



# NEWSLETTER

## VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New...

### Free Workshop to improve Adult immunization Coverage

The immunization Action Coalition (IAC) is having a workshop on November 10th in Portsmouth on using standing orders to vaccinate adults. The goal of this free workshop is to: 1) Reinforce the value of adult vaccines 2) Demonstrate the benefits of instituting standing orders to raise rates within practices 3) Explain the legal principles related to using standing orders 4) Address the perceived challenges to implementing standing orders and 5) To provide instructions on establishing and implementing standing orders. **See the flyer on page 2 for more information and how to register.**

### New Campaign Promoting Maternal Tdap Vaccination

A new CDC campaign, "Born with Protection from Whooping Cough," aims to increase awareness among pregnant women and healthcare providers that the whooping cough vaccine, Tdap, is recommended during the third trimester of every pregnancy. This recommendation helps protect babies from whooping cough during the first few months of life, when they are most vulnerable to serious disease and complications. Visit the Pregnancy and Whooping Cough web page at: <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/pregnant/> for more about the whooping cough vaccine recommendation for pregnant women.

## 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://www.vdh.virginia.gov/verip>**

## Did You Know...

### Employee Health

Practices can enter their employee's vaccine records into VIIS. This can help show which employee has the required vaccines and those that are behind on any vaccine series. The results of any titer test can also be entered. Contact your VIIS Consultant for more information on how to enter this information.

### Expiring Vaccines

Do you have vaccines that are about to reach their expiration date? If so, use the Reminder/Recall report in VIIS to schedule appointments for patients who are behind on their vaccine series. This is a great way to finish vaccines that are close to the expiration date.

### HPV 9 in VIIS

Providers exchanging data with the registry should verify that HPV9 is being entered correctly. If the vaccine is displaying as Gardasil and not Gardasil9 on the record, then the wrong CVX code is being sent from the provider's Electronic Medical Record. Contact your vendor to verify this information.

## 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.

**Coming to  
Portsmouth-Norfolk  
on November 10th!**

One-time, **FREE** workshop on raising your clinic's adult immunization rates while streamlining your practice

#### WHAT THEY SAY

*Standing orders are one of the most effective and cost-effective methods to raise immunization rates. For standing orders to be most effective, a routine trigger is needed, such as vaccination as a vital sign.*

RICHARD K. ZIMMERMAN, MD, MPH,  
Professor, Department of Family Medicine,  
University of Pittsburgh

*At UnitedHealthcare, we encourage medical practices to implement standing orders because we know they increase vaccination rates.*

RICHARD JUSTMAN, MD, National Medical  
Director, UnitedHealthcare



Use Standing Orders to Vaccinate Adults  
[www.StandingOrders.org](http://www.StandingOrders.org)



**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**  
Clinicians, nurses,  
and clinic managers

#### WHO IS INVOLVED

This free workshop is provided by the  
Immunization Action Coalition (IAC),  
with sponsorship from Pfizer, Inc.

IAC is a national non-profit organization  
committed to raising immunization rates.  
Visit us at [www.immunize.org](http://www.immunize.org).

Renaissance Portsmouth-  
Norfolk Waterfront Hotel  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.  
Lunch included



#### NO-COST

### Workshop on Using Standing Orders to Vaccinate Adults

#### WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

- This workshop is a one-stop shop to help you easily implement standing orders in your practice.
- Using standing orders for adult immunizations can help your practice be a leader in quality adult care.
- Our support for your clinic does not end with the workshop. You receive full access to direct phone and email support for one year after attending.

#### LED BY NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EXPERTS

**L.J Tan, MS, PhD**, Chief Strategy Officer,  
Immunization Action Coalition

**William Atkinson, MD, MPH**, Associate Director  
for Immunization Education, Immunization  
Action Coalition

**Alexandra Stewart, JD**, Assistant Professor, George  
Washington University

#### QUESTIONS?

Additional information at [www.StandingOrders.org](http://www.StandingOrders.org).  
Or feel free to call us at 651-647-9009 for personal  
assistance.

**Register online now** at [www.StandingOrders.org/registration](http://www.StandingOrders.org/registration).  
Don't delay! Space is extremely limited.