



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Lead Poisoning Alert

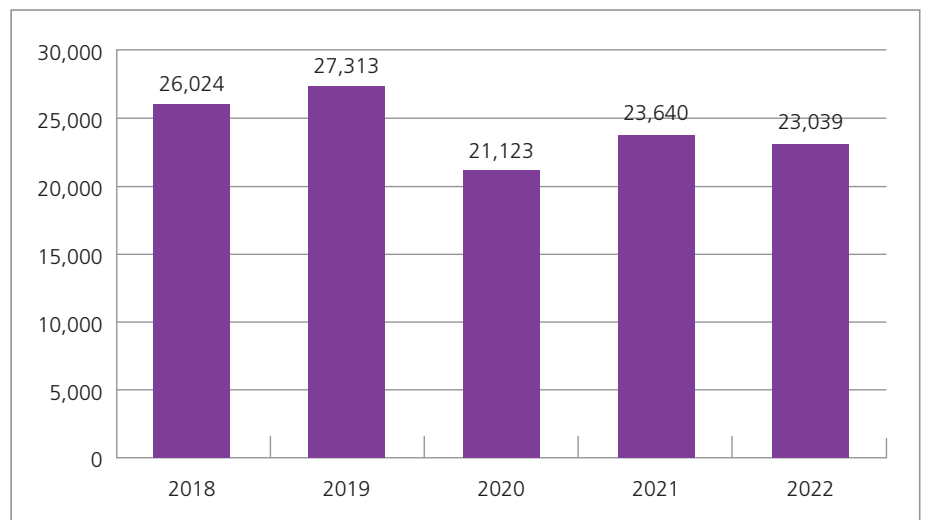
Two children in Oregon were recently diagnosed with lead poisoning caused by high levels of lead found in a Vietnamese skin cream known as Diep Bao. One tube collected from the parents contained 9,670 parts per million (ppm) of lead, and the other tube contained 7,370 ppm of lead. Although the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not regulate medications, the FDA guidance limits lead to 10 ppm in cosmetics. This cream is advertised for treating eczema in young children and was used on the baby's faces. Please warn your patients about this cream, especially those in the Vietnamese community. This story is a reminder that all young children should be screened annually for elevated lead. In Rhode Island, healthcare providers are required by law to conduct at least two blood lead screening tests on all children by age three. Children should then be screened annually until age six. If a child was screened at least twice prior to 36 months of age and all test results were less than 3.5 µg/dL, the Lead Screening and Referral Intervention Process can be used instead of a blood lead test to screen for lead poisoning. Please run your KIDSNET lead screening reports to identify your patients/clients who are behind in lead screening.



HPV Vaccination Data

January was National Cervical Health Month. Below are HPV vaccination data for Rhode Island.

- Of Rhode Island adolescents who turned 16 in 2022, 77.7% completed the HPV vaccination series by their 16th birthday.
- 41,250 Rhode Island adolescents are overdue, by six months or more, for an HPV dose. This puts them at higher risk for cervical and other HPV-related cancers later in life
- Number of HPV doses administered to RI adolescents 2018-2022:



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Preventive Healthcare Measures Report

A new report, the *Preventive Healthcare Measures Report*, is now available to primary care providers. For practices participating in the Medicaid Healthcare Recovery Program being administered by the Care Transformation Collaborative (CTC), this report generates what will appear on future evaluations of your practice based on data currently in KIDSNET. The report lists the denominators used to calculate the number and percentage of patients who have met and those who have not met the immunization and lead screening measures. The two immunization measures are kindergarten and 7th grade school entry requirements. The lead measures are “one lead screen by 24 months of age” and “two lead screens by 36 months of age”. Also included are reports for COVID-19 primary series vaccination status completion. Lists of individual children who do not meet the measures can be generated by clicking on the red underlined number in the *Not Met* column of the report. The vaccines needed to meet the immunization measures are listed next to the child’s name and may include vaccines that are *past due* or *due now*. For practices not participating in the Medicaid Healthcare Recovery Program, these reports may be useful in identifying children not yet meeting kindergarten and 7th grade entry requirements for the next school year, since the immunization report only includes those who are past due and does not include all children who need vaccination prior to the start of the next school year. They may also be useful for other continuous quality improvement projects the practice may wish to implement.

New Data Entry Feature for Administered Vaccines

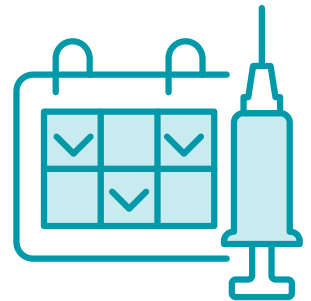
There is a new feature that can be activated in KIDSNET/RICAIR upon request. Practices that administer vaccines can data enter vaccines that they administered to patients. This tool will benefit those practices who are currently submitting their data to RIDOH on data sheets or are working to establish an electronic immunization interface.

The easy-to-use feature will allow data entry of any administered vaccine available through the State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program. Lot numbers for vaccine products currently distributed by the SSV Program are recognized and will allow the application to automatically populate many of the required fields. Once entered, the user can correct or delete any errors they notice they might have made.

Please contact a KIDSNET Provider Representative to request data entry capacity and training.

Immunization Record Requests

KIDSNET/RICAIR does not directly provide copies of immunization records to members of the public. Immunization records can only be released by KIDSNET/RICAIR to healthcare providers, childcare facilities, schools, colleges, or employee health offices. Those entities with access can print out and provide KIDSNET/RICAIR records to their patients, students, or staff according to their organizational policies. Healthcare providers participating in the State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program have signed an agreement to “Provide to the custodial parents, legal guardian(s), and those legally authorized to care for a child (i.e., foster parents), and adult patients access to the information contained in RICAIR and KIDSNET, including printed copies at no cost to the family upon request.” Those without direct access to KIDSNET/RICAIR, such as out-of-state healthcare providers or school/college health services, can contact RIDOH.RICAIR@health.ri.gov to obtain copies to coordinate healthcare for their patients.



Individuals can access COVID-19 vaccination records themselves at portal.ri.gov/VaccineRecord or by downloading Rhode Island’s public health mobile application 401Health. This app also provides a QR code, which is sometimes needed for travel or entrance to certain venues.

RICAIR has very few records for individuals born before 1997, the year in which KIDSNET was implemented. For more information, including assistance locating childhood immunization records for adult patients, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/immunization/about/records/>.

