



Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations

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Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan, Chair Conway, and Chair Pendergrass:

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.

The Commission held one meeting in May during Calendar Year 2018. Due to the unexpected resignation of the Commission's Chair in August, the September and subsequent meetings were cancelled. The process to replace the Commission Chair has been initiated. During the May 2018 meeting, the Commission received updates on current immunization recommendations and discussed activities related to promotion of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine among adolescents. The Commission noted no community vaccine shortages or vaccines in short supply.

This letter shall serve as the Commission's annual report for Calendar Year 2018. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-767-6679 or kurt.seetoo@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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