



"We very much appreciate all of your work on KIDSNET. It truly is a community asset and has been for many years."

-**Carole Cotter, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Lifespan**

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Joel, Evan, AJ, Rich, Jen, Lisa, Susan,
Christine, Diane, Carla, and Peter.*



KIDSNET WELCOMES

Kids First Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine

NEW (HL7) DATA SUBMITTERS

Tanya Becker, MD, Family Health Services of Coventry, Family Health Services of Cranston, Everett C. Wilcox Health Center, Narragansett Family Medicine, North Providence Pediatrics, OB-GYN Associates, and Ocean State Pediatrics.

ELECTRONIC HL7 MESSAGING HELP AVAILABLE

Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC) is now available to assist practices in sending HL7 immunization messages to KIDSNET. This service is available at no cost to providers. Assistance includes help in linking immunization codes, reviewing work flow, assuring that all required fields are entered and formatted correctly, as well as interfacing with your electronic health record vendor. **Contact Jeff Goggin** at 401-222-4968 jeff.goggin@health.ri.gov if you would like assistance.

SENDING IMMUNIZATION DATA - PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

Patient information should not be sent via unencrypted email. KIDSNET immunization data may be sent to the Rhode Island Department of Health on paper data sheets in the self-addressed stamped KIDSNET envelopes provided to your office or electronically in HL7 messages through secure transport. Contact KIDSNET if there is a need to send information through encrypted email.

NUMBER OF RHODE ISLANDERS VACCINATED INCREASES

At school-based clinics, the number of people vaccinated compared to the same time last year has increased by 11.1%. There were **34,125 doses** administered as of 12/4/2013.

VACCINE SHIPMENT FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON

During the upcoming holiday season, vaccine orders will not be shipped from December 20, 2013 – January 2, 2014

PROPOSED SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATION CHANGES 2014

A public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Rhode Island Health Department (lower level of the Cannon Building), 3 Capitol Hill, Providence at which time and place all persons interested will be heard. It is requested that statements made relative to any aspect of the regulations be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or in electronic format prior to the hearing to: Tricia Washburn, Immunization Chief, Office of Immunizations, Tricia.Washburn@health.ri.gov **For more information visit:** <http://www.sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>, 401-222-7767, or Bill.Dundulis@health.ri.gov



HOME VISITING PROGRAM REFERRALS FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Maternal and Child Home Visiting Programs focus on improving the well-being of families with young children. These programs send trained nurses, social workers, community health workers, or other professionals to meet with families in their homes at times convenient for the family. Visits are based on the needs of the parent and child and are different for every family.

Home visits are voluntary and can answer all types of questions related to: prenatal care, caring for a new baby, breastfeeding, sleeping, child development, health and nutrition, and family supports. Home visitors can also link families to community-based resources such as the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, Early Intervention, family support services, and more.

If you are a healthcare provider, social service provider, or other professional who sees pregnant women and families with young children, you can refer those who may benefit from home visiting and support by faxing the referral form found at:

<http://www.health.ri.gov/forms/referral/MaternalAndChildHomeVisiting.pdf>

The following free programs provide resources to coordinate care through the Home Visiting Program at the Rhode Island Department of Health:

First Connections: A voluntary program providing visits to pregnant women and families with children younger than three. The program serves families living in any city or town in Rhode Island. Visits can be arranged in any place including the home.

Healthy Families America: A long-term, evidence-based program that provides services in select cities. Home visitors continue to work with a family until the child is three years old. This program may be good for pregnant women and new parents who want to build and gain confidence in their parenting skills.

Nurse-Family Partnership: A long-term, evidence-based program serving families in select cities. First-time mothers may enroll before their 28th week of pregnancy. All home visitors are nurses and work with families with children through two years of age.

Parents as Teachers: A long-term, evidence-based program serving pregnant women and families with young children across the state. This program may be good for pregnant women and new parents who want to learn more about how their children play, grow, and learn.

Providers logging into KIDSNET, can view the **Home Visit** page that will identify patients who have been referred for a potential home visit with the First Connections Program. The program page provides referral reasons, visit dates, and agency contact information for patients listed in your practice. Information on other Home visit programs will be coming soon.

For more information please contact: Perry Gast, perry.gast@health.ri.gov, 222-4606, or Sara Remington, sara.remington@health.ri.gov, 222-5946

NEWBORN SUMMARY REPORT FOR PROVIDERS

KIDSNET's Newborn Summary Report produces a listing of newborn information for patients within a specified date of birth range: Hepatitis B immunization given in the hospital, newborn hearing assessment, newborn developmental risk assessment, home visit, and newborn bloodspot.

RUNNING PROVIDER LEAD REPORTS IN KIDSNET

Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. The most important step parents, doctors, and others can take is to prevent lead exposure before it occurs.

All Rhode Island healthcare providers are required by law to screen their patients between nine months and six years of age for lead poisoning each year. Compliance with these guidelines is assessed by measuring the proportion of children born in a given year with at least one blood lead test by 18 months of age and at least two blood lead tests by 36 months of age. These two blood lead tests should take place at least 12 months apart.

Providers are encouraged to run the following reports available through the KIDSNET Login page:

Children without a Lead Screening: Children, less than six years of age, who appear on a practice patient list as never having received a lead screening.

Children Due for a Second Lead Screening: This report generates a list of patients who have been screened for lead once, with a result < 5 ug/dl, who are due for a second blood lead screening.

Children with Blood Lead Level (BLL) results greater than or equal to 5 ug/dl: You can run a full practice report for children <6 years of age or by specific age groups. Screening should continue every three months until the level is below 5 ug/dl.