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Extensive Collection of U.S. Immunization Facts and Policy Now Available Online

Washington, D.C., November 24, 2014 – The Vaccine Facts and Policy (VFAP) project is making available, for the first time in one location, an expansive compilation of detailed immunization data from every major jurisdiction in the United States.

The project website, www.VaccineFactsAndPolicy.org, includes information within five major topic areas related to immunization law and policy including: demographics and rates, fiscal environment, law and policy, strategies and initiatives, and the structure of immunization programs. Users may customize their experience by searching the data by jurisdiction or topic.

By making this interactive and well-referenced database freely available, the project seeks to enhance the ability of immunization stakeholders, healthcare providers, the vaccine industry, policymakers, legislators, advocates, and consumers to access consistent information and work together in pursuit of higher immunization coverage against vaccine-preventable diseases.

The project is a partnership of the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University (GW), the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), and the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC). This unique partnership builds upon the strengths of each organization, enhancing the value and functionality of the project.

GW’s research related to immunization law and policy is recognized for its relevance to public health practice, and has frequently resulted in the development of tools for public health practice and policy.

AIM represents immunization managers throughout the United States and its territories as they work to prevent and control vaccine-preventable diseases and improve immunization coverage. Through national leadership, advocacy, and collaboration, AIM supports immunization programs in the development and implementation of effective immunization policies, programs, and practices at the state, local, and territorial level.

IAC works to increase immunization rates and prevent disease by creating and distributing educational materials for health professionals and the public that enhance the delivery of safe and effective immunization services. IAC also facilitates communication about the safety, efficacy, and use of vaccines within the broad immunization community of patients, parents, health care organizations, and government health agencies.

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The website can be accessed at www.VaccineFactsAndPolicy.org. Inquiries may be sent to info@VaccineFactsAndPolicy.org.

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