



# NEWSLETTER

## VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New

### Hearing Screening Results

Medical professionals in hospitals, pediatric and family practices will be able to view newborn hearing results for their patients in VIIS. Contact your VIIS consultant to learn how to access these results.

### New VIIS Registration System

The new VIIS registration system, VERIP (Virginia Electronic Registration for Immunization Programs), will go into effect in January. The registration must be completed annually by the VIIS Administrator. More information to come!

### CDC Updates

You can get email updates from CDC firsthand. Type the web address below into your browser. On the homepage, click on "Get Email Updates" next to the mailbox icon. Now, you will get emails from the CDC!

<http://www2a.cdc.gov/vaccines/IIS/IISStandards/vaccines.asp?rpt=cvx>

## Did You Know?

### DTaP vs. Tdap Vaccine

DTaP vaccine helps children younger than age 7 to develop immunity to diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough (pertussis). DTaP should be given only to children under the age of 7 and Tdap is for anyone 7 years and older.

### Prevnar 13 vs. Prevnar 7 Vaccine

Prevnar 13 is indicated for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. It replaced Prevnar 7 in February, 2010. Remember to select Prevnar 13 as the trade name when sending data electronically or doing direct data entry.

### CDC Pink Book

The Pink Book can no longer be ordered from the CDC. You can access the electronic version in VIIS under related links or type the following web address:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html>

## Spotlighted VIIS Users

Our spotlighted VIIS users are our co-laborers in public health, the **District Health Departments**. They are being recognized for marketing and recruiting the registry. These users are an invaluable resource to the registry as they routinely take the initiative to keep the registry accurate by performing data quality checks while continuing to provide care for their patients.

The Health Departments are currently participating with VIIS through data exchange and looking up patient's immunization records before administering vaccine. **See page 2 to view the outstanding Health Department Users.**

## VIIS 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](mailto:viisinfo@vdh.virginia.gov)

## 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>

## Outstanding District Health Department VIIS Users

### Northern Region

**Christina Carlock**, IAP for the Fairfax Health District, contacts her VIIS Consultant regarding new practices that have opened in Fairfax County. She also is a great recruiter for VIIS in Fairfax County. If Christina suspects a practice is having problems entering data into VIIS, she will contact her VIIS consultant immediately. She is always willing to help a practice when they call to unlock records. Christina is a great example of team work between the Fairfax County Health Department and VIIS.

**Jean Pritchard-Nava**, IAP Coordinator for the Arlington Health District and Arlington County Public Schools, communicates with her VIIS Consultant on a regular basis. When Jean has questions about vaccines that have been recorded in VIIS, she quickly brings it to the consultant's attention. Jean has trained her staff to alert her of data entry errors in WebVision which will affect the VIIS data. She immediately notifies her VIIS Consultant to have the error corrected in VIIS.

### Southeast Region

**Joyce Sample**, IAP Coordinator, and **Nicole Baker**, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, for the Norfolk City Health District have significantly contributed to VIIS through their use, support, and diligence in verifying data being entered into VIIS. Joyce and Nicole helps with merging duplicate records and updating patient's demographic information. They constantly communicate with the VIIS staff and providers to correct and merge immunization records.

**Patti Jones**, IAP Coordinator for the Three Rivers Health District, is quick to inform the VIIS team when there is a staff change at any of the ten local health departments and to update users account. She ensures all her staff are properly trained on using VIIS and they adhere to the security agreements for VIIS.

### Southwest Region

**Careen Rodgers**, IAP Coordinator for the West Piedmont Health District, and her staff review all of their client's immunization records in VIIS before administering vaccines. Careen also works with the Southwest VIIS consultant to train medical facilities on child and adult vaccine schedules. The West Piedmont Health District does a great job using VIIS to prevent under and over vaccinating patients in the community!

### West Central Region

**Kathy Flippin**, IAP Coordinator for the Chesterfield Health District, has worked diligently to help keep the registry up to date and accurate. She identifies duplicate records, assists with any anomalies found in VIIS, and works with area providers to keep patient records in VIIS complete and accurate. Kathy has prevented so many adults and children from receiving duplicate vaccines. For that, we appreciate all the hard work she puts into VIIS!