



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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What's New...

New DOI Director

Congratulations to Christy Gray who has been named Director of the Division of Immunization! She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Virginia Tech and a Master's degree in Public Health from George Washington University (GWU). Christy also earned a Graduate Certificate in Health Information Technology from GWU. In her previous role, Christy served as the VIIS Business Plan and Data Quality Manager. In this role, she was the liaison between DOI staff, VDH division leaders and external industry partners to successfully advance a data quality agenda. Christy will officially start in her new position on June 26th.

Meaningful Use, VERIP, and MIPS

In the last few months, the Help Desk and VIIS Consultants have received questions about transitioning to the Merit Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the proper documentation required for a Meaningful Use (MU) audit. The term Meaningful Use, refers to the exchange of public health messaging, in this case immunization records, and includes any organizations transitioning to MIPS.

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FREE CME COURSE FOR HPV

Physicians, registered nurses, and pharmacists, don't miss out on 1 FREE CE opportunity from The National AHEC Organization. In 1 hour you will learn strategies to give an effective HPV vaccine recommendation to adolescents, successfully communicate with adolescents and their parents about the HPV vaccine, and receive up-to-date HPV vaccine, infection, and disease information.

Website:

<http://www.cmeuniversity.com/course/disclaimer/114869>

Did You Know...

2017 CDC Pink Book Webinar Series

Each Wednesday for 15 weeks, CDC experts will discuss a new chapter of The 13th Edition Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (also referred to as "The Pink Book"). This 15 part webinar series will provide an overview of vaccines and the diseases they prevent, general recommendations for vaccines, vaccination principles, and immunization strategies for providers. To register, please visit:

<https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/pinkbook/>

2017 VDH Requirement

Please note that the VDH requirement for all Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVC) providers to record administered vaccines into the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) went into effect January 1, 2017. Providers are to enter all administered vaccines from both public and private stock into VIIS within 30 days of administration by way of manual entry or data exchange. The entry of historical data is not a requirement, but is strongly recommended as a strategy to obtain accurate coverage rates. If you have not met this deadline, please let Monalisa Mbaiti, the AFIX Coordinator, know as soon as possible. She will work with providers who need assistance with reporting. If you have questions regarding this requirement contact Ms. Mbaiti at:

Monalisa.Mbaiti@vdh.virginia.gov

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**.

To register, click on the link below:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/verip>



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Meaningful Use Registration, VIIS Registration, and transitioning to MIPS, the Merit Based Incentive Payment System

The transition in 2017 to MIPS does not eliminate the need to continue with Meaningful Use registration updates. The supportive documentation that is required for your records or an audit is available for each MU registration that is completed. More information about how to complete a MU registration while transitioning to MIPS was included in our April Newsletter.

MU Registration

The VDH MU Registration System provides the organization with official documentation that is accepted for an audit. The MU emails are very specific and draw on information that was included when the registration was created. The transmission of immunization messages to the VIIS registry is part of a process to verify whether the public health measure for immunization is met. The MU status is updated as the site progresses and is in active engagement with VIIS.

VERIP Registration

A registration is required in order to access VIIS. Automatic emails are sent to the contact of the organization to complete/update their registrations in the VIIS registration database, Virginia Electronic Registration for Immunization Programs (VERIP). Organizations that are trying to meet MU objectives are required to review their data in VIIS for accuracy.

Organizations must complete registrations in these two different systems. Unfortunately, the two registration systems, MU and VERIP, are not linked. A registration in VERIP does not meet the requirements or provide the documentation needed for a MU audit.

The VIIS staff is working closely with organizations to provide the MU documentation required for an audit. This process is easily completed when both VERIP and MU registrations are up to date. In the event either registration is missing documentation, the VIIS staff will contact the organization.

If you have any questions about submitting immunization data to VDH for MU or MIPS,

please contact Toni Vance at:

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