



AFIX Process

Each year VFC-enrolled providers are selected to participate in the AFIX process. This collaboration between the Alaska Immunization Program and providers is intended to improve immunization service delivery and raise vaccination coverage levels.

CDC's role:

- CDC requires all states conduct AFIX activities annually.
- A CDC questionnaire regarding provider level immunization service delivery is implemented.
- Aggregate, summarized provider data is entered into a CDC required system (AFIX Online Tool) that allows states to generate various reports to assess coverage rates and quality improvement measures. The system also generates data for use by CDC to assess immunization coverage rates and the effectiveness of evidence based strategies.

In general, Alaska's AFIX process includes:

- Gathering and disseminating immunization coverage data from VacTrAK for individual providers;
- Reviewing and discussing vaccine administration quality improvement strategies; and
- Evaluating and assessing progress, barriers and completion of established strategies.
- Patient identifiable information is not included.

Immunization Data:

- Immunization Program AFIX staff use data from VacTrAK to assess individual providers' immunization rates for select age cohorts and ACIP recommended vaccines.
- Reports are generated based on provider PINs and "ownership" of patients.
- Individual providers may access their coverage rates through [VacTrAK's Coverage Rate Reports](#).

Communications:

- AFIX is a process that takes place over several months' time.
- Contacts and appointments include discussions via telephone, email exchanges of summarized aggregate data and surveys, or in person visits.
- Resources regarding immunization coverage and improving immunization rates are provided.
- Training and information about VacTrAK features and functionality may also be provided.

Outcomes:

- Immunization Program and provider staff will identify strengths and areas in which additional quality improvement strategies may be needed.
- Best practices and resources for improving immunization coverage rates will be shared.
- Increased immunization coverage.

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