

# Minnesota Immunization Networking Initiative

Providing free vaccinations for communities facing health disparities since 2006.

## Minnesota Immunization Networking Initiative (MINI)

MINI a collaborative led by Fairview and supported by 108 community partners, works to reduce barriers to influenza vaccinations for communities facing health disparities in the greater Twin Cities area. The success of the program is due to partnerships with many faith-based and grass-roots community organizations.

MINI clinics are located in community-based settings such as local churches, mosques, schools, community centers, food pantries, and homeless shelters. The clinics are hosted by the local partner who provides the space, promotion, and interpreters. Fairview provides the vaccine, vaccinators, paperwork — including any needed translations — and information about other local community resources. Influenza vaccinations are provided at no charge to participants ages six months and older.

## By the numbers: 2018-2019 season

- 6,294 influenza immunizations provided at no charge.
- 107 multicultural sites held clinics.
- Fairview volunteers staffed 58 of the clinics.
- Since 2006, over 80,000 free vaccinations have been given.

## Recognition

- Received the 2018-2019 and 2015-2016 Outstanding Influenza Season Activities Award from the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit.
- Featured in Public Health Reports, May 2019.
- Replicated nationally by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Emory University.
- Recipient of a Delta Dental of Minnesota grant for dental varnish treatments and oral health education in the community, a direct result of MINI's flu vaccine outreach.

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## Partners

- Homeland Health Specialists
- St. Mary's Health Clinics
- Stairstep Foundation
- Portico Healthnet
- Karen Organization of Minnesota
- American Indian Community Development Corporation
- Saint Catherine University Department of Nursing
- Hadi Medical Clinic
- Liberian Nurses Association of Minnesota
- Hmong Healthcare Professionals Coalition
- Islamic Center of Minnesota
- Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota
- Minnesota Department of Health
- Many more community and faith-based organizations

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