KIDSNET UPDATE

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Flu Vaccine Distribution for the Upcoming Flu Season

The following types of flu vaccine will be available for the upcoming flu season:

Available products (all preservative- and latex-free):

Pediatric

Vaccine		Age group
Fluarix	quadrivalent	6 months – 18 years
Flulaval	quadrivalent	6 months – 18 years
Flumist	quadrivalent	2-18 years Limited Supply

Adult

Vaccine		Age group
Fluzone 0.5 ml	quadrivalent	19+ years
Flucelvax 0.5 ml	quadrivalent	19+ years
Fluzone High Dose	trivalent	65+ years
Fluad	trivalent	65+ years

As in past years, flu vaccine orders will be fulfilled as the State receives vaccine from each manufacturer. The amount and timing of flu vaccine orders can vary, so it is recommended that any flu vaccination clinics are planned after the first week in October to ensure adequate supply is available.

Online Training

Online KIDSNET trainings are currently available for Audiologist and DCYF users' profiles. Additional online trainings are coming soon for other KIDSNET user groups.

An online training for school nurses will become available this fall. The training link will be accessible in the left-hand menu of the KIDSNET page. The training is interactive with videos and quizzes built in. The online training is not intended to replace the in-person, individual, or group sessions held by KIDSNET Provider Relations, but it can be utilized as a reference/refresher tool.

Reporting Immunization Data to KIDSNET

Do you report immunization data electronically? Do your patients have data gaps in their KIDSNET record? If you answered yes, the following may be reasons why the data do not appear in KIDSNET:

- **Incomplete EHR data sent to KIDSNET**

  Sometimes historical immunization data or immunizations for a specific time period are not sent. EHR systems have differing methods to generate and send data. Some require a file to be manually created to send the data. This typically requires selecting a date range for immunization activity, or the option to send everything that has occurred since the date of last transmission. Other systems send the information in real time when the patient encounter has been completed. If manually creating a file using data range, it is important to keep track of the dates previously sent and to confirm that all files are received and processed.

- **Not meeting EHR minimum requirements to transmit data**

  EHRs require a minimum set of data fields to transmit immunizations to the Registry. If these fields are missing, the immunizations are not transmitted by the EHR. In some cases, this is not the complete list of data required for immunization reporting compliance. If any required data elements are missing or incomplete, immunization(s) may be held up by the sending system and require review.

- **Registry rejection**

  The registry may reject immunizations that are transmitted because inadequate information has been submitted or the required code sets have not been used. For example, the registry would be unable to process immunizations if any of the following were missing or coded incorrectly: Patient DOB, Patient Name (first and last), Date of Administration, Vaccine Administration Code (CVX).

- **Poor internet connection**

  Occasionally internet connectivity is interrupted or fails, and file submission is incomplete.

The immunization registry sends an e-mail notification of transactions received to practices the morning following receipt. If there is a discrepancy between the number of immunizations sent and the number identified as received, or if a notification confirming your submission is not received, please contact Jeff Goggin at **jeff.goggin@health.ri.gov**, or **401-222-4968**.

First Connections Web Display Updates in KIDSNET

The Family Visit page in KIDSNET provides information about enrollment and visit content for the evidence-based, long-term Maternal and Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) programs, including the First Connections Program. This program supports parents to help their infants and young children to grow up healthy by providing parenting information and ways to connect with community resources and other parents.

KIDSNET users with access to the Family Visit webpage will see the following changes to First Connections display:

1. The agency listed in the summary section will now be listed as the current agency where the child is being seen. For instance, if a child was first referred to Children's Friend via the developmental risk assessment, (level 1), and then the child was later referred to Family Service, the agency listed in the summary section will show Family Service as the agency.

2. The Child's Home Visit Status in the summary section is now automatically generated by data that is stored in the system. The definitions of the First Connections status are:

   - Pending–if a child has been referred to the program.
   - Open–if a child that has been referred is getting outreach and/or visits by an agency.
   - Closed–if a child previously referred has been discharged from the program.

3. The most recent referral date and number of First Connections visits are now viewable. If two visits are completed on one day (e.g., a joint visit by two staff members), it is counted as one visit.

4. The most recent discharge date is now viewable on the Family Visit -page in KIDSNET.

SSV Program Enrollment

Enrollment in Rhode Island's State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program opened on July 1, 2019. Provider sites must complete the SSV Program enrollment process to reserve flu vaccine for the 2019-2020 flu season. If your practice has not yet enrolled or re-enrolled, please log into OSMOSSIS to complete the enrollment. It is important to do this so the Immunization Program can effectively manage and estimate how much flu vaccine is needed for the upcoming season. Vaccine orders will not be processed until enrollment has been completed and certified. If you do not plan on enrolling in the SSV Program this year, please contact your immunization team representative so they can work with your practice to transfer any vaccines you have and pick up our program's data logger.

Personal School Form In KIDSNET

Primary care provider offices can utilize the personal school form to assist with back-to-school immunization records. This form is accepted statewide at all schools. The form will pre-populate with valid immunizations that are available in KIDSNET. If you have questions on how to utilize the personal school form, or any other helpful KIDSNET tools, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative.