



"Thank you for this great service that HEALTH has provided to us and our patients. It has strengthened our relationship in the provider community by giving us a tool with which to communicate to all of our stakeholders in the immunization of children"

-Randall Linn, CEO, The Wellness Company

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Jamestown Early Learning Center, Creative Center Daycare and Preschool II, The Lighthouse, Gingerbread House, Farm House, Sophia Academy, First Years Learning Center, Inc., and CVS Minute Clinics.

TIP OF THE DAY

Seasonal Flu Reports for Providers

Log into KIDSNET with your authorized **User ID** and **Password**. Click Practice Reports in the left navigation bar, click **Seasonal Reports**, click **Seasonal Influenza - Children due for Shot #1** report.

By clicking **Generate Report** at the top of this screen, a list will appear for all children belonging to your practice (at least 6 months of age) needing a seasonal flu shot. Rhode Island flu clinics are being conducted by the Wellness Company in public and private schools through the end of the year. Once a child under 19 years of age receives a flu shot in school, the vaccine will be entered into their KIDSNET immunization record. Fluzone and Flumist are now available for State Supplied Vaccine (SSV) ordering.

KINRIX NOW AVAILABLE

The DTaP-IPV combination vaccine Kinrix is once again available for order. There is no longer a need to order DTaP and IPV in place of Kinrix.

IMMUNIZATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Partnership to Promote HPV Vaccination and Share Best Practices Provider Dinner Conference was held on September 16, 2014, Crowne Plaza, Warwick.

Immunization and KIDSNET awards for high immunization coverage rates were proudly presented by Michael Fine, MD, Director of Health to the following providers in attendance:

Excellence Award - HPV (3) Three Dose Series



Siavash Ghoreishi, MD
85% Coverage Rate

Fatima Health Center
84% Coverage Rate



Excellence Award - Childhood Series



Chad Nevola, MD
92% Coverage Rate



Bristol County Pediatrics
92% Coverage Rate
Debra Filardo, MD



Pediatric Associates
90% Coverage Rate
Gregory Fox, MD, William Turtle, MD,
Kimberly Townsend, MD,
Robert Griffith, MD (not pictured)



MISSION: Facilitate the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) programs and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow-up.

HEALTH AWARDS \$2 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT PREGNANT WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES IN RHODE ISLAND

Through this new funding, eight community-based agencies will provide evidence-based **Healthy Families America** home visiting services for pregnant women and families with young children in Rhode Island. The program works to reduce disparities in family health outcomes by helping clients access community resources and supports, such as WIC or child care; plan for education and jobs; grow more self-sufficient and confident as parents; understand and stimulate their children's development; and create safe home environments. In addition to expanded services in Central Falls, Newport, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, and Woonsocket, services will be newly available in Cranston, Coventry, East Providence, and Westerly starting this fall.

If you know a pregnant woman or family who may benefit from this kind of support, please refer!

It only takes one phone call to the First Connections agency in the family's community (<http://health.ri.gov/find/firstconnectionsproviders>). Learn more (<http://health.ri.gov/programs/healthyfamiliesamerica>).

Healthy Families is part of a comprehensive, statewide system of support for pregnant woman and families with young children that includes the **Nurse-Family Partnership**, **Parents as Teachers**, and **First Connections** programs. Starting soon, users who have access to First Connections home visiting information in KIDSNET will be able to access information from home visits conducted by all four programs through KIDSNET's **Home Visit** screen.

RHODE ISLAND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE

Five awards were presented to the Rhode Island Department of Health Immunization Program by Dr. Anne Schuchat, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), at the **2014 National Immunization Conference** recently:



Outstanding accomplishment in achieving coverage for three vaccinations among children 13-17 years of age (based on Healthy People 2020 targets).



Outstanding accomplishment in achieving 36.2% coverage for pneumococcal vaccination of high-risk adults age 18-64 years of age during 2013.



Outstanding accomplishment in vaccinating 52.5% of adults against influenza during 2013-2014 season.



Outstanding accomplishment in improving adult influenza immunization coverage by more than 5.4 percentage points from the 2010-11 season through the 2013-14 season.



Outstanding accomplishment in 74.5% influenza vaccination during the 2013-2014 season among children age 6 months - 17 years of age (based on Healthy People 2020).

Thanks to all who help ensure that Rhode Islanders are immunized against vaccine preventable diseases.

STAYING CONNECTED

Occasionally KIDSNET users report being unable to access the KIDSNET log in page. These episodes can be a result of technical problems at the user's end or at KIDSNET. Sometimes they are the result of computer viruses or malicious cyber attacks. Good virus protection is important for prevention. Usually the outages are quite brief but sometimes they become frequent or last for longer periods of time. If you can't access any websites, the problem is most likely on your end. If you can't access any websites ending in ri.gov the problem may need attention from both your Information Technology (IT) team and KIDSNET's. If it is just KIDSNET you can't access, the problem may be with KIDSNET. If you cannot access KIDSNET for more than half a day or if brief outages occur several times in one week, please let your IT support team and KIDSNET know by calling your KIDSNET Representative or the HEALTH Information Line, 401-222-5960, to report the problem.

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S HEARING

The "**Just in Time**" tool [PDF] (www.infanthearing.org/familysupport/just-in-time-color.pdf) contains the most essential resources identified by both families and professionals to address hearing-related needs in children. This tool can be useful for primary care providers and early interventionists to connect families with essential resources for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. A Spanish version is also available (www.infanthearing.org/familysupport/JustInTime_Spanish.pdf). For more information contact Liza Then, Newborn Hearing Screening Manager, liza.then@health.ri.gov.

Newborn hearing screening results, diagnostic audiology results, and recommended follow-up are available to authorized KIDSNET users to help facilitate the follow-up process.

Providers can run a **Newborn Hearing Screening Report** in KIDSNET for children from their patient list needing audiology follow-up. The CDC recommends that infants complete the screening/rescreening process by one month of age and diagnostic audiology by 3 months of age. Children birth - 3 years of age, who did not pass the Newborn Hearing Assessment in the birthing hospital, and/or have a family history, and/or were in the NICU should be re-screened. A KIDSNET report can be generated by Clicking **Practice Reports** in the left navigation bar, **#7 Newborn Hearing Screening Report**, and then clicking the **Generate Report** button at the top of the screen. A list of audiologists known to serve children in Rhode Island is also available through a link on this page.