



## American Indian/Alaska Native Adults: Chronic Health Conditions and the Importance of Vaccination

## Stay healthy and protect yourself, family members, and your elders by getting vaccinated!

- Vaccines are recommended for all adults but are especially important for those with chronic health conditions (like heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, etc.).
- These conditions can increase your risk of serious complications from certain vaccine-preventable diseases, such as COVID-19.

All adults are recommended to receive COVID-19, flu, and Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)/Td (tetanus, diphtheria) vaccines.

You may need other vaccines depending on your health condition and other factors.\*



Flu can increase the risk of another heart attack or stroke.



Some vaccine-preventable diseases can raise blood sugar to dangerously high levels.



Pertussis (whooping cough) can cause difficulty breathing.

## **Vaccine Affordability**

Most insurance plans cover recommended vaccines. Also check the following:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers:
   njpca.org/locate-center/
- Local health departments:
   nj.gov/health/lh/community/index.shtml#1

\* Talk to your health care provider to see what other vaccines you may need.



Scan the code or visit:

www2.cdc.gov/nip/adultimmsched/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <a href="mailto:cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html#conditions">cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html#conditions</a>

New Jersey Department of Health: nj.gov/health/cd/vpdp.shtml

Indian Health Service: <a href="mailto:ihs.gov/forpatients">ihs.gov/forpatients</a>