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E3 Champions Challenge

The Indian Health Service **E3 Champions Challenge** is a friendly competition that seeks to;

- 1) Encourage Innovation,
- 2) Incentivize Effort, and
- 3) Recognize Success in advancing the goals of the IHS National E3 Vaccine Strategy.

Eligibility includes all Indian Health Service federal direct-care, tribal, and Urban Indian Organization (I/T/U) programs at the community, facility, and/or unit (e.g. ambulatory clinic, inpatient ward, ER, PHN/MCH panel) level.

Criteria

There are two simple criteria for recognition;

1. Establishment of a *2022 calendar year vaccination baseline and,
2. Any *calendar-year improvement (ACIP-recommended vaccine): 2023-2025, reflecting either;
 - 5% in three (3) or more individual and/or combination vaccine measures -OR-
 - 20% in any one individual or combination vaccine measure.

*Vaccination baseline and calendar year improvement measures may utilize GPRA and/or an I-Care panel at federal direct-care sites or comparable embedded vaccination metrics at tribal and Urban Indian Organization sites.

Recognition

Vetting of success in meeting the criteria for recognition will be **at the local level**, requiring a letter from an organization, facility, or unit leader specifically identifying and attesting to the criteria for recognition that have been met (reference to specific vaccine measure, 2022 vaccination baseline rate, and 2023, 2024, and/or 2025 vaccination rate). The brief letter of attestation shall be accompanied by a sharing of best practices (e.g. policies and procedures, process document(s), operational narrative) and lessons learned (as applicable) for cross-pollination of other I/T/U programs. (Note- written/e-mail permission for a public posting of best practices and lessons learned, while encouraged, is not required. Public posting will be limited to sites that provide written/e-mail permission).

Applications for recognition may be submitted to ihsmedsafety@ihs.gov.

Successful applicants will receive a signed certificate of recognition as an **IHS E3 Vaccine Champion** and posting of recognition (with permission from the site) on the public-facing virtual IHS E3 Vaccine Strategy **Wall of Champions**.

Support

Inquiries from Indian Health Service I/T/U programs pertaining to E3 eligibility, criteria for recognition, or logistics may be directed to ihsmedsafety@ihs.gov.