



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New

HPV 9

The 9-valent HPV strain vaccine (Gardasil-9) is available for use in females ages 9 to 26 and males ages 9 to 15. Gardasil 9, like the other 2 vaccines, is given as a series of 3 shots within 6 months. HPV 9 is not yet available on the list of vaccines in VIIS. Check the VIIS Homepage for availability.

2015 Immunization Schedules

The 2015 child and adolescent immunization schedule and adult immunization schedule are now available: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

Meaningful Use Registration

New guidelines for registration of large healthcare systems were added to the User Guide and Checklist for Eligible Professionals. The goal is to clarify how eligible professionals practicing within a healthcare system can be grouped together. Please refer to page 8 & 10 of the Guide for more details. There is more Meaningful Use updates below in the Technology Corner.

Did You Know...

National Infant Immunization Week is April 18-25

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to promote the benefits of childhood immunizations and improve the health of children age 2 years and younger. To find promotional and educational materials to help you plan your NIIW activities, Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/planning.html>

Hearing Screening Results

Medical professionals in hospitals, pediatric and family practices can now view newborn hearing results for their patients in VIIS. Online training will be available on how to access the result. You can also Contact your VIIS Consultant to learn more about hearing screening.

VIIS Registration & Training

New VIIS Registration System

The new VIIS registration system, VERIP (Virginia Electronic Registration for Immunization Programs), will be available in April. The registration link will be available on the announcement page in VIIS during this time. More information to come.

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

Technology Corner

Stage 2 Meaningful Use

Meaningful Use (MU) Stage 2 requires practices to register in the VDH MU Registration System. This registration serves as the documentation needed to meet MU, even if an interface and data exchange are not active. A VIIS registration should be current and a Memorandum of Agreement must be on file. The Division of Immunization will initiate contact with the practice to begin testing and approval of the test messages for those that have registered. Establishing a live interface takes time. There are numerous interested parties and levels of validation in the testing phase. Sites will continue to meet the MU immunization objective for Stage 2 while they are in queue.

Meaningful Use Exclusion

If a practice does not administer vaccinations, the Division of Immunization can provide a "Letter of Exclusion" for the immunization objective. An email from the practice documenting that no immunizations are administered must be sent to the Division.

Meaningful Use Annual Registration

Each year a new registration to update MU status is needed. Please log in and select CREATE A REGISTRATION FOR A DIFFERENT ATTESTATION YEAR. Information from the previous registration will carry over. Specific fields relating to MU stage, year, and reporting period should be updated. The MU registration is in ADDITION to the VIIS registration. If you have any questions, please contact: Toni Vance toni.vance@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7545.

Is it moving day?

All existing direct HTTPS connections with VDH must be transitioned to submit MU messages through ConnectVirginia, the state Health Information Exchange (HIE), before May 2015. This should be a relatively easy transition with just a new HTTPS end point. The contact for ConnectVirginia is Kim Huggins: khuggins@connectvirginia.org or 804-955-1788. More information about the HIE can be found on its website: <https://www.connectvirginia.org/>. Any questions please contact Christy Gray at Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7928.

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