



KEY TAKEAWAYS

The ACC's Heart House Roundtable, **Adult Immunization to Promote Cardiovascular Health**, identified the following 10 key opportunities to increase adult immunization in patients with cardiovascular disease.

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Effectiveness: Influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations are highly effective in reducing cardiovascular and all-cause morbidity and mortality.¹

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Coordination: Vaccine implementation requires a coordinated effort, with dedicated partnerships between community leaders, governmental organizations, health systems, care team members, and patients. Cardiovascular clinicians share in the responsibility to promote timely vaccination.

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Dissemination: Dissemination of scientific evidence on the efficacy of vaccines and the link to cardiovascular disease is foundational to immunization efforts. This is particularly needed among healthcare specialists.

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Patient Engagement: Patient engagement and activation is integral to effective vaccine delivery. The incremental effects of patient-facing tools should be prospectively studied. Shared decision making is critical for long-term vaccination adherence.

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Clinician Engagement: Designing clinician-facing, technology-based systems for the entire care team to facilitate decision support may be important in promoting vaccination.

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Community Engagement: Community involvement is critical. Community outreach initiatives, availability of vaccination sites and education in frequently accessed community settings, and partnerships with local community organizations helps promote widespread and equitable vaccination.

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Building Trust: Developing trust with the patients and the community is critical; shared decision making is critical for long-term vaccine adherence. Partnering with neutral, respected voices (i.e., faith-based organizations, youth organizations, community centric areas such as beauty/barber shops, places of worship etc.) can amplify key messages.

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Combatting Mistrust: Misinformation must be proactively combatted. Understanding how the patient-clinician relationship can be used to identify and address misinformation may be an important strategy to overcome mistrust in vaccinations.

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New Evidence: Clinical trials are needed across all settings. These include patient-directed implementation efforts, clinician/health system focused implementation efforts, and community-based implementation efforts.

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Equitable and Inclusive Access: Greater partnerships with policy makers and agencies are needed to overcome structural disparities. A focus on the lower resourced clinics to manage the underserved is also critical.

1. 2022 ACC Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Cardiovascular Sequelae of COVID-19 in Adults: Myocarditis and Other Myocardial Involvement, Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection, and Return to Play: A Report of the American College of Cardiology Solution Set Oversight Committee

