



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Please Help! Newborn Hearing Screening Follow-up

Early identification of hearing loss and early intervention is critical for optimal cognitive and communication development. Every year, babies are referred for diagnostic audiology, but the Rhode Island Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (RIEHD) Program is unable to confirm if those services were received and whether or not the baby has permanent hearing loss. Of the 324 babies born in 2020 who were referred for audiology, three have seen an audiologist but the diagnostic process is not complete, nine infants do not live in Rhode Island, one could not be tested due to medical reasons, six parents declined to have their baby tested, and five had other reasons for not being tested. However, 54 parents were contacted, but no diagnostic results have been reported. For those who have access to reports, running the KIDSNET hearing screening follow-up report will show you which of your clients/patients need to see an audiologist. If a baby has been tested, please let RIEHDI know via secure email to Gail McDonald at gail.mcdonald.ctr@health.ri.gov or by fax (401-222-5688). Otherwise, please remind parents that diagnostic audiology is important and assist with scheduling an appointment if you can.

Year of Birth	2020	2021 (as of 3/29/22)
Total Referred for Audiological Diagnosis	324	356
Total with No Documented Audiological Diagnosis	78	131

These babies need to see an audiologist!!

Back to School Physicals

Running the KIDSNET Patient Report can help primary care providers identify patients who may need a physical and/or vaccinations before the next school year. To access this report, select Practice Reports from the left-hand menu, then select Patient List Report.

To select children who are old enough to be entering kindergarten, seventh, or 12th grade in the Fall of 2022, use the following date of birth ranges then click the Generate Report button at the top of the page:

- Kindergarten (turning 5), use 9/1/2016 to 8/31/2017
- 7th grade (turning 12), use 9/1/2009 to 8/31/2010
- 12th grade (turning 17), use 09/01/2004 to 8/31/2005

Using the report output, please review your charts to identify those children who have not yet scheduled their physical or who still need required vaccines. For questions or additional training contact your Provider Relations Representative.



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School Nurse Reports Aren't Just for Public Schools!

KIDSNET school nurse reports can be helpful for COVID-19 contact tracing and for identifying which students have not met school immunization requirements. School enrollment data must be sent to KIDSNET in order for the reports to be available. Public school enrollment data are sent from RIDE, so public and charter school nurses are all automatically connected to the reports. Many private and parochial schools also send their own enrollment data to KIDSNET so that they can benefit from access to the reports. Contact AJ Lizarda at aj.lizarda@health.ri.gov for more information about sending enrollment data to KIDSNET to gain access to school nurse reports. For those who already have access but would like training, please reach out to your KIDSNET Provider Relations representative.

SSV Re-enrollment Opens June 1, 2022

Annual re-enrollment for the State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) program will be open from June 1 through June 30. At the time of re-enrollment, providers will be required to update their patient profile, reserve influenza doses for the upcoming flu season, update practice contacts and licensed provider information, and update their vaccine storage and emergency preparedness plan. *Vaccine orders placed after July 1 will not be processed until enrollment has been completed and certified.*

Providers should contact their Immunization Program Representative if they have any questions or need any assistance during the re-enrollment process.

2021-2022 Influenza Vaccine Close-out and Reservation

Influenza vaccine ordering for the 2021-2022 flu season will end on May 31. Practices must report their final doses administered by June 17. Failure to do so will affect providers' influenza vaccine allocations for the 2022-2023 flu season. Influenza vaccine reservation must be done during re-enrollment. Providers can reserve up to 120% of the doses reported as administered during the previous flu season. Reserving influenza vaccine is a placeholder for the amount of vaccine a provider intends on ordering during the upcoming flu season. It does not constitute an order.

Immunization Information System Annual Report

Every year KIDSNET/RICAIR submits an Immunization Information System (IIS) annual report to CDC. This annual survey assesses performance in developing and enhancing immunization information systems and measures progress toward meeting national IIS objectives. For example, in calendar year 2021, KIDSNET/RICAIR recorded 893,639 adults age 19 or older, a 125% increase from 396,764 adults in 2020. This increase can be attributed to the addition of adult vaccinations to RICAIR, which began in the fall of 2020.

Massachusetts IIS Data Are Here!

Immunizations administered in Massachusetts that were reported to the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (IIS) are now shared with KIDSNET/RICAIR. This includes COVID-19, influenza, and childhood vaccines. Primary care providers can run the Immunizations Submitted to KIDSNET By Other Providers to see if any of their patients were vaccinated in Massachusetts. The report will include vaccines reported to RICAIR from the Massachusetts IIS and may include vaccines administered from prior years.

New Vaccines Coming to Rhode Island

Beginning with the new contract year on April 1, RIDOH introduced two changes to the State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program for pediatric vaccine. **Vaxelis** (DTaP-HepB-IPV-Hib) replaced Pediarix (DTaP-HepB-IPV) and the first two doses of PedvaxHIB. An additional dose of HIB containing vaccine will be needed at 12-14 months to complete the HIB series. **MenQuadfi** replaced Menactra. Menactra is being phased out by Sanofi Pasteur, making this switch necessary. Pediarix and Menactra are no longer available in the ordering system. Please add the new codes for Vaxelis (CVX 146, CPT 90697) and Menquadfi (CVX 203, CPT 90619) to your EHR but be careful to select the correct code for the vaccine that was administered, as it is recommended to use up Pediarix and Menactra until your supply is depleted or expired. See the SSV Provider Advisory and *You Call the Shots: Vaxelis* <http://www.synas.plus/vaccines/hcp/admin/downloads/YCTS-vaxelis.pdf> for more details.

