



# KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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### Recent Recall and Reports Accentuate Need for Vigilance with lead Screening

Elevated blood lead levels negatively impact child development and can cause serious health problems such as learning disabilities and reduced attention span. It is a misperception to think that children who live in houses built after 1978 are safe from childhood lead poisoning. While older houses are more likely to contain lead hazards from lead pipes or lead paint, lead can find its way to children from less common sources, like food, pottery and toys. In 2023, WanaBana apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches were recalled due to high lead levels. The source of the lead was traced back to the cinnamon. Also, in 2023, Consumer Reports tested 28 dark chocolate products and found many contained concerning levels of lead, cadmium, and other heavy metals. These recent examples demonstrate the need to remain vigilant with lead screening. Many Rhode Island children are never screened for lead while others are not screened according to guidelines. Running the KIDSNET lead screening reports is a great way to identify your patients, clients, or students who need lead screening. Contact KIDSNET at [doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov) for more information or training on the KIDSNET lead screening reports.

Percent of Rhode Island Children Turning Three in Measurement Year:

	2022	2023
Compliant with RIDOH guidelines*	32.6%	40.4%
One or more screens but does not meet with RIDOH guidelines	46.4%	46.5%
No screens by age three	21.0%	13.1%

\*Two tests by 36 months, with first test by 18 months and at least 12 months between tests

### Data Entry of Historical Immunization Data Now Available

Vaccine providers could previously only data enter into KIDSNET immunizations that they administered to their own patients. Data entry capacity has been expanded to allow data entry of historical vaccination records administered elsewhere that are not reflected in KIDSNET. For example, a patient may move to Rhode Island from another state, and their immunization record is not in KIDSNET. Please note that at this time, corrections or changes cannot be made to information submitted electronically or by another entity. Contact KIDSNET at [doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov) for access, training, or a guide to KIDSNET immunization data entry.



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## RSV Reporting

As Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) season draws to a close, we have gained valuable insights and would like to emphasize the significance of the required timely reporting of RSV-mAb doses to KIDSNET/RICAIR. It came to our attention that there has been a notable degree of confusion this past season with regards to the categorization of RSV doses within EHR systems.

*While classified as a treatment, RSV-mAb is distributed under Immunization and SSV programs, and per CDC and ACIP guidelines, RSV-mAb must be reported to the registry as a vaccine.*

We want to underscore the importance of accurate and timely RSV reporting in anticipation of the next RSV season. We urge all partners to take proactive measures to ensure that their EHR systems are configured to report RSV-mAb to KIDSNET/RICAIR as a vaccine. Failure to report in a timely manner can result in significant errors and omissions. This can have far-reaching consequences for patients and healthcare professionals, which could have been avoidable. "Failure to timely report RSV-mAb doses to KIDSNET/RICAIR as vaccines can lead to patient safety risks, compromise public health surveillance efforts, and delay order forecasting, highlighting the critical need for accurate reporting to ensure effective disease prevention and control strategies."

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team, [RIDOH.RICAIRonboarding@health.ri.gov](mailto:RIDOH.RICAIRonboarding@health.ri.gov). We appreciate your commitment to maintaining accurate immunization data and contributing to the overall health and well-being of the community.



## Family Visiting Newborn Characteristics Report

RIDOH's Family Visiting Program serves expectant parents and families with young children. Specific programs available are First Connections, Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers. Pediatric practices and health centers are encouraged to refer expectant parents and families with young children that may benefit from additional support. All Family Visiting programs are free to families. The programs may assist with promoting awareness and use of infant safe sleep practices and connections to resources, including childcare, health insurance, or WIC. All programs work with families affected by substance use disorders and substance-exposed newborns. Services are provided in a family's home or wherever the family is comfortable. Family visitors answer questions about pregnancy and parenting, provide developmentally appropriate activities for children, and help families maintain connections to their medical home. To assist primary care practices in knowing which families may benefit the most from Family Visiting, the Newborn Characteristics Report is available in KIDSNET. By looking at factors that may impact a family's health outcomes, this report identifies newborns and their caregivers that may benefit from Family Visiting.

For more information about Family Visiting programs for expectant parents and families with young children, please visit [www.health.ri.gov/familyvisiting](http://www.health.ri.gov/familyvisiting). A referral form is available on the website. To refer a family, referrals may be faxed to 401-222-5688 or call 401-222-5960 and ask for Family Visiting. Contact KIDSNET at [doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov](mailto:doh.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov) for training on running the report.

