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# Fostering COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence in Russian- and Ukrainian-Speaking Communities: A Training for Providers

## ABOUT THIS E-COURSE

Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking communities have disproportionately low childhood immunization rates suggesting high rates of vaccine hesitancy. The number of COVID-19 illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths within Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking communities in Washington are also high. Language and cultural barriers play a role in the low vaccination rates. This course is designed to help providers who work with Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking patients better understand vaccine hesitancy within these communities. **This training is free of charge; however, registration is required. Visit our [Immunity Community website](#) to register for the e-course.**

## PRESENTER

**Dr. Gretchen LaSalle** is a board certified Family Physician in Spokane, Washington and is a Clinical Associate Professor for the Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. In 2020 Dr. LaSalle was accepted as an American Academy of Family Physicians Vaccine Science Fellow. She is passionate about prevention, community health, and education and is a self described "semi-obsessed" vaccine advocate.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the prevalence of vaccine hesitancy among the Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking communities in Washington.
2. List key reasons why community members may be hesitant to receive COVID-19 vaccines.
3. Explain a health professional's role in promoting vaccine confidence.
4. Identify language and cultural barriers that may prevent having an open dialog about COVID-19 vaccines with community members.
5. Adopt strategies to initiate conversations about the COVID-19 vaccine with Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking patients.

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