



# KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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## DATA CORNER

For children born in 2016, **84.1%** of initial diagnostic audiology data in KIDSNET were reported within **two weeks** of the audiology appointment.

The hearing assessment page in KIDSNET and the Newborn Hearing Screening Report have information on which infants were referred to an audiologist. Timely follow-up helps ensure appropriate interventions that promote healthy brain and language development for children with hearing loss.



## IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR PROVIDERS

Primary care practices can now generate standard immunization coverage rate reports for both childhood and adolescent age children. Practices can monitor their immunization rates and quality improvement efforts by reviewing these reports. Instructions on how to run the reports were previously sent to practices. If you need assistance in running or interpreting the reports, please contact your Immunization Program representative or your KIDSNET provider relations representative.

## NEW FEATURES IN KIDSNET – COMING SOON

### IMMUNIZATION REPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Soon, KIDSNET will have immunization web reports available for Rhode Island public schools, including public charter schools. The reports utilize enrollment data by school district, school, and grade supplied by the Department of Education to KIDSNET monthly. Authorized school users can use the reports to identify whether children have met school immunization requirements for Kindergarten, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 12th grade without looking each child up individually in KIDSNET. Reports also allow school officials to easily identify unimmunized children in the event of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak.



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### MORE KIDSNET USERS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO REPORTS

KIDSNET reports will soon be available to authorized users from Family Visiting, Early Intervention, WIC, Cedar Centers, and Head Start Centers that send enrollment data to KIDSNET. Each agency will have access to reports for children enrolled in their programs. Available reports will include:

- Patient list
- Children without a Lead Screening
- Children due for a Second Lead Screening
- Children with lead results  $\geq$  5ug/dl
- Immunization
- Newborn Hearing Screening
- Seasonal Influenza



In addition, family visitors will have access to the Newborn Summary report, and Head Start agencies will have access to new Lead and WIC reports.

### DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATES

Authorized users in provider offices will soon be able to update patient demographic information in KIDSNET, including patient names, addresses, and contact information. Sometimes patient records are blocked because KIDSNET has been unable to notify parents that their child is in the database. Updating a record with a current address allows access to these records.

Providers will also be able to update their patient list by removing patients who are no longer in their practice by indicating one of the following:

- No longer a patient and living in-state or address unknown
- No longer a patient and living outside Rhode Island
- Patient is deceased

The process of removing patients who are no longer in the practice improves the accuracy of all reports. Regular review and updating of the patient list is recommended.

All new KIDSNET features are limited to authorized users who have a role in providing or ensuring preventive healthcare services. Access is limited and on a need-to-know basis. Requests for KIDSNET training can be made to [janet.limoges@health.ri.gov](mailto:janet.limoges@health.ri.gov) or [carla.larocheharris@health.ri.gov](mailto:carla.larocheharris@health.ri.gov).

### UPDATING NAMES

To aid in identifying and matching data to the correct child in KIDSNET, please update KIDSNET with any changes or corrections needed to a child's name (spelling, name change, etc.) by using the KIDSNET Demographic Update feature. The previous name(s) will be added as an alias. This request applies to our transgender community as well.

#### Legal Adoptions:

The child's birth record will remain under the birth mother's name until the adoption has been finalized and the new parents request a birth certificate with vital records. Once this is completed, a new record (KIDSNET#) will be created for the child, and all information, excluding the birth mother's information, will be carried over to the new record under the child's new name. There will no longer be a KIDSNET record under the old name.

### IMMUNIZATION FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak occurs in a school or child care setting, not only does the sick child miss school; unvaccinated children do as well. Unvaccinated children are excluded for a period of time as determined by the Department of Health on a case-by-case analysis of public health risk. Check KIDSNET reports to ensure that all children are immunized.

#### INCUBATION PERIODS BY DISEASE

Chickenpox	10-21 days	Meningitis	2-10 days
Diphtheria	2-5 days	Mumps	2-25 days
Hepatitis A	14-50 days	Rubella	14-21 days
Influenza	1-6 days	Whooping Cough	7-10 days
Measles	8-12 days		

Source: *Every Child by Two*

### SCHOOL-LOCATED VACCINATION CLINICS

School-located flu vaccination clinics have been hosted since the beginning of October and continue through mid-December in every school district in the state. The clinic schedule can be found at [www.health.ri.gov/flu](http://www.health.ri.gov/flu). If a child receives vaccine at a school flu clinic, KIDSNET will be typically updated within 48 hours.

Please check KIDSNET regularly and run a *Vaccinated Elsewhere* report to check the immunization status of your patients.