



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New?

Welcome Sam to the VIIS Team!

Samuel Miller has joined the VIIS technical team as a Data Analyst. He is the technical point-of-contact for the Division of Immunization. Sam joined the OIM (Office Of Information Management) Data Warehouse team almost two and half years ago as an Architect Consultant. He has more than 15 years of experience in Data Warehouse and related technologies. Sam also has a Masters Degree in Computer Science. He is thrilled to be a part of the Immunization team!

In the Spotlight

University of Virginia

UVA was one of the first major participants in the Registry User Group (RUG) which was established in 2000. Rhoda Miller, from UVA Pediatric Primary Care Center, has been using VIIS from the beginning and has been instrumental regarding enhancements to the system. UVA continues to use VIIS today. Read Rhoda's testimony on page 2.

VIIS Registration & Training

Are you in need of VIIS training or know a provider/school who wants access? Contact a VIIS Consultant at (804) 864-8055 or viisinfo@vdh.virginia.gov

To register, click on the link below:
<https://vms.vdh.virginia.gov/viis/index.jsp>

Did You Know...

HPV Information

Many of the HPV infections that cause certain cancers could be prevented if young females and males received the HPV vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The HPV vaccination can reduce HPV infection and is effective in protecting people against some types of HPV associated cancers (cervical, anal, vaginal, and vulvar). These vaccines can help improve the health of men and women. The link below will help providers talk to parents about the HPV vaccine. Click on the link to review the "*Tips and Time-savers for Talking with Parents about HPV Vaccine*".

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/for-hcp-tipsheet-hpv.pdf>

Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

The pediatric Multi-Vaccine VIS is being temporarily removed from service so it can be updated to reflect current ACIP recommendations. An updated edition should be available by mid-2014. In the meantime, CDC recommends not using the 11/16/12 edition of the Multi-Vaccine VIS, but instead use the individual VISs when DTaP, Hib, Hepatitis B, Polio, PCV13 and/or Rotavirus vaccines are administered.

Virginia Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program

The VPBHP Program is a collaborative effort with local health departments and private providers to identify Hepatitis B Surface Antigen (HBsAg) positive pregnant women, their household contacts, and sexual partners. Once identified, free testing and vaccine, if needed, is provided to the contacts and partners of these women. Free Hepatitis B Immune Globulin (HBIG) and Hepatitis B vaccine for newborns of infected mothers are provided to the delivery hospital and the infant's physician to prevent the spread from mother to newborn. To learn more:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vphbp.htm#services>

Technology Corner

VDH Meaningful Use Registration System

Available Now

The Virginia Department of Health is pleased to announce the availability of our Meaningful Use Registration System for health care providers. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that providers register with public health if they plan to submit messages to VDH to demonstrate "Meaningful Use" of their electronic health records to obtain CMS reimbursement.

While registration is required only for Stage 2, VDH also encourages those involved in Stage 1 to register with VDH using this site.

Individual providers, hospitals or health care systems can register at <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/meaningfuluse/>. This link also provides other helpful information for those engaged in Meaningful Use.

Visit us online at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/viis>

10 REASONS FOR BECOMING PARTNERS WITH VIIS

- 1) **It works FOR you** – the CDC ACIP Schedule will recommend a date when a vaccine dose should be given, as well as, adjust the count based on when a child received the dose.
- 2) **The printout is an OFFICIAL IMMUNIZATION RECORD** with the Virginia state logo in the background and will include **YOUR** office name at the top of the record.
- 3) **It is sooooo EASY TO USE** – it is computer web-based.
- 4) **It is free of charge to your office** – you simply need to register and be trained to become users.
- 5) **Dream out of the box** - if you already have an electronic medical record in your office, let your computer talk to VIIS. You will be able to access a larger immunization database.
- 6) **No more handwritten vaccine lists again!!!!**
- 7) **It includes all vaccines given at any medical facility that are VIIS partners** – fewer phone calls, faxed copies that are not readable, no more illegibly written copies.
- 8) **It WILL help you keep a child's vaccines up-to-date** – any vaccines given that do not concur with CDC recommendations will be indicated as NOT VALID, this will give you the opportunity to remedy the problem.
- 9) **It will help to keep you from OVER vaccinating** – you will know dates that were already given.
- 10) **If we were ALL users, how would that change your world?**

I continue to wish **THAT EVERYONE WAS A VIIS USER**. Our jobs would be much easier. We could collectively be much smarter to improve vaccine rates both in our own offices and in the whole state of Virginia. We could decrease over-vaccinating, **AND** have the ability to collectively **MEASURE** how well we are vaccinating our children. In my world, **VIIS ROCKS!** I say....

JUMP ON BOARD – HELP IMPROVE VACCINATION RATES!!!

Respectfully submitted by a very enthusiastic VIIS user.

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