

# Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations

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The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
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The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
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The Honorable Peter Hammen, Chair  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building, Room 241  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley, Chair Conway, and Chair Hammen:

In accordance with Health-General Article §18-214(k), the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations (the Commission) is submitting this annual report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee. The Commission is charged with determining where community vaccine shortages exist, developing recommendations for equitable distribution of vaccines, making recommendations for how to increase immunizations, and studying and making recommendations about other vaccine-related issues.

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The Commission did not convene in CY 2014. The Chair position was vacant during this time period, and due to numerous expiring terms and retiring members, several positions were in the process of appointment. New Commission members are expected to be in place for 2015, and it is anticipated that the Commission will focus on the State's Immunization registry, ImmuNet, and HPV vaccination for adolescents.

This letter shall serve as the Commission's annual report for CY 2014. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-767-6679 or [greg.reed@maryland.gov](mailto:greg.reed@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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