



# KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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### COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

On June 18, the CDC recommended COVID-19 vaccination for children six months or older. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are now available for this age group in Rhode Island. Remember all doses administered should be reported electronically to KIDSNET. The current recommendations are:

- Children six months or older should get the primary of series of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
- Everyone age five or older who got their first two doses of an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine is now eligible for a booster, at least five months after their primary series is completed (three months for immunocompromised individuals).
- Anyone age 50 or older and anyone age 12 or older who is immunocompromised should get a second booster at least four months after their first booster.
- Anyone who got the J&J vaccine is also eligible for a booster at least two months later – preferably with an mRNA vaccine.



### Special Needs Emergency Registry Link

Enrolling in the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry (RISNER) gives first responders important information about community members' special healthcare needs to help them respond during an emergency. A link to RISNER, along with other helpful resources, can be found by clicking Forms and Resources in KIDSNET's left-hand menu bar.



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**Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry**

## Entering Race and Ethnicity Data Key to Help Understand Health Equity

Race and ethnicity data are collected in KIDSNET/RICAIR. RIDOH is committed to improving health equity and these data are important to help us understand where disparities in preventive health services exist. The data can be used to inform actions to better serve populations where inequities are present. Fifteen percent of records in KIDSNET/RICAIR have missing or unknown race and 21% are missing or have unknown ethnicity. Please make sure race and ethnicity are included in any data sent to KIDSNET/RICAIR if those fields are part of the file layout or implementation guide. If there is a large amount of missing or unknown values because patients decline to share their race or ethnicity, consider participating in the national We Ask Because We Care campaign, which helps explain the value of collecting these data.



## RIDOH Lowers Blood Lead Reference Value from 5.0 mcg/dL to 3.5 mcg/dL

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is lowering the elevated blood lead level at which follow up is required for children from 5.0 mcg/dL (micrograms per deciliter) to 3.5 mcg/dL. This change aligns with the CDC's recent updates to the blood lead reference value.

RIDOH strongly recommends that providers schedule a retest for any child with a blood lead level of 3.5 to 4.9 mcg/dL identified since October 28, 2021. All children with elevated blood lead levels should be tested every three months until the level is within the acceptable range.

KIDSNET Lead Screening Reports will identify children in your practice who need to be retested based on this updated action level as well as children who need their first and second screening. For more information on how to run these reports, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative.



## Sending Immunization Records to KIDSNET

Immunization records in KIDSNET may appear to be incomplete due to missing data. When new patients are accepted into the practice, it is important that their immunization history is accurately entered into the EHR to help ensure that the KIDSNET record is up to date. Most EHRs send the immunizations electronically to KIDSNET. If you identify inaccuracies or missing information in the KIDSNET record, please send a paper copy to KIDSNET for additions and corrections. Practices that do not submit data electronically to KIDSNET may also send paper copies of the records. If your practice needs KIDSNET prepaid envelopes, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative.

