

Montana's Aging and Disability Vaccine Collaboration

Overview for Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and Immunization Providers

Purpose:

The purpose of the [Aging and Disability Vaccine Collaborative \(ADVC\)](#), funded by USAging, is to support vaccination education and promotion activities (e.g., community vaccine clinics, in-home vaccinations, transportation to vaccination sites, and mobile clinics) and to promote vaccine and wellness outreach and education for older adults and people with disabilities. This project focuses on the Flu, COVID-19, Pneumococcal, RSV, Shingles, and Tdap vaccines.

In Montana, project partners include:

- Montana University System (MUS): University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities (UM RIIC), MonTech Assistive Technology Program, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy, UM School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, and Montana State University College of Nursing.
- Montana [Centers for Independent Living](#): Summit Independent Living, Ability Montana, and Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT).*

*LIFTT is funded separately from the collaborative project proposed by the other Montana partners; however, USAging is supporting all funded organizations to share strategies and information.

Goal: Support Montana immunization providers and community partners to increase vaccine reach to older adults and people with disabilities

To reach this goal, we need to know what immunization services are happening in your communities and how we can help older adults and people with disabilities access those services. If there are vaccine clinics that need partner support to extend the reach of immunization services in your communities, we would like to know about these potential opportunities and how we can support you.

ADVC partners can help local and tribal health departments, local pharmacies, and community organizations to meet vaccine-related needs of older adults and people with disabilities by:

- Supporting rides to vaccine clinics and vaccine clinic drive-up options;
- Promoting vaccinations directly to older adults and people with disabilities and assisting individuals to schedule appointments and access vaccinations;
- Offering assistive technology equipment, staff training, and support to include ASL interpreter and CART services as a part of education and vaccinations;
- Facilitating planning with home care, aging, and disability service provider agencies about ways to reach the people they serve, e.g., with in-home vaccinations; and
- Assigning partner employees and volunteers to community vaccine clinics to help with tasks such as clinic set up, intake, and referrals to other needed services.

UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy faculty and students are available to travel as an immunization provider to provide vaccines within the community (community-based vaccine clinics, home deliveries) and within settings such as work sites, group homes, assisted living facilities, and skilled nursing facilities. Vaccine recipients will need to provide their insurance card or work with the team to identify a payment source for vaccines. Please contact us to learn more.



Photo: UM Pharmacy Services Manager, Ken Chatriand, and UM New Directions Wellness Center Director, Jaclyn Carson, meet with MSU Nursing students, Delaine Maki and Haley Partlow.

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We also strongly encourage you to participate in the related [Project ALIVE \(Accessible Life-saving Integrated Vaccine Equity\) public health training](#) that was funded by the CDC Foundation.

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