

# VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: AmeriCorps VISTA Immunization Outreach and Education Coordinator

Sponsoring Organization: Immunize Colorado  
Project Name: Immunize Colorado  
Project Number: 20VSWCO001  
Project Period: 2023-2024

Site Name: Mesa County Public Health

Focus Area(s)  
Primary: Healthy Futures  
Secondary:

## **VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities**

**Goal of the Overall VISTA Project:** The Immunization Outreach and Education Coordinator VISTA member will build the capacity of their host site by developing and implementing local activities which promote education and access to vaccinations and primary care services. VISTA efforts will move people out of poverty by creating more touch points with the healthcare system, improving a community's access to primary and preventative care visits. As a result of the VISTA member's service, 500 individuals will be served through immunization outreach and/or education events, 25 volunteers will be recruited to implement the events and six organizations will receive capacity building services to improve and/or expand their programming, services, and communications.

**Objective of the Assignment:** Increase the uptake of recommended vaccines among food service workers by expanding the food handlers permit class.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Familiarize themselves with the best practices for food handling classes and identify any areas that require changes.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Conduct research on the most common vaccine-preventable diseases in the food service industry, and use this information to develop educational materials to be incorporated into food handlers permit classes.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Assist in conducting outreach to food service providers to update food handlers on the vaccines recommended for food handling, and encourage them to receive the suggested vaccines.

**Objective of the Assignment:** Develop coordination of back to school and flu clinics to increase vaccine access and education with the community and schools in Mesa County.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Maintain a strong relationship with school administration, school nurses, school health-related staff, teachers, and other community members to facilitate the coordination of back-to-school and flu clinics.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Ensure that all appropriate clerical information is updated and entered at the time of registration, in accordance with procedural guidelines.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Coordinate the patient care team structure and processes, and refine them as needed to ensure the success of the back-to-school and flu clinics.

**Objective of the Assignment:** Develop, conduct, implement, and manage immunization education and outreach activities to promote vaccine best practices, and improve knowledge of vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases among clinicians and the general public of Mesa County.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Identify immunization knowledge gaps and training needs and conduct outreach activities to provide information to immunization stakeholders such as schools and child care facilities.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Develop and distribute accurate informational materials and presentations for routine vaccinations and COVID-19 vaccinations.

**Member Activity (Dates TBA):** Maintain knowledge of current immunization-related state and federal policies and regulations.