, Immunize.org, National Adult Influenza and Immunization Summit, and Vaccinate Your Family. This initiative is bringing together leading immunization, infectious disease, patient advocacy, and public health organizations to ensure that evidence-based information about respiratory disease prevention—including influenza, COVID-19, RSV, and pneumococcal disease—is clear, consistent, and accessible for everyone.

To learn more about this initiative and how it can help equip you and your team for respiratory season, join the [NFID Annual Respiratory Season Kick-Off](#) on Sept. 24 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am ET. Additional details on featured speakers and registration options for both virtual and in-person (Washington, DC) attendance will be available soon.

Deadline Extended: AMGA's Zoster Vaccination Improvement Quality and Innovation Collective (QuIC)

AMGA's new Zoster Vaccination Improvement QulC aims to engage up to 10 AMGA member organizations from the RIZE campaign to improve vaccination rates for the recombinant zoster vaccine and close gaps in care for eligible adult patients. The program will focus on understanding key stakeholders at the system level, care team level, and patient level who impact the way shingles is being presented.

In collaboration with AMGA, participating organizations will identify and implement one targeted intervention to improve shingles immunization. AMGA will work closely with each organization to understand its unique structure, barriers, and needs, and to identify key strategies for success. After requests for more time, the deadline to participate has been extended to Friday, September 11, 2026.

Please email [Erica Taylor](#) with questions or to indicate your intent to enroll!

Webinar Preview



“Engaging Immunization Coalitions to Advance Shared Goals”

The next RIZE campaign webinar, cohosted with RIZE partner Immunize.org, will discuss the value of health system involvement in local and state immunization coalitions. We're excited to feature three coalitions: the California Immunization Coalition, the North Carolina Immunization Coalition, and the Arizona Partnership for Immunization. Our guest speakers—Karin Szymanski, MEd; Lacie McKamey, PharmD; Catherine Flores Martin; and Jeffrey Silvers, MD—will share collaboration strategies that have advanced vaccine goals across their states and within each health system.

[Join us](#) on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 2 pm ET to hear about these innovative best practices!



Upcoming Dates

Sept. 17 – Campaign webinar: "Engaging Immunization Coalitions to Advance Shared Goals" at 2 PM ET ([Register](#))

Sept. 24 – [NFID Annual Respiratory Season Kick-Off](#)

Sept. 30 – Trusted Messenger Program [Train-the-Trainer](#) session

Oct. 15 – Deadline to submit quarterly data report ([Learn more](#))

Nov. 12 – Trusted Messenger Program [Train-the-Trainer](#) session

Campaign Spotlight

The RIZE team is thrilled to welcome Christina Vetter as Associate of National Health Campaigns!

Prior to AMGA, Christina held a variety of roles focused on plain-language health writing, editing, and project management. Most recently, she served as a Science Writer and Editor at JBS International, where she worked on health communication projects for NIH's National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

She graduated with a BS in Community Health and Preventive Services from UT San Antonio and recently completed a post-baccalaureate certificate in Health Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Resource of the Month

With respiratory season around the corner, make sure you are staying on top of the latest immunization news!

More than 50,000 email subscribers rely on Immunize.org's [IZ Express](#) to stay informed on new vaccine recommendations, FDA vaccine approvals, newly released Vaccine Information Sheets (VISs), immunization resources, notable publications, national and international vaccine news, upcoming events, and more. Subscribers receive IZ Express every Wednesday.

[AMGA Immunizations Brief](#) delivers vaccine news and updates relevant to healthcare leaders. This brief provides concise, actionable information to help you stay informed and guide patient care in an evolving immunization landscape.

For a more in-depth weekly report, sign up for the [Vaccine Intelligence Report](#) from RIZE campaign partner [Vaccinate Your Family](#).



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