



# NEWSLETTER

## VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New?

### VIIS Staff Update

Reena Patel is the new West Central VIIS Consultant. She studied at James Madison University and has a Bachelor's degree in both Public Health and Health Services Administration. Reena previously worked for the Division of Immunization and was instrumental in the creation of VIIS. Reena is excited to be back and working in the field.

Esther Seisay is the new Southeast VIIS Consultant. She has a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and a Master's degree in Public Health. Esther previously worked as a Statistical Analyst for the VIIS Help Desk. Esther managed the help desk for one year before accepting her new position. We look forward to working with Esther in her new role.

Maryanne Neddenien is the new Statistical Analyst for the VIIS Help Desk. She manages the VIIS Help Desk and provides data support. Maryanne is an LPN with an Associate's degree in Health Information Technology. If you need your password reset or have a data question, contact Maryanne at (866) 375-9795 or [VIIS\\_HelpDesk@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:VIIS_HelpDesk@vdh.virginia.gov).

## Did You Know...

### Newborn Hearing Screening Results

Medical professionals in hospitals, pediatric and family practices will be able to view newborn hearing screening results in VIIS. The Division of Immunization and the Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program are collaborating to use VIIS to deliver the screening results directly to providers.

### VFC Ordering Going Electronic

VFC providers will be able to place their vaccine orders through VIIS by the end of the year. Vaccine orders will be uploaded to the CDC through their Vaccine Tracking System (VTrckS). The CDC developed VTrckS to make vaccine ordering more efficient and manageable.

### Eligibility at Dose Level

Entering eligibility at the patient-level means that only one eligibility can be assigned on a specific date. Soon medical providers will see the eligibility for each dose of administered vaccine. This change will affect the "Manage Client" screen and the "New Immunization" screen and a few reports in VIIS.

**For more information on these enhancements, see the Announcements on the VIIS Homepage for updates!**

## Testimony

"The VIIS system is very valuable to the Daily Planet Healthcare Center. One of the main functions we use is the patient's immunization status. Our patient population is transient and many are homeless. This look up feature allows our staff to have current records, not over-vaccinate, and conserve valuable resources. The Center participates in the HepB Initiative and VIIS is used for recordkeeping for this project."

**Kelly Goode, Pharm.D., BCPS, FAPhA, FCCP**  
Daily Planet Health Care for the Homeless Clinic

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

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

## 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 Public Health messages to VDH to demonstrate "Meaningful Use" of their electronic health records to obtain CMS reimbursement.

Registering in the VDH MU system allows VDH to track all sites that select immunization as their public health objective. In addition, VDH registration of your site and eligible professionals will provide the documentation needed for audits.

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.

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