



## CIIC Information Sheet

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases' (NFID) *Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition (CIIC)* was established to protect infants, children and adolescents from influenza by communicating with “one strong voice” the need to make influenza immunization a national health priority.

NFID is a non-profit, tax-exempt (501c3) organization founded in 1973 and dedicated to educating the public and health care professionals about the causes, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. For more information, please visit [www.NFID.org](http://www.NFID.org).

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For more information, please visit [www.PreventChildhoodInfluenza.org](http://www.PreventChildhoodInfluenza.org).

## Leadership

- **Chair of CIIC:** Carol J. Baker, M.D., FAAP, FIDSA, NFID Immediate Past President and Professor of Pediatrics, Molecular Virology and Microbiology, Baylor College of Medicine
- **Honorary Chair of CIIC:** Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., FACS, 17th U.S. Surgeon General (2002-2006), President, Canyon Ranch Institute and Distinguished Professor of Public Health, The University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

## CIIC Members

Members of the *Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition (CIIC)* represent a cross-section of the nation's leading public health, medical, patient and parent groups committed to protecting children's health and encouraging wellness.

- **Allergy & Asthma Network Mothers of Asthmatics (AANMA) ([www.aanma.org](http://www.aanma.org))**  
AANMA is a membership organization dedicated to eliminating suffering and death due to asthma and allergies through education, advocacy, community outreach and research. AANMA reaches families around the country with medical news, support and practical strategies for overcoming asthma and allergies.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) ([www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org))**  
AAP and its members dedicate their efforts and resources to attaining the optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults. AAP has approximately 60,000 members in the United States, Canada and Latin America, including pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists.

- **American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) ([www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org))**

AAPA is the only national professional society representing the more than 70,000 physician assistants (PAs) in all areas of medicine. Founded in 1968, the Academy has a federated structure of 57 chartered chapters representing PAs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the federal services. AAPA's mission is to provide quality, cost-effective and accessible health care as well as to support the professional and personal development of PAs. As of July 2008, AAPA has approximately 41,000 members.
- **American College of Cardiology (ACC) ([www.acc.org](http://www.acc.org))**

ACC is a foremost professional society representing heart specialists in the United States and throughout the world. ACC advocates for quality cardiovascular care and seeks to influence health care policy through education, research promotion and the development and application of standards and guidelines. ACC represents more than 16,000 board-certified U.S. cardiovascular physicians.
- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) ([www.acog.org](http://www.acog.org))**

ACOG is a leading group of professionals providing health care for women. ACOG's mission is to serve as a strong advocate for quality health care for women while maintaining the highest standards of clinical practice and continuing education for its members. The organization promotes patient education and stimulates patient understanding of and involvement in medical care. ACOG also increases awareness among its 49,000 members and the public of the changing issues facing women's health care.
- **American Lung Association ([www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org))**

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. It is the oldest voluntary health organization in the United States, with a national office and constituent and affiliate associations around the country. The Lung Association is supported by thousands of volunteers and staff.
- **American Medical Association (AMA) ([www.ama-assn.org](http://www.ama-assn.org))**

AMA helps doctors help patients by uniting physicians nationwide to work on important professional and public health issues. The organization's mission is to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. Working together, the AMA's quarter of a million physician and medical student members play an active role in shaping the future of medicine.
- **American Pharmacists Association (APhA) ([www.pharmacist.com](http://www.pharmacist.com))**

APhA represents more than 63,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and others interested in advancing the profession. APhA, dedicated to helping all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care, is the first-established and largest association of pharmacists in the United States. APhA members provide care in all practice settings, including community pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, managed care organizations, hospice settings and the military.

■ ***American Public Health Association (APHA) ([www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org))***

APHA represents a broad array of health officials, educators, environmentalists, policymakers and health care professionals at all levels, working both within and outside of governmental organizations and educational institutions. APHA builds a collective voice for public health to ensure access to health care, protect funding for core public health services and eliminate health disparities, among a myriad of other issues.

■ ***Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) ([www.apiahf.org](http://www.apiahf.org))***

APIAHF is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander communities. The mission of APIAHF is to enable Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to attain the highest possible level of health and well-being.

■ ***Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) ([www.astho.org](http://www.astho.org))***

ASTHO is a national organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia. ASTHO's members are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and assisting state health departments in the development and implementation of programs and policies to promote health and prevent disease.

■ ***Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) ([www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org))***

AAFA is a patient organization for people with asthma and allergies. AAFA develops health education, organizes state and national advocacy efforts and funds research to find better treatments and cures. AAFA provides practical information, community-based services and support through a national network of chapters and support groups.

■ ***Canyon Ranch Institute ([www.canyonranchinstitute.org](http://www.canyonranchinstitute.org))***

Canyon Ranch Institute is dedicated to inspiring and educating people to make positive, healthy choices for themselves, their families and their communities. The Institute is focused on preventing disease, eliminating health disparities and improving health literacy. Led by Dr. Richard Carmona, 17th Surgeon General of the United States (2002-2006), and guided by the vision and approach of Canyon Ranch, the Institute collaborates with organizations and communities that are focused on improving the health and well-being of all people.

■ ***Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research at the Texas Children's Hospital (<http://www.texaschildrens.org/carecenters/vaccine/default.aspx>)***

The Center for Vaccine Awareness and Research at the Texas Children's Hospital provides a valuable resource for understanding the increasingly complex issues of vaccination. The Center aims to improve the health of mothers and children by promoting and optimizing vaccine delivery by research and educating health care providers and families.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))**

CDC, one of the 13 major operating components of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is the nation's premiere health promotion, prevention and preparedness agency and a global leader in public health. CDC works with states and other partners to provide a system of health surveillance to monitor and prevent disease outbreaks, implement disease prevention strategies and maintain national health statistics. CDC also guards against international disease transmission.
- **Every Child By Two (ECBT) ([www.ecbt.org](http://www.ecbt.org))**

ECBT, the Carter/Bumpers Campaign for Early Childhood Immunization, works to educate families about the need for all children to receive timely immunizations. The organization also continues to seek methods to institutionalize vaccine delivery and ensure access to vaccines. To forward its mission, ECBT enlists the support of elected officials and their spouses, concerned community leaders and representatives of many national organizations.
- **Families Fighting Flu, Inc. ([www.familiesfightingflu.org](http://www.familiesfightingflu.org))**

Families Fighting Flu is an organization made up of families and pediatricians who have experienced first-hand loss of a child to the flu or have had a child experience severe medical complications from the flu. The organization advocates that parents get their children vaccinated against influenza every year.
- **Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA) ([www.hida.org](http://www.hida.org))**

The Health Industry Distributors Association is the premier trade association representing medical products distributors. HIDA members provide medical products and supplies to the nation's physician offices, hospitals, extended care facilities and alternate care sites. Founded in 1902, HIDA represents more than 150 companies that operate hundreds of distribution centers throughout the United States.
- **Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF) ([www.primaryimmune.org](http://www.primaryimmune.org))**

IDF is a national health organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of primary immune deficiency diseases through research, education and advocacy. IDF helps individuals with primary immune deficiency diseases receive proper treatment and educational materials and the peer support they need.
- **Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) ([www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org))**

IAC works to increase immunization rates and prevent disease by creating and distributing educational materials for health professionals and the public that enhance the delivery of safe and effective immunization services. IAC facilitates communication about the safety, efficacy and use of vaccines within the broad immunization community of patients, parents, health care organizations and government health agencies.
- **Kaiser Permanente–Northern California ([www.kaiserpermanente.org](http://www.kaiserpermanente.org))**

Kaiser Permanente, which includes Kaiser Foundation Health Plans, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals and the Permanente Medical Groups, serves approximately 8.2 million people in nine states and the District of Columbia. Kaiser Permanente's 152,000 employees and physicians continually work to elevate the state of health care with progressive products, services and advancements.

■ **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) ([www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org))**

NAEYC is dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through 8 years of age. NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children, with nearly 100,000 members, a national network of over 300 local, state and regional affiliates and a growing global alliance of like-minded organizations.

■ **National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) ([www.nachc.com](http://www.nachc.com))**

NACHC's mission is to enhance and expand access to quality, community-responsive health care for America's medically underserved and uninsured. In serving its mission, NACHC represents the nation's network of over 1,000 Federally Qualified Health Centers, which serve 16 million people through 5,000 sites located in all of the 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

■ **National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) ([www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org))**

NACCHO is the national organization representing the nation's approximately 2,800 local health departments (including city, county, metro, district and tribal agencies). These departments work every day on the front lines to protect us and to promote the health of our communities. NACCHO strives to promote this work through advocacy, policy and development of best practices in all aspects of local public health practice.

■ **National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) ([www.napnap.org](http://www.napnap.org))**

NAPNAP actively advocates for children's health by providing funding, education and research opportunities to pediatric nurse practitioners, influencing legislation that affects maternal/child health care and producing and distributing educational materials to parents and families. NAPNAP's mission is to promote optimal health for children through leadership, practice, advocacy, education and research.

■ **National Association of School Nurses (NASN) ([www.nasn.org](http://www.nasn.org))**

NASN works to improve the health and educational success of children and youth by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice. The core purpose of the organization is to promote student success through the advancement of school health services by professional registered school nurses.

■ **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) ([www.nfid.org](http://www.nfid.org))**

NFID is an organization dedicated to educating the public and health care professionals about the causes, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases. NFID is a long-time advocate for annual influenza immunization and participates in a number of programs and partnerships supporting public health messages about immunization.

■ **National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) ([www.nhmamd.org](http://www.nhmamd.org))**

NHMA provides policymakers and health care providers with expert information and support in strengthening health service delivery to Hispanic communities across the nation. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanic and other underserved populations. NHMA represents 36,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States.

■ ***National Medical Association (NMA) ([www.nmanet.org](http://www.nmanet.org))***

NMA promotes the interests of physicians and patients of African descent and is a leading force for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities and promotion of optimal health. NMA represents more than 30,000 African American physicians.

■ ***Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases (PKIDs) ([www.pkids.org](http://www.pkids.org))***

PKIDs is an organization that works with national groups to represent children with infectious diseases. PKIDs' mission is to educate the public about infectious diseases, the methods of prevention and transmission, the latest advances in medicine and the elimination of social stigma borne by the infected.

■ ***Society for Adolescent Medicine (SAM) ([www.adolescenthealth.org](http://www.adolescenthealth.org))***

SAM is a multidisciplinary organization of health care professionals who are committed to advancing the health and well-being of adolescents. Through education, research, clinical services and advocacy activities, members of SAM strive to enhance awareness of adolescent health issues among families, educators, policymakers, youth-serving organizations, students who are considering a health career and health professionals.

■ ***Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ([www.vaccine.chop.edu](http://www.vaccine.chop.edu))***

The Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia provides parents with complete, up-to-date and reliable information about vaccines. The Center's goal is to dispel common misconceptions and misinformation about childhood vaccines, explain how and why vaccines work, address safety issues and reinforce why vaccines are still necessary.