

You may wish to take advantage of this webinar series by American Heart Association and Missouri DHSS: **Hypertension and COVID-19 Zoom Webinar** | June 25 | 8:00 a.m.

## **Effects of COVID-19 on Routine Pediatric Vaccinations**

**Kansas Immunization Program** 

Childhood and adolescent immunization rates have seen a drastic decrease due to COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), **Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Routine Pediatric Vaccine Ordering and Administration**, also showing a drastic decrease in vaccine orders.

The American Academy of Family Physicians stresses the importance of communicating with parents to decrease concerns, and offers <u>immunization resources</u> and other materials to help with those conversation. The CDC's <u>Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers</u> offers guidance for identification of children who have missed well-child visits. Each of these resources can be used to help your staff think of some creative ways to identify those needing vaccinations, develop ways to contact and schedule those patients, all while understanding and addressing patient and parent concerns.

# **Take Multiple Sclerosis Survey**

#### **MS Society**

All primary care providers are invited to voluntarily participate in this short survey intended to help gain information regarding your knowledge of multiple sclerosis. The goal is that this information will provide a better understanding of how to help support communication and collaboration between family physicians, internal medicine physicians, and neurologists with their patients.

### Survey

# **Important Dates**

July 30-August 1 | Virtual AAFP National Conference Family Medicine Residents October 13-17 | Virtual AAFP FMX