A Measure of Change: Texans Champion the Value of Immunizations

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What Inspires You?
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Stakeholder Assessment Findings

Protect Mothers and Infants: Increase Efforts to Control Pertussis

Percentage of survey respondents who believe that the current “opt-in” process in Texas contributes to the inability of healthcare providers to access information, 2010-2014

Stakeholder Assessment Findings

Cut the Red Tape and Increase the Efficiency of ImmTrac

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**Stakeholder Assessment Findings**

**Stem the Rising Tide of Vaccine Exemptions**

- **Percentage of Survey Respondents who “Agreed” or “Strongly Agreed” with Statement**
  - The process for getting an exemption for reasons of conscience is too easy in Texas: 57%
  - Many people in Texas get exemptions for reasons of conscience because getting this type of exemption is easier and more convenient than getting a vaccination: 57%
  - People who want exemptions for reasons of conscience should be required to show written verification that they have consulted with a doctor or other health professional about the risks and benefits of immunization before being able to complete the exemption process: 97%
  - People who want exemptions for reasons of conscience should be required to read or watch an online summary about the risks and benefits of immunization before being able to go forward with the exemption process: 97%

**How likely would you be to support a measure that requires DSHS to better track exemption rates and make this information available to the public?**

- Not at all: 5%
- A little: 2%
- Somewhat: 22%
- Very likely: 71%

**Protect Students Against Bacterial Meningitis**

**Meningitis Vaccine Requirements: Legislative History**

- **2000**
  - Stennis Schuringa Act (HF 4790)
  - Required all first-time college students living on campus to show proof of meningococcal vaccination

- **2011**
  - James Schuringa & Nicole Williams Act (SB 1707)
  - Required all entering students attending a college or university who were under the age of 30 to show proof of meningococcal vaccination

- **2013**
  - Revision to the Meningitis Requirement (SB 63)
  - Aligns the law with CDC recommendations and requires only students younger than age 22 to show proof of meningococcal vaccination

**Vaccinate Across the Lifespan**

- "Many seniors are on fixed incomes, and if it comes to paying $25 for a vaccine or buying $25 worth of groceries, the groceries will win every time..."

- "...They could use help in obtaining these very valuable vaccines. Adult clients are unable to pay out of pocket for immunizations and they depend on the local health department to provide all vaccines..."

- "The high cost of MCV4 places the individual in financial strain. Adults find this to be a barrier to enrolling into school or meeting the pre-requisites to obtaining a job."
**Stakeholder Assessment Findings**

**Protect Students Against Bacterial Meningitis**

How likely would you be to support a measure that requires a booster dose of meningococcal vaccine for 11th grade students in Texas?

![Graph showing likelihood of support for meningococcal vaccine booster](image)

**Reduce the Risk of Cancers Associated with HPV**

“My best line is...If I give it to my kids, I will give it to yours. It never fails”

“I think graphic examples of HPV in individuals are persuasive along with an emphasis on the provider’s part to educate patients on why HPV vaccine is so important.”

“I reinforce the fact that this vaccine is not about condoning sex, rather it’s about protecting their child, and who wouldn’t want to protect their child?”

“Every family that comes into my clinic and has adolescent teens received education regarding the HPV vaccine. Event if they choose not to vaccinate, I give them the VIS to look over and reconsider.”

**Promote Awareness of Neglected Tropical Diseases**

Level of Knowledge: Emergent Tropical Diseases in Texas, 2014

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Not at all  | A little  | Somewhat  | At least!

**Neglected Tropical Diseases**

Percentage of Survey Respondents Who Are “Somewhat” or “Very Likely” to Participate in Education Events on Prevention, Prevalence, and Reporting Requirements of Emergent Tropical Diseases in the Next Six Month, 2014

- **How likely are you to participate in a webinar about the prevention, prevalence, and reporting requirements of these emergent tropical diseases?**
  - 75%
- **How likely are you to attend a “Lunch and Learn” in your community about the prevention, prevalence, and reporting requirements of these emergent tropical diseases?**
  - 71%

**Stakeholder Assessment Findings**

**Summary**

1. Protect Mothers and Infants from Pertussis
2. Increase the Efficiency of ImmTrac
3. Reduce Conscientious Exemptions
4. Improve Immunization Uptake among Adults
5. Protect Students Against Bacterial Meningitis
6. Reduce the Risk of Cancers Associated with HPV
7. Monitor and Promote Awareness of Emerging Diseases
Call to Action!

- Leverage your strengths
- Do what you do best!
- Remember what inspires you
- Tell your story
- Advocate
"It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result."

– Mahatma Gandhi

Thank You!

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