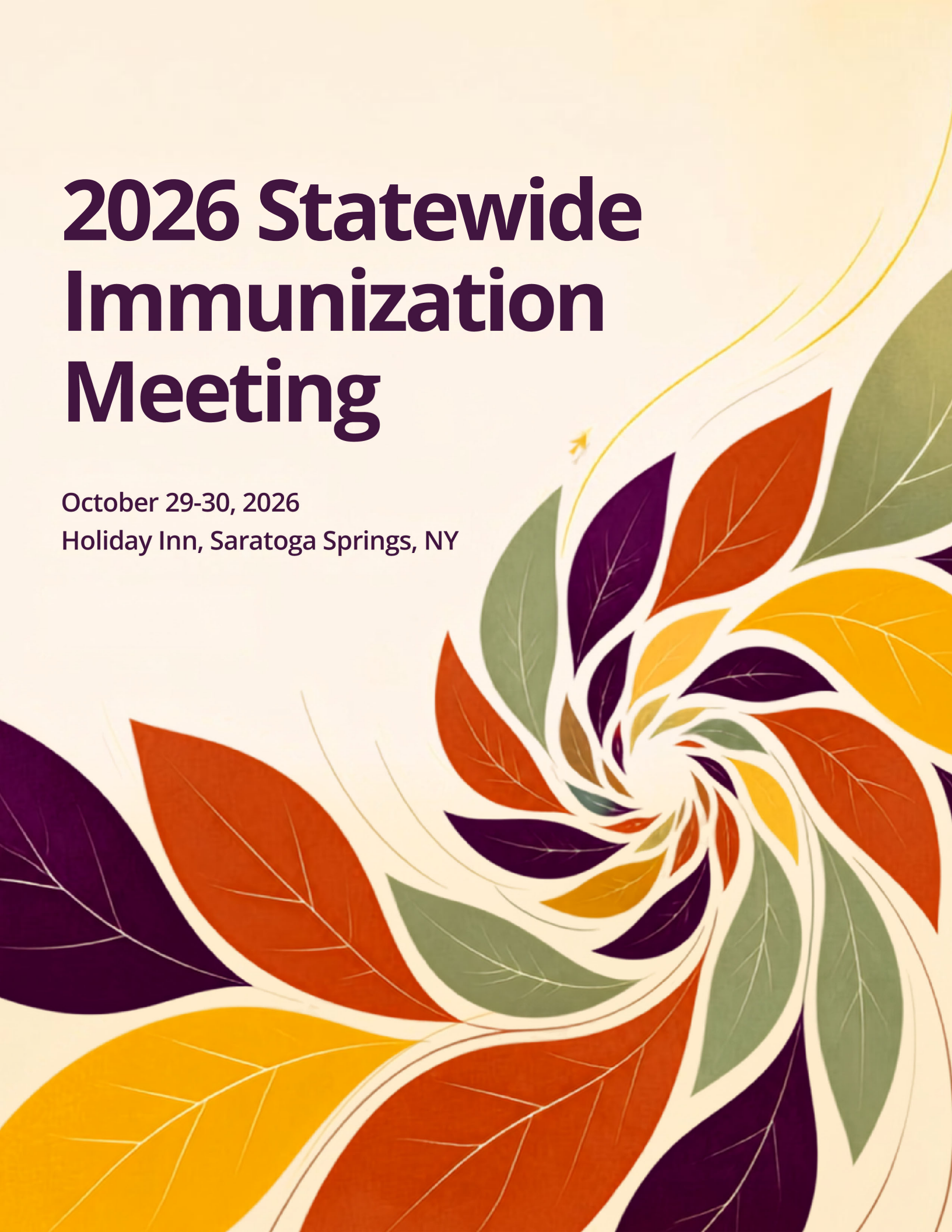


2026 Statewide Immunization Meeting

October 29-30, 2026

Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY



WELCOME TO THE 2026 STATEWIDE IMMUNIZATION MEETING

On behalf of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) and the New York State Department of Health Division of Vaccine Excellence (DOVE), welcome to Saratoga Springs and the 2026 Statewide Immunization Meeting.

We are delighted to bring together immunization professionals from across New York State for two days of learning, collaboration, and networking. This meeting is an opportunity to hear statewide updates, explore emerging topics in immunization, share promising practices, and learn from colleagues who are working every day to protect the health of their communities.

Over the next two days, we encourage you to ask questions, exchange ideas, visit our exhibitors, and make new connections. Some of the most valuable takeaways from this meeting come from the conversations that happen between sessions and among peers facing similar challenges and opportunities.

Most importantly, thank you for the work you do throughout the year to promote and protect the health of New Yorkers through immunization. Your dedication makes a difference in communities across the state.

We hope you leave with new ideas, practical tools, stronger professional connections, and renewed energy for the important work ahead.

Enjoy the meeting and welcome to Saratoga Springs!

The NYSACHO Team





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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

9:00-5:00 **Registration Open**

9:00-5:00 **Exhibit Hall (Exacta/Quinella)**

Visit vaccine manufacturers and immunization partners throughout the day.

10:30-11:00 **Welcome & Opening Remarks (Win/Place/Show)**

Robert L. Viets

Program Director, New York State Association of County Health Officials

Sarah Ravenhall, MHA, CHES

Executive Director, New York State Association of County Health Officials

Elizabeth Whalen MD, MPH, DipABLM

Medical Director, Office of Public Health, New York State Department of Health

11:00-11:30 **The Human Side of Immunization:
A Meningococcal Disease Survivor's Story**

Jamie Schaunbaum

Co-Founder – CEO, The J.A.M.I.E. Group

11:30-12:30 **Vaccines for Children (VFC) & Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Updates**

Lucinda Caruso, MPH, RDN

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Manager, Bureau of Vaccine Programs
Division of Vaccine Excellence (DOVE), New York State Department of Health

Dana Olzenak McGuire, PT, DPT, PhD

Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program Manager, Bureau of Vaccine Programs
Division of Vaccine Excellence (DOVE), New York State Department of Health

12:30-1:30 **Lunch (Daily Double)**

Visit the Exhibit Hall



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Vaccine Preventable Disease (VPD) Update

Olga Lawrence, MPH

Evaluation Specialist

Vaccine Preventable Disease Surveillance

Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, New York State Department of Health

2:00-2:30

Adult Immunization Visits Guidance

Sarah Hershey, RN, BSN

Adult Immunization Coordinator, Division of Vaccine Excellence

New York State Department of Health

2:30-3:30

School Immunization Updates

Jennifer Wohlfahrt, RN, BSN

Public Health Program Nurse, Bureau of School Immunizations

Division of Vaccine Excellence, New York State Department of Health

3:30-3:40

SAVE (School Ambassadors for Vaccine Education) Study

Cynthia Rand, MD, MPH

Professor of Pediatrics

University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry

3:40-4:00

Break (*Visit the Exhibit Hall*)

4:00-4:30

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program Stats

Deb Sobieszek, RN, BSN

PHBPP Coordinator

Division of Vaccine Excellence, New York State Department of Health





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Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP): Panel Discussion

Jeremy J. Heisey, RN, BSN, MSN

IQIP Coordinator

Division of Vaccine Excellence, New York State Department of Health

Mari Sepowski, RN, BSN

IQIP Coordinator

Division of Vaccine Excellence, New York State Department of Health

Aniké K. Shaw

Health Program Administrator

Division of Vaccine Excellence, New York State Department of Health

Amanda Earl, RN, BSN, CLC

Public Health Nurse

St. Lawrence County

Chelsea Reome-Nedik, MPA

Supervising Public Health Educator

Broome County

Marina C. Kistner, RN

Oneida County Health Department

Lynn Fiorillo

Vaccine Coordinator

St. Peter's Health Partners

5:30

Day 1 Adjourns

Dinner is on your own. We encourage you to explore one of the many wonderful restaurants in Saratoga Springs.

Please see the front desk for suggestions.





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7:00-8:00 Breakfast (Bookmakers)

Breakfast is provided for guest speakers and LHD overnight guests only.

7:30-2:30 Registration Open

8:00-2:30 Exhibit Hall (Exacta/Quinella)

8:00-9:00 Regional Immunization Consortia Meetings/Tabletop Exercise

Consortia I & IV - Capital District (Daily Double)

Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, Washington, NYSDOH CDRO

Consortia II - MARO (Place)

Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester, NYSDOH MARO

Consortia VI & VII – Western Region (Win)

Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates, NYSDOH WRO

Consortia III & V - Central Region (Show)

Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins, NYSDOH CRO

9:00-9:30 Break (Visit the Exhibit Hall)

9:30-10:30 Tabletop Exercise Continues (Win/Place/Show)





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Engaging by Design: Using Gamification to Strengthen Immunization Education

Izzy Brandstetter Figueroa, PhD, MPH

Director of Vaccine Science Communication, Unbiased Science

Ready to level up your vaccine conversations? Step into a whole new way of learning with the Unbiased Academy's interactive, gamified training experience. In this session, you'll explore innovative immunization conversation guides and get a live look at their virtual "escape rooms," where real-world patient scenarios challenge you to think on your feet, respond to tough questions, and build confidence in your communication skills. Backed by evidence-based science and proven strategies, this first-of-its-kind approach transforms vaccine education into an engaging, hands-on experience you won't forget. Come see how learning can be fun, practical and maybe even a little addictive.

11:30-12:00

Ask Questions, Get Answers, Vaccinate!

Adrienne Verrilli

Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Communications,
Office of External Affairs, New York City Department of
Health and Mental Hygiene

12:00-12:10

Grandparents for Vaccines

Mary Koslap-Petraco, DNP, PNP-BC, CPNP, FAANP, FAAN

Clinical Assistant Professor, Stony Brook University School of Nursing

12:10-1:00

Lunch (Daily Double Rear)

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1:00-1:30 **New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS) Updates**

Lori Isabella-Rhoades

New York State Immunization Information System
Division of Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health

Vajeera Dorabawila, Ph.D.

Director, Bureau of Surveillance and Data Systems
Division of Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health

1:30-2:30 **Local Health Department IAP Mini Grant Presentations**

Boosting Childhood Vaccine Confidence

Heather J. Ryan, MLIS, MPH

Broome County Health Department

Avoid the Rush, Avoid the Risk

Heather Karn, RN

Immunization Coordinator
Chenango County Department of Health

Washington County Teddy Bear Clinic Project

Deb Darfler, RN, BSN

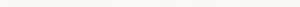
Supervising Public Health Nurse
Washington County Public Health

2:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Robert L. Viets

Program Director, NYSACHO





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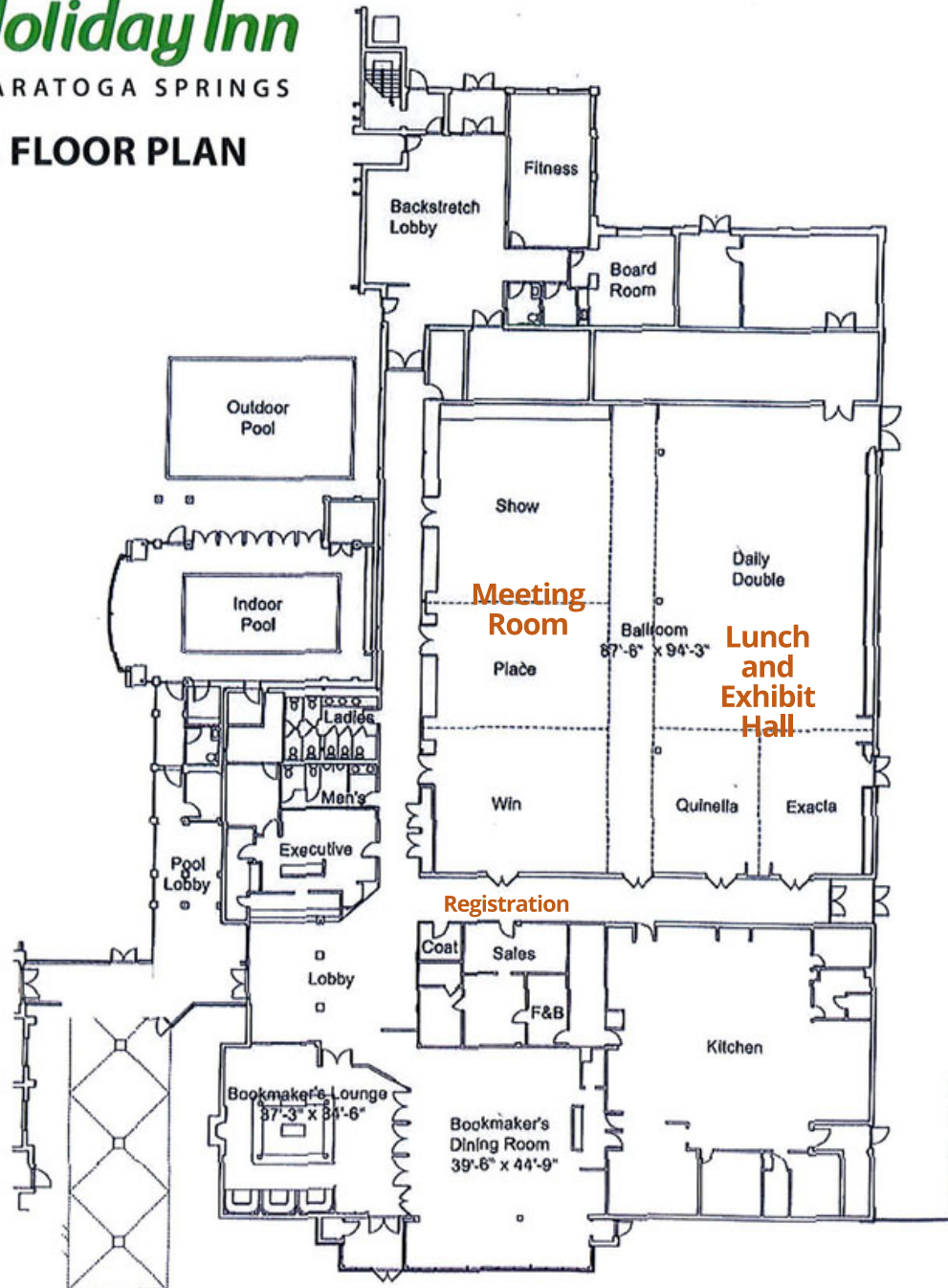
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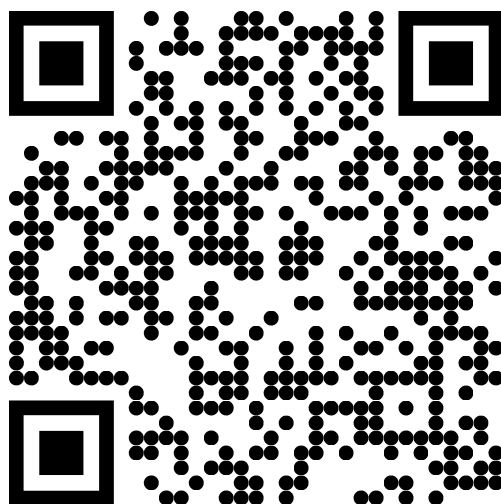
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MEETING EVALUATION

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