

Kidsnet Update



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET Welcomes: Providence Integrative Wellness and South County Hospital Medical and Wellness Center

Immunization Provider Breakfast

The Provider Breakfast was held on April 28. The RI Childhood Immunization and KIDSNET Programs recognized all providers and their staff for their commitment to immunizing the children in our state. We also acknowledged practices that excelled in the area of vaccine management and immunization coverage rates. Eleven criteria were used to determine award eligibility. These criteria will be highlighted in upcoming KIDSNET Update editions. Awards presented this year recognize practices for achievements made in 2007 and 2008. Congratulations to the award winners!

Silver Standard Award Recipients:

Capitol Hill Health Center
Northwest Health Center
Wakefield Pediatrics

Bronze Standard Award Recipients:

Charles DeAngelis, MD, FAAP
East Bay Community Action Program
Family Health Services, Coventry
Sharon Gunasti, MD
Gary King, DO
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Wood River Health Services

Immunization Updates

Annual Enrollment:

FY2010 Vaccine for Children (VFC), State Supplied Vaccine (SSV), and KIDSNET enrollments are required to be completed by July 1, 2009. The enrollment page can be found by opening KIDSNET and clicking on the SSV Administrative Functions link in the left navigation bar. Failure to complete your enrollment will delay vaccine orders placed after the enrollment deadline. Please complete your on-line enrollment TODAY.

A new feature has been added to the enrollment process. Each practice is required to submit the number of influenza vaccine doses that will be needed for the 2009/2010 flu season. This feature replaces the faxed influenza survey that HEALTH normally sends out in late June.

Storage & Handling:

As of December 31, 2009, the CDC guidelines no longer allow the use of dorm-style refrigerators for the storage of federal/state purchased vaccines. A dorm-style refrigerator is defined as any refrigeration unit that houses the freezer unit within the refrigeration compartment. Acceptable storage units must have a separate external door for each refrigeration and freezer compartment. For additional information please contact Sue Duggan-Ball, Quality Assurance Manager at 401.222.1580

Visit our web site at www.health.ri.gov/family/kidsnet
Call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434 with any questions or suggestions

Vaccine Shortages:

Hib vaccines continue to be in short supply. This has forced the CDC to restrict the quantities of vaccine being made available to each state program. The CDC continues to restrict monthly supplies of Acthib, PedvaxHib, and Pentacel products. Providers are reminded that the CDC is still requiring the deferral of any Hib booster dose unless the child is at high risk of contracting the disease.

Hepatitis B vaccine is also being restricted due to manufacturer supply issues. In Rhode Island, Hep B is prioritized for allocation to the birthing centers, practices using Pentacel, and practices with high-risk patients. At this time we cannot guarantee that all requests for Hep B vaccine will be able to be filled on a monthly basis.

For any questions about vaccine, contact Mark Francesconi at mark.francesconi@health.ri.gov.

Coming in FY2010:

- Letter or Intent (LOI) announcement will be posted regarding implementation of new 24/7 Vaccine Storage Temperature Monitoring
- HEALTH will be piloting it's new on-line vaccine ordering system this summer

Practices that regularly run the KIDSNET Immunization and Lead Reports have been shown to have higher immunization and lead screening rates among their patients. Please continue to generate these reports.

Immunization Report

In May 2009, the following **27** practices sent immunization history updates to KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Bristol County Pediatrics, Broadway Medical Treatment Center, Central Health Center, Chad Nevola, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Children First Pediatrics, East Bay Community Action Program, East Bay Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, East Side Pediatrics, Family Health Services – Cranston, Family Medicine Specialists, Fatima Health Center, Hillside Avenue Family & Community Medicine, Kent County Pediatrics, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, Northstar Pediatric Primary Care, Northwest Health Center, Olneyville Health Center, Primary Care of Quality Hill, Rainbow Pediatrics, Dr. Richard Ohnmacht, Smithfield Pediatrics, Tri-Town Health Center, Wakefield Pediatrics, Westerly Pediatrics, Wood River, Dr. Yen Longobardi**

Lead Screening Report

In May 2009, the following **23** pediatric practices ran the report for children never screened for lead poisoning: **Arcand Family Medicine, Associates in Primary Care, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Bayside Family Healthcare Inc., Bonner Leconte & Muddiman, Bristol County Pediatrics, Dr. John Concannon, Cumberland Pediatrics Inc., Dierolf-Aquidneck Medical Associates, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Treatment Center, Family Health Services – Cranston, Family Medicine Specialties, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Dr. Gunasti, Lampal and Montgomery, Dr. Polly Leonard, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Sandoval, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Tri Town Health Center, University Family Medicine, Westerly Pediatrics**

If you need a training review to use these reports, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately immunized and screened for lead!

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