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Immunization Conference for Health Professionals on October 2

Pediatric Vaccine Providers with Exceptionally High Vaccination Rates to be Recognized

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Immunization Coalition will sponsor its ninth annual immunization conference on Thursday, October 2, at the Double Tree Hotel in Monroeville.

The conference, to be held from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., is for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, medical office staff and community service/public health professionals. Continuing education credits are available.

Dr. Karen Hacker, Director of the Allegheny County Health Department, will welcome conference participants and offer opening remarks.

Featured speakers will include Harold Wiesenfeld, M.D., Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Services, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and STD Program Director for the Health Department; Marian Michaels, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC; and Richard K. Zimmerman, M.D., Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

The speakers will address immunization and pregnancy; recommended immunizations for children, adolescents and adults; and will engage in a panel discussion with audience participation.

Three local vaccine providers in the Pennsylvania Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program will be recognized for high immunization rates. Caring Hands Pediatrics in Pittsburgh, 96%; Pediatric Alliance in Glenshaw, 93%; and Sewickley Valley Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine in Wexford, 90%, achieved outstanding immunization rates among their patients in the audit period from August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2014.

Immunization materials, resources and information will be available from various exhibitors.

The registration fee is \$35, with a discounted fee of \$15 for students. To register online, visit <https://ccehs.upmc.com/liveFormalCourses.jsf>. Paper registration forms may be obtained by visiting www.immunizeallegheny.org.

The Immunization Coalition is a group of 43 health organizations and educational institutions led by the Allegheny County Health Department and committed to protecting children, adults and seniors from vaccine-preventable diseases.

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