



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

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What's New...

VIIS Staff Update

Erica Henley is the new Immunization Data Manager for the Division of Immunization. She has been working as a Data Integrity Monitor for VIIS since December 2016. Erica has a Bachelor's Degree from James Madison University, a Master of Public Health from Liberty University, and is currently working on her PhD in Public Health.

Assessment Feedback Incentive Exchange Website

AFIX is a quality improvement program for healthcare providers enrolled in another DOI program, Virginia's Vaccines for Children (VVFC). The goal of AFIX is to increase vaccination of children and adolescents with all Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines by reducing missed opportunities to vaccinate and improving immunization delivery practices at the provider level. To request an AFIX visit to assess your Pediatric (24-35 months) and/or Adolescent (13-17 years) population, please visit:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/afix/>

Changing Your EMR System

When changing your EMR (Electronic Medical Record) system, notify the VIIS Help Desk. VIIS staff needs to know which EMR you are using to effectively track your data and verify it is coming over correctly. The Help Desk can assist in obtaining and completing a new MOA, which needs to be updated each time you change your EMR.

The immunization messages sent from your new EMR are checked for accuracy of formatting and coding. Good communication helps to promote our common goal, that the immunizations you give are accurately reflected in VIIS.

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, please visit the link below:
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/verip>

Did You Know?

Password Resets

Be sure to consult with the VIIS Administrator in your office before contacting the VIIS Help Desk regarding a password reset.

1. When calling the help desk for assistance, have the following information on hand:
 - ◆ Your org code.
 - ◆ Your username.
 - ◆ Name of your VIIS Administrator.
2. Administrators are responsible for:
 - ◆ Completing the annual registration.
 - ◆ Resetting passwords for employees.
 - ◆ Adding or disabling user accounts.

When VIIS Administrators Leave a Practice

To ensure your practice has continued access to VIIS, please notify your Regional VIIS Consultant or the Help Desk when your VIIS administrator plans to leave the practice. The VIIS Administrator is responsible for adding new staff, resetting passwords, disabling user accounts and completing the registration.

It is extremely important for a new VIIS Administrator to be selected immediately. Call your Regional VIIS Consultant or the Help Desk at 866-375-9795 for assistance.

MMWR—ACIP Recommendations for 2017-18 Influenza Season

This report updates the 2016–17 recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices regarding the use of seasonal influenza vaccines. Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged ≥ 6 months who do not have contraindications. A licensed, recommended, age-appropriate vaccine should be used. CTRL click this link to view the full report: [Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2017–18 Influenza Season](#)

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