



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New?

Welcome Latisia to the VIIS Team!

Latisia Grant is our new Statistical Analyst and manages the VIIS Help Desk. If you need your password reset, need help with registration, or have a data question, contact Latisia. She can be reached at (866) 375-9795 or VIIS.HelpDesk@vdh.virginia.gov.

VIIS Regulations

Proposed regulations for VIIS (12VAC5-115) have been published in *The Virginia Register of Regulations* and public comment can be entered at <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/comments.cfm?stageid=5700> through January 18, 2013. The final regulations will be posted at a later time.

Did You Know...

Password Resets

The password criteria has changed. Your password must be between 8—20 characters in length and it must be changed every 90 days. You cannot repeat the last 24 passwords.

When creating your password, select 3 of the 4 criteria listed:

- ◆ Uppercase letters
- ◆ Lowercase letters
- ◆ Numerical characters
- ◆ Special characters such as # * % !

VIIS Registration & Training

To register for VIIS or renew your agreement, click on the link below:

<https://vms.vdh.virginia.gov/viis/index.jsp>

(A user ID and password are required for renewals)

Are you in need of VIIS training or know a provider/school who wants access?

Contact a VIIS Consultant at (804) 864-8055 or send an email to: viisinfo@vdh.virginia.gov

VIIS Champion Awards

The winners are in! Five providers across the state and one healthcare system received plaques for doing an outstanding job entering and uploading data to the registry. You can read about these Champions on page 2.

Testimonies

"VIIS is wonderful, we love the ACIP schedule. Which is a great feature that all schools should use to see when the students can get the next vaccine of a series."
Pat Yates, RN
Christiansburg Family Medicine

"When we are reviewing immunization records at the start of the year for students new to the county it is great to see if they are there instead of calling parents or doctor offices! It is also great to see at the end of the school year for the 5th graders to see if they have a TDap. It (VIIS) saves a gigantic amount of time!"
Sara Tomlin, School Nurse
Nelson County Public Schools

Technology Corner

Meaningful Use

Virginia is accepting immunization data as part of the CMS Meaningful Use Incentive program. Beat the rush and contact us before you need to attest!

VIIS can connect with many different electronic health record systems. What about yours?

Data Files Accepted

HL7 2.3.1/2.4 Flat File

Avenues to Transport Data

PHINMS HTTPS
SFTP Manual Upload

If you are interested in connecting your electronic health record system to VIIS, please contact Christy Gray to learn more!

Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov or (804) 864-7928.

VIIS Champion Award Winners

Northern Region - The Pediatric Group, P.C.

The Pediatric Group has four offices in Northern Virginia. The offices are: The Pediatric Group – Chantilly, The Pediatric Group - Lake Ridge, The Pediatric Group - Patriot Square, and The Pediatric Group PC. Each office has an electronic health record but prefer to enter their vaccines into VIIS manually. The Pediatric Group notifies VDH weekly and sometimes daily about duplicate records in VIIS that should be merged. When a VIS (Vaccine Information Statement) was out of date and a flu vaccine trade name needed to be added to VIIS, they notified VDH. All four offices are diligent in making sure all children are vaccinated correctly.

Southwest Region - Larry F. Smith, MD, PC - Appomattox Medical Center

This site spent the money and time to set up data exchange but still uses the full system because they love the inventory feature. They use all the features that VIIS offers, such as the reminder/recall and VFC (Vaccines for Children) reports. Leah Squier, a typical user, will call with issues and problems as they find them. All employees use VIIS and support the use of it!

Southeast Region - Infant Jesus Children's Clinic

There are four Infant Jesus Children's Clinics that serve the Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights and Chester areas. These offices have paper charts but under the leadership of Sara Kirchner, Nurse Practitioner, the entire staff uses VIIS everyday to keep track of the vaccines they administer. All four offices participate in the Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVFC) Program and enjoy not having to count doses of vaccine as they get the information from VIIS.

South Central - Manchester Pediatric Associates, PC

Ms. Gail Williams fulfills her role as administrator in managing staff utilizing the database. Manchester Pediatrics takes full advantage of the features in VIIS, such as the various reports and entering immunization records for clients promptly. This is truly a model office!

West Central Region - Chester Pediatrics

Once recruited to use VIIS, both offices for this practice have been diligent with data entry. By using VIIS, they have ensured clients are receiving vaccines at the right time and the proper insurance source is being selected. When new staff joins their office, the administrator Beverly Zervakis creates the user accounts and ensures they are properly trained. The office promptly addresses data errors and uses reports to check data entry.

Statewide Healthcare System Award

CHKD—Children's Medical Group

The Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) was one of the pilot sites for the registry. Dr. Carolyn Moneymaker spearheaded the initiative which started in 2006. CHKD started transmitting data to VIIS in March 2010. They were the first healthcare system to connect all of their pediatric offices at one time. Since then, their Occupational Health and Ear, Nose and Throat departments have joined the registry. When there is a problem with the data, Vince Angulo, IT Specialist at CHKD, is quick to inform VDH or fix the problem himself, ensuring their data is uploaded five days a week. All of their offices use VIIS to look-up immunization records and add historical shots when needed.