



# Regulatory Roundup

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Weekly Webinar for Long-Term Care Professionals

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 [IHCA.org/regulatory-roundup](https://ihca.org/regulatory-roundup)

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# Upcoming Education Offerings

## WEBINAR

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MDS Mastermind  
Webinar Series

Aug 10 – Sept 28

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## WEBINAR

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Silver Quality  
Award Workshop

Aug 10 – 31

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## WEBINAR

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Advanced Action  
Planning for  
Administrators

Aug 22

Details [here](#).

## IN-PERSON

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Assisted Living  
Symposium

Sept 28 – 29

Details [here](#).

# Today's Agenda

- Keeping residents safe through vaccination – Mary Enlow RN, IP – IDH
- NHSN Clarifications – a repeat – Teresa Hostettler, Lead QI Advisor Q Source
- Q&A– Lori Davenport



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# KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE THROUGH VACCINATION

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PREVENTION DIVISION

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To promote, protect, and improve the health and safety of all Hoosiers.

## OUR VISION:

Every Hoosier reaches optimal health regardless of where they live, learn, work, or play.



# Objectives

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## What is important, and what do you need to know:

- Shingrix – What is it, dosing, factors to consider
- RSV Vaccine – What is it, Dosing, when will it be out
- PneumoVax Mobile App – What is it, how to use it.
- Top 5 gaps and trends

# Shingles

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- Shingles is a painful rash that usually develops on one side of the body, often the face or torso
- The rash consists of blisters that typically scab over in 7 to 10 days and clears up within 2 to 4 weeks
- Some people describe the pain as an intense burning sensation
- For some people, the pain can last for months or even years after the rash goes away. This long-lasting pain is called postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), and it is the most common complication of shingles.
- Your risk of getting shingles and PHN increases as you get older



[Photos of Shingles \(Herpes Zoster\) | CDC](#)

# Shingrix vaccine

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- Shingles vaccination is the only way to protect against shingles and postherpetic neuralgia (PHN), the most common complication from shingles.
- You should get Shingrix even if in the past you:
  - Had shingles
  - Received Zostavax (a different Shingles vaccines called Zostavax was used in the past, it is no longer available for use in the United States, as of Nov. 18, 2020.)
  - Received varicella (chickenpox) vaccine
- There is no maximum age for getting Shingrix.



# Shingrix Dosing

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## Indications:

- Adults 50 years and older should get two doses of Shingrix, separated by 2 to 6 months
- Adults 19 years and older who have or will have weakened immune systems because of disease or therapy should also get two doses of Shingrix
- If needed, people with weakened immune systems can get the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first

## Considerations:

- Adults with a minor acute illness, such as a cold, can receive Shingrix
- People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover to be vaccinated

## Contraindications:

- You should not give Shingrix to patients who are experiencing an acute episode of herpes zoster
- Defer vaccination for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, regardless of symptoms, until the patient has met the criteria for discontinuing isolation
- Shingrix is an inactive vaccine so you can administer it with other inactive or live vaccines. If you administer Shingrix and another vaccine to someone on the same day, give them at different anatomical sites (e.g., different arms).
- Wait a minimum of 8 weeks after a person received Varivax to give Shingrix
- If a patient waits longer than 6 months to get the second dose you should give the second dose as soon as possible. However, you do not need to restart the vaccine series.

# Possible Side Effects of Shingrix

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- Sore arm
- Mild or moderate pain
- Redness
- Swelling where they got the shot
- Tiredness
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Shivering
- Fever
- Stomach pain
- Nausea
- Symptoms went away on their own in about 2 to 3 days
- Side effects were more common in younger people
- Patient may have a reaction to the first or second dose of Shingrix, or both doses
- Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) reported very rarely after Shingrix. (There is also a very small increased risk of GBS after having shingles)
- Report side effects from Shingrix to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). VAERS website, or by calling 1-800-822-7967.

# Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- RSV is a contagious virus. Spread via virus droplets, and direct contact with the virus by touching a surface with the virus on it, causing lower respiratory infections.
- It is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.
- CDC estimates that every year, RSV causes approximately 60,000–160,000 hospitalizations and 6,000–10,000 deaths among older adults.



Artistic rendition

[What is RSV?](#) | [RSV in Adults for HCPs](#)

# Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Vaccines

New vaccines which are the first ones licensed in the United States to protect against RSV

**Available this fall for people ages 60 years and older.**

- These vaccines provide an opportunity to help protect older adults against severe RSV illness at a time when multiple respiratory infections are likely to circulate
- RSV vaccine is recommended as a single dose. Studies are ongoing to determine whether (and if so, when) revaccination may be needed

**ABRYSVO**

**Pfizer**

**Package Insert**

**AREXVY**

**GlaxoSmithKline**

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# RSV Vaccines

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June 29, 2023

CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations for use of new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccines from GSK and Pfizer for people ages 60 years and older, **using shared clinical decision-making**. This means these individuals may receive a single dose of the vaccine based on discussions with their healthcare provider about whether RSV vaccination is right for them.

# Side Effects and Reporting Adverse Events

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## Side Effects

- Injection site pain
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Joint stiffness/pain
- Atrial fibrillation
- Guillain-Barré syndrome

## Reporting of Vaccine Adverse Events

Adverse events after vaccination should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). Reporting is encouraged for any clinically significant adverse event even if it is uncertain whether the vaccine caused the event.

**Information on how to submit a report to VAERS is available at:**

**<https://vaers.hhs.gov/index.html>**  
**or by telephone at 1-800-822-7967**

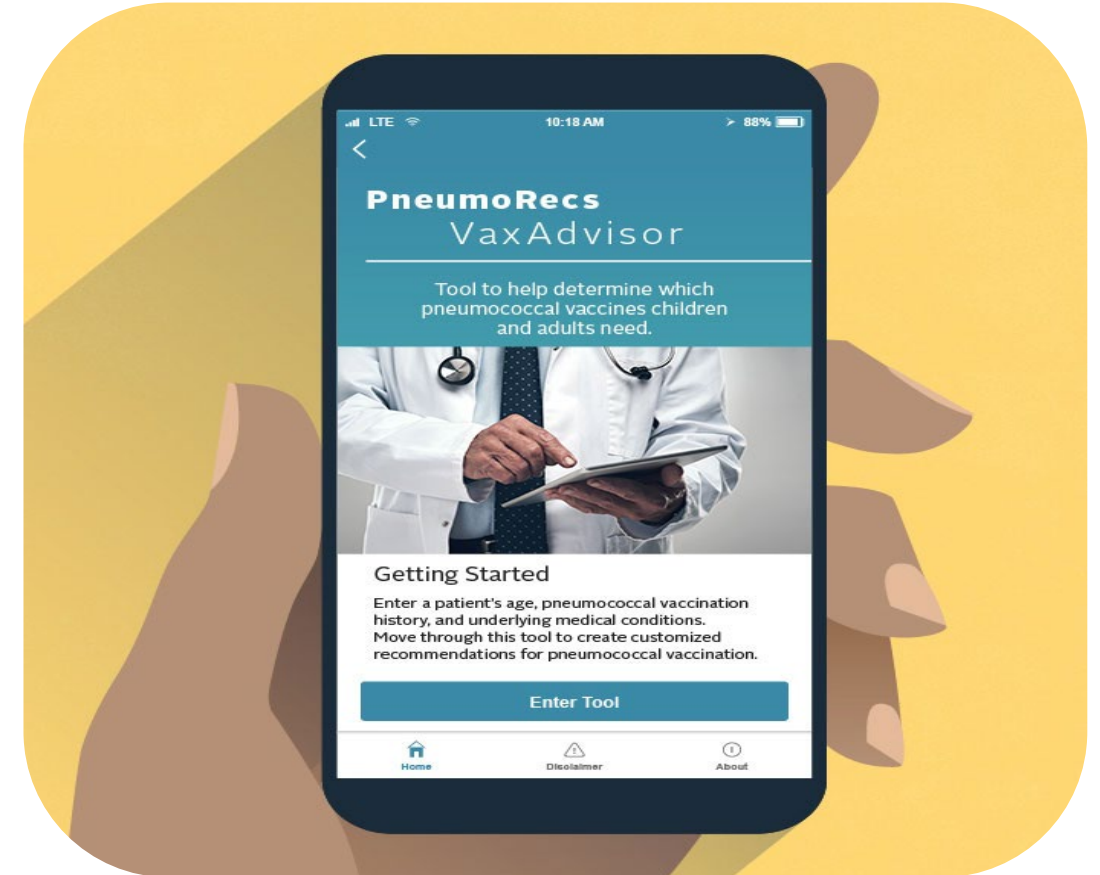


# PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor

The ***PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor*** mobile app helps vaccination providers quickly and easily determine which pneumococcal vaccines a patient needs and when.

## Recommended for all ages

- Provides patient-specific guidance consistent with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) pneumococcal vaccination recommendations.
- Eliminates the challenge of interpreting and synthesizing multiple vaccination recommendation statements.



# Trends: Top 5 IPC Gaps in LTC/AL

## Top 5 IPC Gaps:

1. Resident hand hygiene
2. Auditing
  - Hand Hygiene (30 per 100 residents monthly), safe injection practices, cleaning & disinfecting practices, etc.
3. Antibiotic stewardship practices
  - Keeping antibiograms, training nurses and providers annually on antibiotic use, etc.
4. Wearing proper PPE with laundry
5. EVS managers rounding

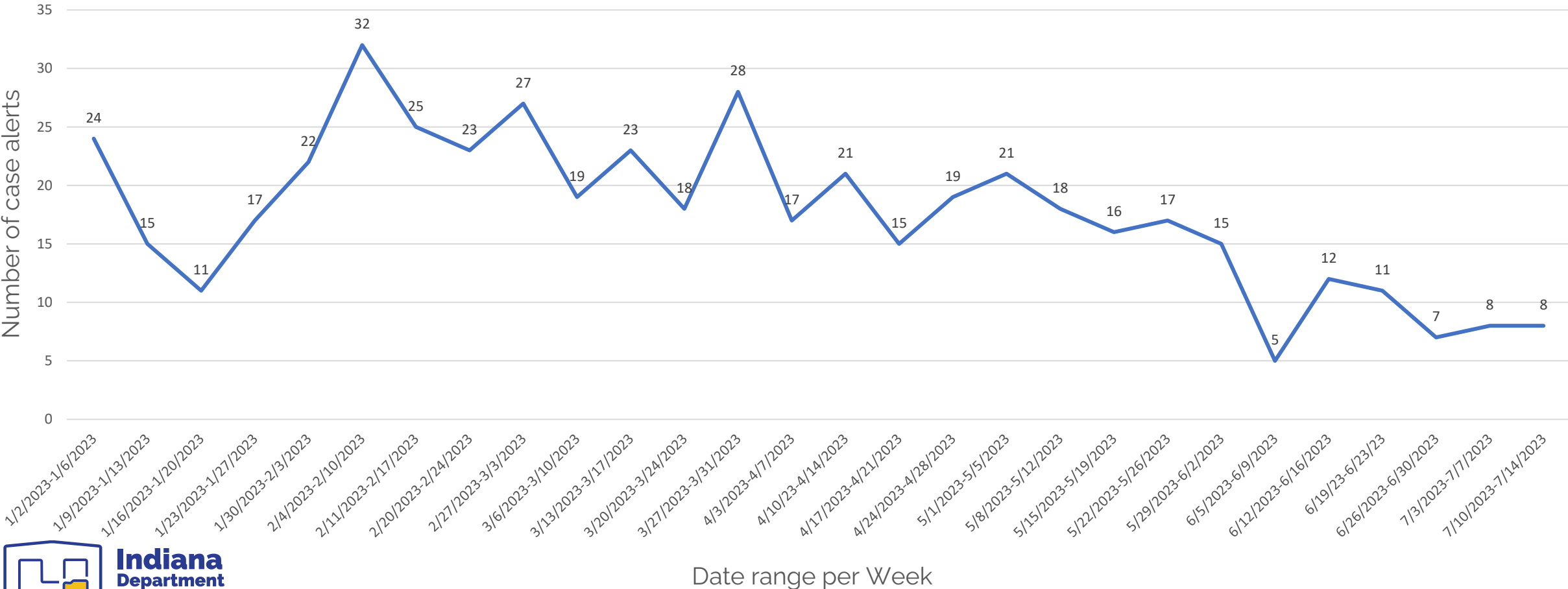
## RESOURCES

- [IDOH's IP Website](#)
- [Project Firstline Education Materials](#)
- [CDC's ICAR Auditing Tools](#)
- [CDC's Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship](#)
- [Sign Up for the IDOH LTC Newsletter](#)



# Reported COVID-19 Outbreaks in LTC/AL

Number of COVID-19 Case alerts per Week  
Jan 1, 2023-July 15, 2023



Old Case Alert Definition: any single new case in residents or staff when no cases noted in the past 4 weeks.  
Outbreak Reporting Threshold updated 7/13/2023: <https://www.in.gov/health/ltc/files/Revised-Reporting-Chart-Revised-LTC-COVID-19-Reporting-Guidance-Chart-7-12-23.pdf>

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[FDA Approves First Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Vaccine | FDA](#)

[For Healthcare Professionals: RSV \(Respiratory Syncytial Virus\) | CDC](#)

[How to Report an Adverse Event to VAERS](#)

[PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor: Vaccine Provider App | CDC](#)

[Vaccine Schedules App | CDC](#)

[CDC Recommends RSV Vaccine For Older Adults | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](#)

**Please reach out  
to your district IP  
for more information.**

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 **NHSN Long Term Care Facility Component Home Page**

▸ Long Term Care Dashboard

▾ Action Items


COMPLETE THESE ITEMS


ALERTS


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COVID-19  
Vaccination Summary  
Data Alerts

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COVID-19 Vaccination Summary Data Alerts

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COVID-19 Vaccination Summary Data

Missing Events

Incomplete Events

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Week Start Date	Week End Date	Vaccination Form Type		Variable	QA Flag Description	Confirmed
07/10/2023	07/16/2023	Resident	QA Alert	pctAnyVacc	The total (complete + partial) vaccination cove	N
07/17/2023	07/23/2023	Resident	QA Alert	pctAnyVacc	The total (complete + partial) vaccination cove	N

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# NHSN Clarifications –NHSN’s Response to Alerts

Thank you for your message, the response to your inquiry is below. This ticket is now closed. Please refrain from replying to closed tickets, it will delay response times. Please respond directly to [NHSN@cdc.gov](mailto:NHSN@cdc.gov) and a new ticket will be generated. Thank you.

**Ticket Number**

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**Resolution**

This response was sent to NHSN user on 7/25/2023.

Hello ----- Thank you for your message.

**We are aware of the issue with the quality assurance (QA) alerts that appear on the alerts screen in the NHSN application, and we are currently working to resolve it. It appears that the data quality alerts are now sometimes generating inaccurately for the Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Module for residents.**

**Please disregard these alerts, as the alerts are not impacting a facility’s ability to enter, update, save, or analyze data. Additionally, please do not edit Weekly COVID-19 vaccination Module data from within the QA alerts screen.**



Thank you,  
NHSN Vaccination Team



# NHSN Email re: Deadline for Reporting

## **Long-Term Acute Care Facilities (LTACs/LTCHs) that participate in the Long-Term Care Hospital Quality Reporting Program:**

2023 Quarter 3 (January 1 - March 31) CLABSI and CAUTI data (all bedded inpatient locations)

2023 Quarter 3 (January 1 - March 31) C. difficile LabID Events (FacWideIN, all healthcare-onset, and community-onset)

2023 Quarter 1 (December 26, 2022 - March 26, 2023) Weekly Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Summary data

## **Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) that participate in the Skilled Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Program:**

2023 Quarter 1 (December 26, 2022 - March 26, 2023) Weekly Healthcare Personnel COVID-19 Vaccination Summary data

# Q&A

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