

Inter-County Association of Western New York

Representing the Counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15-IC

MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND VACCINATION ACCESS AND REPORTING FOR NEW YORKERS

Offered by: the Inter-County Association of Western New York

WHEREAS, local health departments are New York State's partners and operational extensions, working in the forefront of communities, addressing public health issues and serving as the first line of defense against all public health crises by protecting communities and residents, including COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, New York State does not require the reporting of all adult immunizations administered without consent of the person receiving the vaccine; and

WHEREAS, it is challenging to adequately strategize around adult vaccination coverage and reduce disease burden because of a lack of complete vaccination records for adults; and

WHEREAS, enabling decision support through the Citywide Immunization Registry and New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) facilitating targeted outreach to neighborhoods and groups that have low uptake would help ensure equitable access throughout New York City and statewide; and

WHEREAS, New York State has some of the most restrictive pharmacist vaccination laws in the country, and

WHEREAS, allowing pharmacists to administer all ACIP-recommended vaccines would improve vaccine coverage in the city and the state for critical vaccines, such as COVID-19, hepatitis A, mumps, meningitis, pertussis, and measles; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are convenient and trusted community providers who can improve vaccine access, particularly for underserved populations who do not have a primary care provider, and now, therefore be it

RESOLVED:

1. The Inter-County Association of Western New York calls upon the Governor and New York State Legislature to pass legislation that would:
 - a. Codify recent Governor Executive Orders and amend NYS Public Health Law §2168 to require health care providers, registered professional nurses, and pharmacists to report to NYS Department of Health, or, for health care providers located in New York City, NYC Department of Health, all adult immunizations administered without consent of the person receiving the vaccine; and
 - b. Expand pharmacist authority to permanently allow pharmacists to administer all immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to adults 18 years of age and older; and

2. That the Inter-County Association of Western New York Secretary is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to state representatives and all others deemed necessary and appropriate.

This is to Certify that I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Inter-County Association of Western New York, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office and which was duly adopted by the Association at a session held on the 21st day of May 2021 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the Inter-County Association of Western New York dated May 21, 2021.

Jodi Adams



Jodi Adams, Secretary
Inter-County Association of Western New York

Sponsored by: Steuben County, Moved by: H. Lando (*Steuben*), Seconded by: C. Ferratella (*Steuben*)