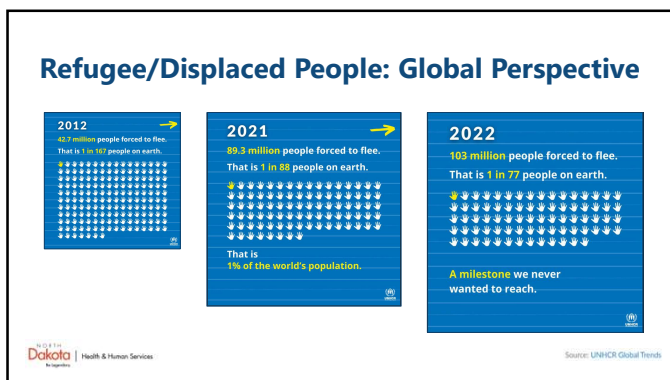
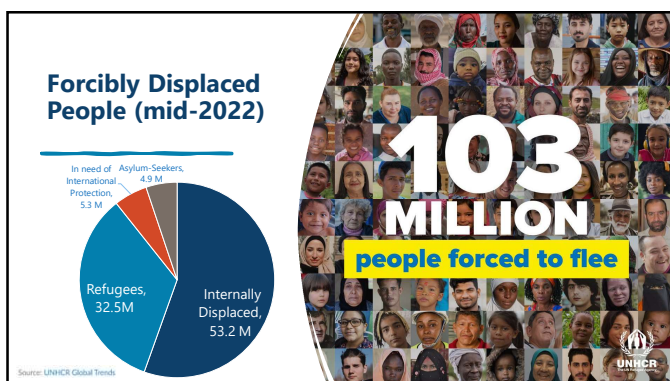




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The Refugee Status



A person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country"

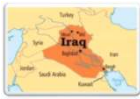
The 1951 Convention Relating To The Status Of Refugees

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Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Eligible Populations

Refugees & Asylees



Special Immigrant
Visa Holders



Afghan
Humanitarian
Parolees



Ukrainian
Humanitarian
Parolees



Cuban or Haitian
Entrants

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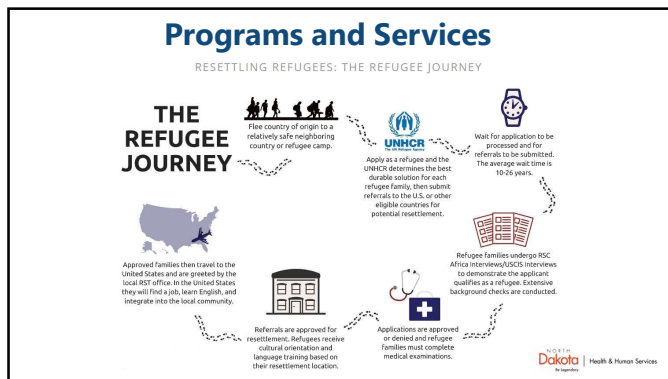
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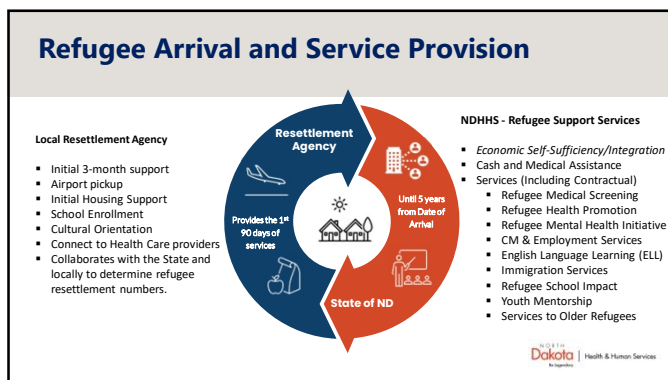


< 1% of Refugees are resettled to third countries

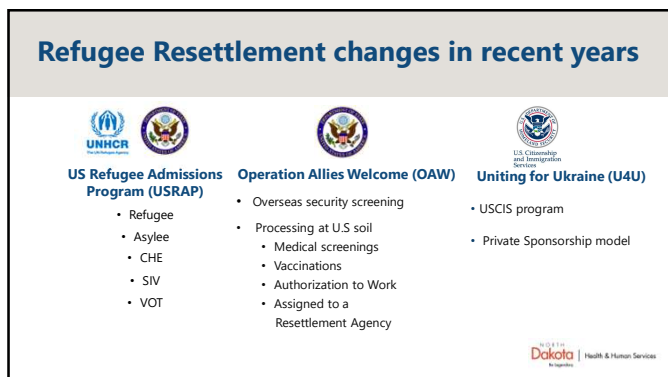
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Uniting for Ukraine– U4U Program

- Launched on April 21, 2022
- Provides a legal pathway for arrival
- Stay temporarily in a 2-year period of parole

Eligible Services

- Mainstream benefits (SNAP, Medicaid)
- Refugee Cash Assistance
- Case Management
- Health Services
- ELL
- All other ORR Programming



Overseas Medical Requirement

Measles & Polio Vaccine
COVID-19 Vaccine

Post Arrival Requirements

TB-testing (Blood)
Eligible for Medical Screening

*No religious or personal belief exemptions allowed

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Welcome Corps Overview

The Welcome Corps is a new Dept. of State program that empowers everyday Americans to come together to sponsor refugees privately, building on our country's long tradition of providing refuge.

Private Sponsor Groups (5 people)

- Complete Welcome Corps Essentials Training
- Complete a Welcome Plan
- Fundraise \$2,375 per refugee newcomer
- Provide first 90 days of services



Phase 1: Now

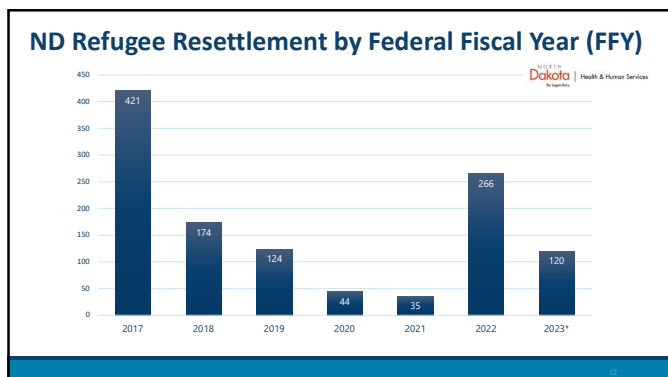
- Matches to begin soon
- WelcomeCorps.org

Phase 2: Fall 2023

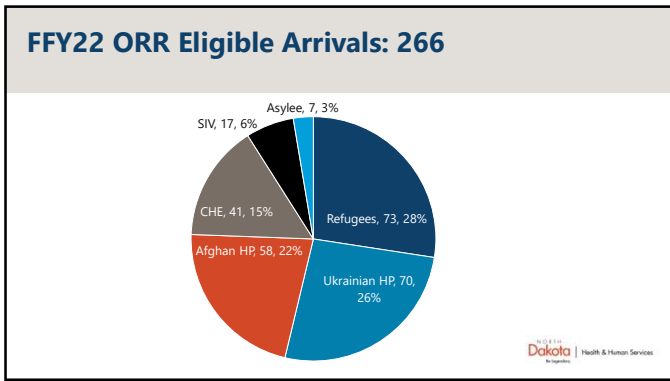
- Sponsors can name specific refugees

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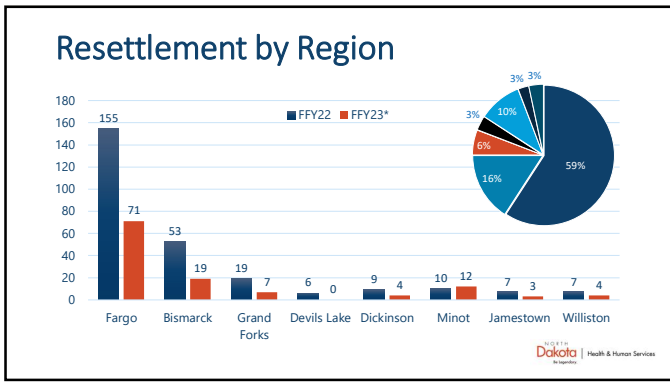
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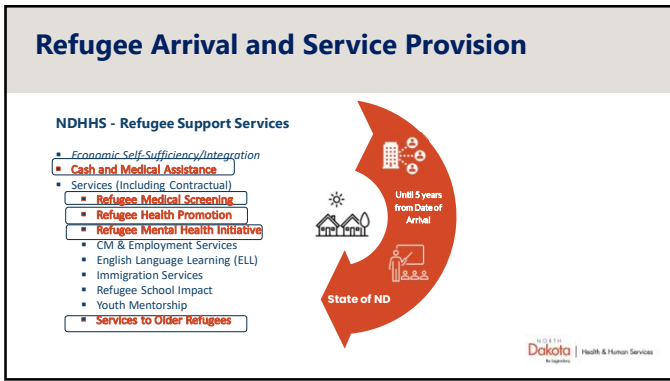
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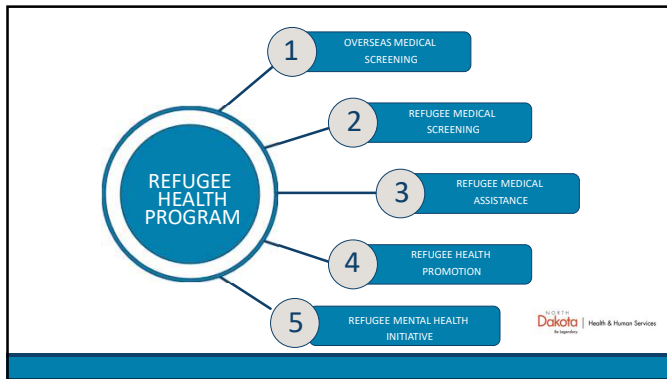
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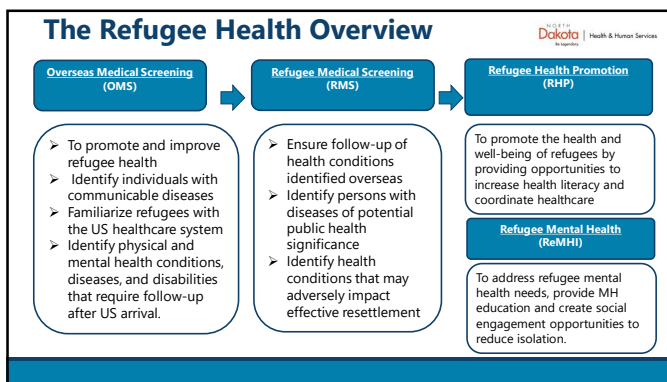
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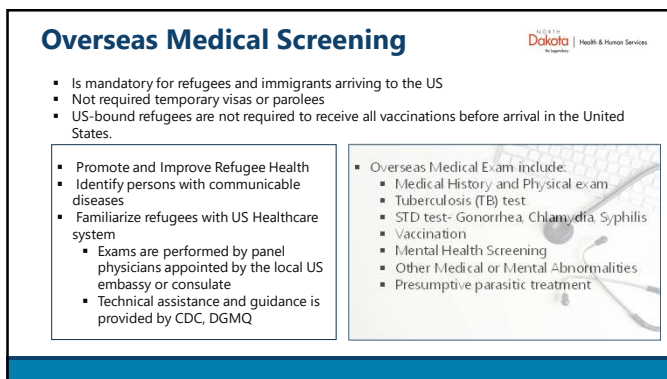
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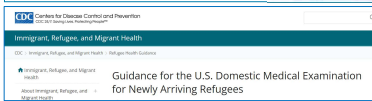
DOMESTIC MEDICAL EXAM

- Comprehensive medical exam within 30-90 days of arrival
- Program outlined by CDC's U.S Domestic Medical Examination Guidance

Newly Arrived ORR eligible receive medical screening-

- Ensure follow-up on medical issues identified overseas
- Identify persons with communicable diseases
- Identify health conditions that adversely impact effective resettlement
- Referrals for ongoing health care

<https://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/guidelines/domestic-guidelines.html>



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Domestic Medical Exam-Recommendations (1)

- Comprehensive Medical Exam
- Mental Health Exam
 - RHS 15 or a combination of other mental health screening tools.
- General laboratory testing
 - CBC and CMP
 - Lead screening
 - Urinalysis if symptomatic
 - Pregnancy test.
- STD screenings
 - Syphilis- Screen all refugees 15 years and older.
 - Chlamydia and Gonorrhea- Screen females 15 years and older.
 - HIV- Screen refugees between 13-64 years old.

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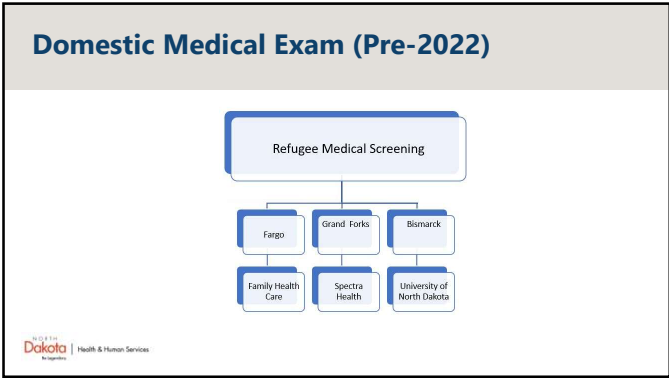
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Domestic Medical Exam- Recommendations (2)

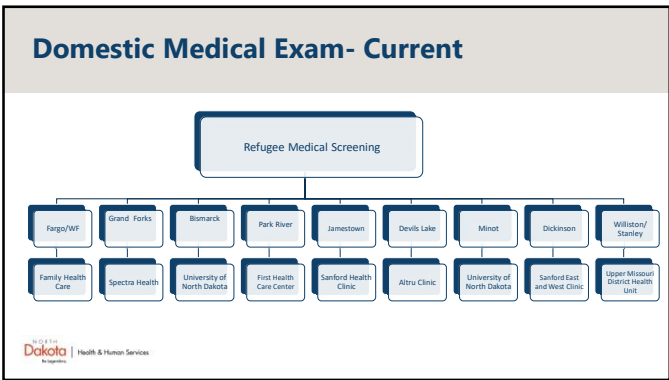
- Tuberculosis screening
 - IGRA- All refugees 2 years and older
 - TST- Infants less than 2 years old.
- Hep B and Hep C Screening
- Vaccinations
 - Overseas vaccines are valid if administered according to A/CIP recommendations.
 - Evaluate any previous vaccines, lab evidence of immunity, and history of disease.
- Intestine parasite testing
 - Asymptomatic refugees arriving without treatment may be treated presumptively.
 - Test and treat can be followed for symptomatic refugees or those with contraindications

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Health Trends among new arrivals

REFUGEE ADULTS

- Hypertension
- Latent TB
- Hearing Loss
- Mental Health Concerns
- Orthopedic conditions (back, knee, shoulder pain)

REFUGEE CHILDREN

- Anemia
- Dental issues
- Elevated lead levels
- Short Stature
- Underweight

Source- Medical Screening Provider, Fargo

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Refugee Health Promotion

To promote the health and well-being of refugees by providing opportunities to increase health literacy and coordinate healthcare

Health Education (4 providers)

- General Health Education
- Women's Health Promotion

Coordinate Health Care (2 Providers)

- Health Care Navigation and Support



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Refugee Mental Health (ReMHI)

To address refugee mental health needs, provide MH education and create social engagement opportunities to reduce isolation.

Mental Health Literacy (2 Providers)

Mental Health Care Coordination (2 Providers)

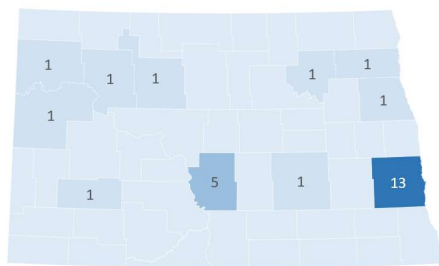
Adjustment Group/Wellness Groups (6 Providers)



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Refugee Health Partners- Statewide (27)

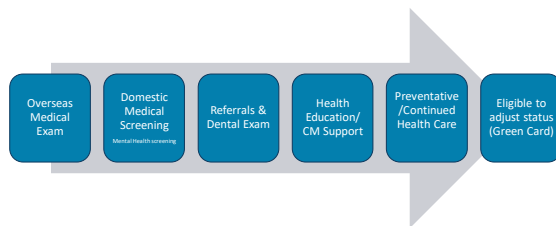


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Refugee Health Timeline (Post-Arrival)



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I-693 Paperwork

- Refugees do not require a complete immigration exam unless a Class A condition was identified overseas.
- Refugees only require Vaccination Record (Part 10).
- Refugee applicants must provide proof that they have met all the vaccination requirements.

Note: This guidance doesn't extend to asylees or parolees

Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record USCIS Form I-693
Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (0908 Nov. 2017-04/23) Expires 07/31/2025

► **START HERE** - Type or print in black ink.
Part I. Information About You (To be completed by the person requesting a medical examination, **NOT** the civil surgeon)

1. Your Full Name
Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name

2. Physical Address
Street Number and Name Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
City or Town State ZIP Code

3. Other Information
A. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female B. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) C. City/Town/Village of Birth
D. Country of Birth E. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)
F. USCIS Online Account Number (if any) A.

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Vaccination Requirements

USCIS REQUIREMENTS:

- MMR
- Polio
- TD/Tdap
- Pertussis
- Haemophilus influenza type B
- Hepatitis B

CDC REQUIREMENTS:

- Varicella
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal pneumonia
- Rotavirus
- Hepatitis A
- Meningococcal
- COVID-19

Chapter 9 - Vaccination Requirement | USCIS

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Blanket Waiver if Vaccine is “Not medically appropriate”

- Not age appropriate
 - Based on the applicant's age at the time of the medical exam
- Medical Contraindication
 - e.g. severe allergic reaction to a vaccination that was previously given, pregnancy, immune compromised condition.
- Insufficient time interval between doses
- Disease immunity

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	<h3>Questions?</h3> <p>Contact Information</p> <p>Dipshikha Sharma, MBA State Refugee Health Coordinator 600 E Boulevard Ave. 3rd Floor, Judicial Wing Bismarck, ND 58505 Phone: 701-298-4663 E-mail: disharma@nd.gov</p>	
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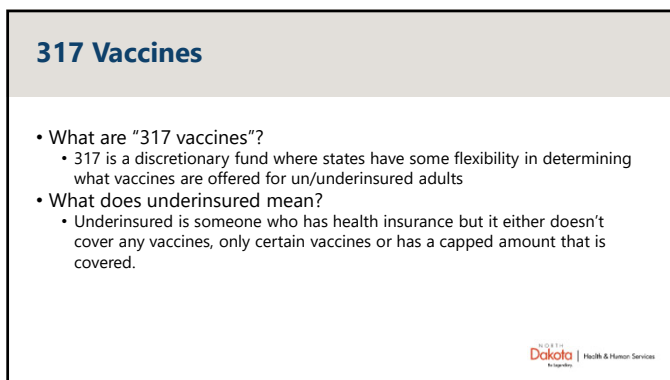
Refugee and Immigrant Health

Immunization Recommendations
Abbi Berg, MPH
Vaccines for Children/ QI Manager

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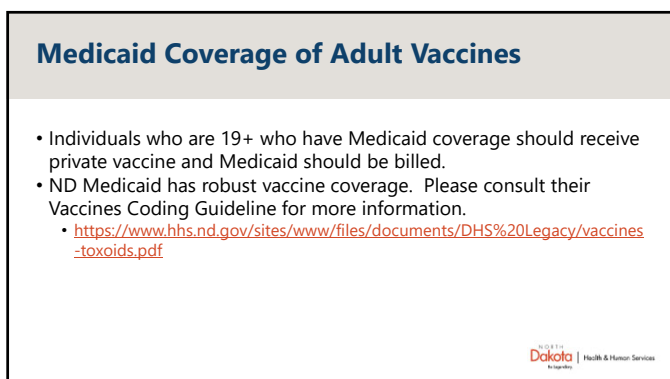
317 Vaccines

- What are "317 vaccines"?
 - 317 is a discretionary fund where states have some flexibility in determining what vaccines are offered for un/underinsured adults
- What does underinsured mean?
 - Underinsured is someone who has health insurance but it either doesn't cover any vaccines, only certain vaccines or has a capped amount that is covered.

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Medicaid Coverage of Adult Vaccines

- Individuals who are 19+ who have Medicaid coverage should receive private vaccine and Medicaid should be billed.
- ND Medicaid has robust vaccine coverage. Please consult their Vaccines Coding Guideline for more information.
 - <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DHS%20Legacy/vaccines-toxoids.pdf>

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Medicaid Expansion Coverage

- Individuals who qualify for Medicaid Expansion have private insurance. Private vaccine should be administered and their insurance company billed for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee.

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Vaccines Available for Un/Underinsured Adults

- Adult Hepatitis A, Adult Hepatitis B and Twinrix®
 - Not available for adults whose sole purpose for vaccination is international travel or employment.
 - Also requires they meet a hepatitis risk factor
 - Consult vaccine coverage table for more information:
 - <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/2022VaccineCoverage.pdf>

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Vaccines Available for Un/Underinsured Adults

- HPV9 for 19 – 45 years of age
 - Recent change in program coverage to include individuals who are 27 – 45 years of age.
 - Individuals do not need additional risk factors to qualify for HPV9 vaccine.
 - Anyone 19+ with Medicaid or Medicaid expansion should receive private vaccine and bill Medicaid or private insurance.

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Vaccines Available for Un/Underinsured Adults

- Influenza
 - Must be prebooked by facilities.
 - Available for all VFC enrolled facilities.
- Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)
 - 19 – 64 years only
- MMR

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Vaccines Available for Un/Underinsured Adults

- PCV15 and PCV20
 - 19 – 64 year olds
 - Additional risk category necessary. Please consult the vaccine coverage table for more information.
 - <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/2022VaccineCoverage.pdf>
- Td/Tdap

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Polio Vaccine Availability

- Availability of IPV vaccine for Ukrainian adults
- IPV vaccine is generally not recommended for adults in the US so was not previously available on the federal contract
- To order IPV for these adults please email vaccine@nd.gov to place your order. This vaccine should be ordered separately from routine vaccine orders.

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COVID-19 Vaccine

- Currently available for everyone regardless of insurance status through the federal government.
- Later in 2023 COVID-19 vaccine will be commercialized meaning facilities will need to carry both privately purchased and state-supplied COVID-19 vaccine.
 - More information on eligibility and ordering will be released closer to the commercialization date.

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Translation of Immunization Records

- NDHHS is developing a process that would allow for official translation of immunization records.
 - NDHHS would coordinate the translation and send completed record back to healthcare provider or the individual.
 - Most likely only available to LPHUs because translation services are otherwise not available.
- In the interim you may email vaccine@nd.gov for assistance
 - Keep in mind we are not fluent in other languages and use online resources to assist us in translation. Please attempt to review the record to ensure that English translation is not already present on the record before sending to the Immunization Unit.

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Entering International Immunization Records

- If the immunization record is already translated or in English please enter into the NDIIS.
 - Historical should be marked as yes.
 - Provider should be 9999 – Unknown

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Entering International Immunization Records

- BCG, OPV and Men C are vaccines that are administered internationally and not in the US. These doses can still be entered into the NDIIS but providers should be careful to select the correct vaccines so the record is accurate.

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OPV – NDIIS Data Entry

- The NDIIS forecaster may recommend additional doses of polio vaccine when OPV doses are entered in the patient's record as unspecified, monovalent (OPV1), or bivalent (OPV2).
- Trivalent OPV (OPV3) is the only oral polio vaccine that fully satisfies the U.S. polio vaccine schedule.
- Based on guidance from CDC, Immunize.org's Ask the Experts guidance says that any doses of OPV given before April 1, 2016 can be assumed to be trivalent unless the historical record specifically indicates the vaccine was mono/trivalent.
 - When entering a historical record in the NDIIS that includes doses of OPV, users should enter all doses given prior to 4/1/2016 as OPV3 unless the record specifically indicates a different presentation.
 - The NDIIS name for the trivalent OPV says "US" in the name because it is the version of oral polio that had been used in the U.S. and it counts towards the standard U.S. vaccination schedule.
 - Doses of OPV given on or after 4/1/2016 are not a trivalent presentation and are not considered valid towards the U.S. polio vaccine schedule.

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Undocumented Individuals

- Eligibility for VFC/317 vaccine is regardless of state/country of residency or documentation status
- Undocumented individuals will need to supply basic information required for health care but should not be turned away for vaccination

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Resources for International Immunization Records

- Appendix B: Vaccines
 - Vaccine Preventable Disease Terms in multiple languages: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/appendix/appdx-b.html>
- Google translate
 - Allows for image searches and typed word searches
- Ask family members if they can help translate or if they have additional copies or versions that may have English language on them.

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Great Adult Immunization Resources

- Vaccine Coverage Table:
 - www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/2022VaccineCoverage.pdf
- Ask the Experts (Immunize Action Coalition or immunize.org)
 - <https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/>
- General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization (ACIP and CDC)
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html>

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Post-Test

- Post-test
 - Nurses interested in continuing education credit, visit https://ndhealth.co1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_3VPtDbkbICIWOIC
 - Successfully complete the five-question post-test to receive your certificate
 - Credit for this session will not expire until May 9, 2023.
- This presentation will be posted to our website: www.hhs.nd.gov/immunizations

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