



# NEWSLETTER

## VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New?

### Welcome Liz and Esther!

Elizabeth "Liz" Tuck is the new West Central VIIS Consultant and is joining us from the VDH Lead Safe program. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences and Public Health Education from James Madison University, completed an internship with the Hanover Health Department, and subsequently worked as an H1N1 specialist during the 2009-2010 flu season.

Esther Seisay is the new Statistical Analyst who manages the VIIS Help Desk. Esther has a Bachelor degree in Biological Sciences and a Master degree in Public Health and comes to us from Doctors Making Housecalls in North Carolina. If you need your password reset or help with your registration, Esther can be reached at (866) 375-9795 or [VIIS\\_HelpDesk@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:VIIS_HelpDesk@vdh.virginia.gov).

### VIIS Upgrade

A recent upgrade for VIIS now allows HL7 version 2.5.1 files along with 2.3.1, 2.4, and flat file. This upgrade will also enable electronic health record systems to query the registry for immunization information as well as send updates or corrections from the electronic health record system.

## 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

### Meaningful Use Registration System

For those participating in Meaningful Use, Stage 2 will require notification to VDH of your interest in submitting immunization data to VIIS. To make this notification process streamlined for each of the four public health objectives, VDH is building a web-based registration system specifically for Meaningful Use registrants. The system should be ready this October – stay tuned for more updates! To learn more contact: [Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov) or (804) 864-7928.

## In the Spotlight

King George Pediatrics is participating with VIIS through user interface, which includes inventory management through the electronic inventory feature, looking up patient immunization histories before administering vaccine, and printing the official immunization report. Read about this practice and how VIIS has helped them with vaccine management on page 2.

## Did You Know...

### Custom Reports in VIIS

Did you ever wonder how many shots you administered to your patients per insurance category? How about the number of patients who received public vaccine versus private vaccine? These reports and more can be generated in VIIS through the Ad Hoc Reports feature.

### Ad Hoc Reports:

The Ad Hoc Reports function in VIIS allows the user to create customized reports. Filters within the Ad Hoc Reporting function help to narrow a search by vaccination date, vaccine group, VFC eligibility, and other factors.

You can generate an Ad Hoc List or Ad Hoc Count report in VIIS. The two are described below:

- ◆ List Report— with this report a list of patients can be generated. You select what to display on the list such as: name, date of birth, vaccination date, etc.
- ◆ Count Report—this report will generate the number of patients you have served or immunizations that you administered.

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King George Pediatrics located in King George, Virginia is pleased to say that we use and have been using VIIS for a few years now. VIIS is very convenient for every employee who works here from the receptionist to the clinical staff. We love the fact that we can keep track of inventory and vaccines that a child has received or may need with a few taps on the keyboard and click of the mouse.

Parents are very pleased that we do have access to a system such as VIIS. We can keep track of their children's immunizations that they have received elsewhere as well as in our own office. Entering historical immunizations is also very easy, fast and an effective way to have all of our patient's information in one system. We like the fact that the vaccination records can be printed in a nice, neat, categorized, and professional looking manner.

The records can be used for school enrollment, extracurricular activities, or just to keep for personal use. The staff members that work for VIIS are also very kind and are there when you need to ask a question or advice and we here enjoy working with them.

Our staff at King George Pediatrics have not had any problems with VIIS. We look forward to using it everyday in our workplace. We use VIIS to validate our records and to make sure our patients are correctly vaccinated and reactions are documented according to the CDC's protocol.

VIIS has allowed our office maintain a fast, effective way to have access to our patient's records with a few clicks and taps of our computers.

Thanks again from our staff here at King George Pediatrics!

Sincerely,  
Sabrina McDowney, LPN

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