Position Statement

Immunization

The Ohio Nurses Association (ONA) believes that immunization, from infancy through adulthood, is a vital component of protecting the public’s health. Wide spread immunization not only protects those that have been immunized, but also provides a measure of defense to those few persons who cannot receive vaccination due to compromising health conditions.

The delivery of vaccines as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is a safe, effective process for the vast majority of Americans. Adverse events associated with vaccination are extremely rare, especially when compared to the protections conferred on the majority (Maglione, M. A., et al, 2014).

ONA strongly supports immunization of all persons who are able to receive vaccines. Only a minority of persons need to be exempted due to rare medical conditions, such as an immune-compromised state, or religious objection.

While we may live in a world that supports individual choice and personal rights, we exist in a sea of others who also deserve protection of their health. Very few persons live an isolated life such that their actions have no impact on the well-being of others.

For further information, consult the list of references:


American Nurses Association. ANA Immunize. [www.anaimmunize.org](http://www.anaimmunize.org)


