

Fuel Versus Friction Tip Sheet

The table below offers fuel-based interventions intended to increase vaccine uptake and friction-based interventions that respond to hidden barriers that hold people back from vaccination.

Fuel: Interventions to Propel People Forward

Rewards and	Provide incentives: days off, bonuses, gift cards
Incentives	Utilize competition: awards per facilities and individuals
Social	Have trusted individuals share their own vaccination stories
Acceptance	Have a trusted subject matter expert share scientific data behind the vaccine development and potential risks and benefits
	Have one-on-one conversations with staff, caregivers and residents
	Help develop vaccination champions for their roles as advocates and trusted messengers
	Organize Q&A sessions about vaccination with health care experts
Appeal and	Reframe motivation: "I'm not just getting this for myself. I'm getting it because of where I work,
Framing	to keep my residents safe."
	Frame vaccination as a way to "stimulate the immune system to produce specific antibodies
	that remember how to respond to future infections, and then disappear within a few days after teaching the body to respond to the virus."
	Frame the vaccine as a scientific achievement and focus on benefits versus risks
Reminders	Share templates to help create informational board or website about vaccination
	Send weekly reminders with dates and times for vaccination opportunities, timeline and
	requirements
	Make concrete plans for vaccinations with how, when and where, or for exemptions
	Obtain a pre-commitment for vaccination and booster

Friction: Interventions to Remove Barriers

Inertia	Discuss the vaccination requirement in the interview and get proof of vaccination during the
	hiring process
	Provide a vaccination "roadmap" to review timelines and expectations
	Develop a communication plan that includes plenty of time to listen to concerns and feedback
Effort	Give residents and team members a date and time to get vaccinated
	Provide transportation to get vaccinated and boosted
	Have mobile units come to facilities to give vaccinations
	Facilitate partnerships with local pharmacies
	Administer vaccinations as part of hospital stays and the admission process to nursing homes
Reactance	Respect individual autonomy and decisions
	Involve team members, caregivers and residents in the vaccine implementation design to
	create authorship versus "buy-in"
	Ask permission to share your perspective and information on vaccines
	Develop common ground and perform shared problem solving to develop a path forward
Emotions	Eliminate negative, threatening or punitive interactions
	Seek to understand "why" — work through fear, anger and frustration
	Set clear boundaries around what is acceptable and not acceptable
	Go with team members or patients to get vaccinated if they are scared

References and Resources

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