

Back-to-School Immunizations

Regardless of how students return to school this fall, students must still be up to date on their vaccines as required by law. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some children have fallen behind on immunizations and lead screenings. The following KIDSNET reports can assist your practice or program to identify those patients:

- **Patient List:** Identifies all patients or age ranges and allows the removal of patients no longer in your practice.
- **Missing Immunization:** Identifies all vaccines, patients, vaccine categories, and age ranges.
- **Lead Screenings:** There are three reports; Children With no Lead Screening, (enter age range, 12-36 months), Children due for Second Lead Screening, and Children with Lead Screening Results \geq 5ug/dl.
- **School Eligible Report:** Identifies children linked to the practice who will be eligible to enter kindergarten by a specific date (for primary care providers only)
- **Immunization Report:** Identifies children who are missing or overdue for immunizations; can be used by primary care providers and community-based programs, such as Family Visiting, Early Intervention, and Head Start, that send enrollment data to KIDSNET. This report can be run for all children linked to the practice or program and can be run for specific vaccine categories and age ranges.

Please submit any missing data to KIDSNET, as it is important to keep records as up to date as possible. If you or any member of your team would like more information on how to run any other reports in KIDSNET, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative.



Flu Vaccine Clinics

The Office of Immunization provides flu vaccination at no cost for students in kindergarten through grade 12 at school-based clinics. Most school clinics that are held in the evening are open to the public (age three and older). There are also community clinics open to the public, some of which offer enhanced flu vaccine for people 65 or older. Rhode Islanders can visit www.health.ri.gov/flu (English) or www.health.ri.gov/otherlanguages/spanish/flu (Spanish) to find information about flu vaccination clinics in their community. People can also register directly for school-based flu vaccination clinics at schoolflu.com. Additional public flu vaccination clinics will be added as this information becomes available.

WIC Data in KIDSNET

RIDOH's WIC is implementing a new management information system and eWIC food benefits (EBT) card system called Crossroads. Crossroads provides case management, vendor (retail stores) management, and fiscal management of WIC funds. The Crossroads statewide rollout started with the first group of agencies on July 13, 2020, and continued through September 30, 2020.

KIDSNET will not be updated to communicate with the Crossroads system until additional programming is completed. Therefore, it could appear that some patients may not be enrolled in WIC when they really are. Additionally, because of COVID-19, WIC agencies are not providing hemoglobin (HGB) or lead screenings. As we complete the transfer and implementation of the Crossroads system, data will become available in KIDSNET. Thank you for your patience during this conversion.

VIS Updates

Childhood Current Vaccination Information Statements (VIS) Dates (as of 4/1/2020)

Chickenpox	8/15/19	HPV	10/30/19	MMR	08/15/19	Polio	10/30/19
DTaP	04/01/20	Influenza (LAIV)	08/15/19	MMRV	08/15/19	Rotavirus	10/30/19
Hepatitis A	07/28/16	Influenza (TIV)	08/15/19	Multi-vaccine	04/01/20	Td	04/01/20
Hepatitis B	08/15/19	MCV4/MPSV4	08/15/19	PCV 13	10/30/19	Tdap	04/01/20
Hib	10/30/15	Men B	08/15/19	PPSV	10/30/19		



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RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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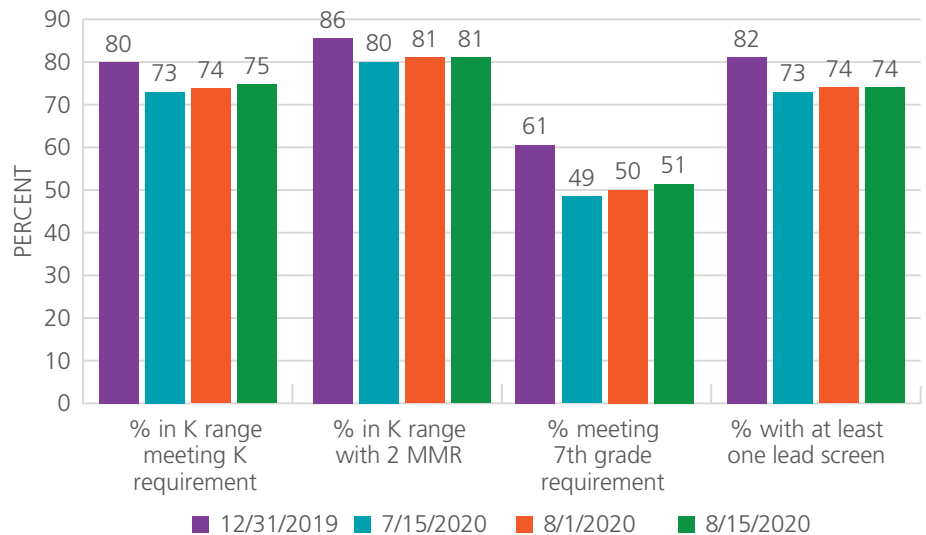
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COVID-19 Response Measures

Immunizations and lead screenings have declined compared to 2019. Statewide efforts are underway to get children and adolescents caught up on these important preventive health services. Four measures were developed to track three cohorts of children to monitor progress:

- Kindergarten measure: Percentage of children, eligible to enter kindergarten on August 31, 2020, who meet kindergarten immunization requirements
- MMR measure: Percentage of children, eligible to enter kindergarten on August 31, 2020, who have two doses of MMR immunization
- 7th grade measure: Percentage of children, likely to enter 7th grade on August 31, 2020, who meet 7th grade immunization requirements
- Lead screening measure: Percentage of children, between 12 and 24 months of age as of December 31, 2019, with at least one lead screening



New Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Screening Requirement

The Rhode Island Newborn Screening Program announced that, as of July 1, 2020, Rhode Island physicians attending to a newborn are required to screen infants for SMA. The SMA screening requirement was added after recommendations from the Rhode Island Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. The new SMA requirement will increase the number of required newborn screenings to 35 conditions. Read the June 29 Provider Advisory that announced the new requirement.

<https://mailchi.mp/health/newborn-screening-condition-sma-1703130>

Rhode Island law [23-13-13, 23-13-14] requires that all infants born in Rhode Island receive newborn screenings to test for certain harmful or potentially fatal health conditions. Newborn screening is critical for early identification and intervention to improve health outcomes and reduce morbidity and mortality rates in infants. Without screening, children with these conditions are often diagnosed too late to fully benefit from treatment. Primary care physicians are notified if an infant does not pass the newborn screening to ensure that an infant can be referred to an appropriate specialty care provider for diagnosis and treatment. All newborn screening results for children born in Rhode Island are viewable in KIDSNET.



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