



# NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New...

### 2018-19 Influenza Season

The current influenza VIS, dated 8/7/15, is still valid for the 2018-19 influenza season. It will remain valid through upcoming flu seasons unless there are significant changes to CDC's recommendations, in which case subscribers will be notified of any change. The dose for FluLaval and Fluarix PF for this flu season is (0.5-mL) for all children in the indicated age range of 6 months and older.

### Virginia Vaccines for Adults (VVFA)

VVFA is managed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Division of Immunization (DOI). Barriers to adult immunizations are reduced through utilization of providers located in underserved areas. DOI supplies federally and state purchased vaccine at no cost to adult health care providers. Providers in this program must report administered doses through VIIS. For more information on the VVFA Program call (804) 864-8055.

## Technology Corner...

### Reviewing Data Sent Through Data Exchange

Data Exchange already set up? Great! Don't forget to check on your data that is uploaded to VIIS. Having access to both VIIS and your EMR system, enables you to validate accuracy and completeness of data that is transmitted. As a data exchange participant, you are expected to actively review your data and partner with the VIIS team to correct data quality issues that are found in the registry. We want to make sure the information in the registry is as accurate and up-to-date as possible but we can't do it without you! Contact your VIIS Trainer to schedule training on how to review your data.

## VIIS Registration & Training...

Are you in need of VIIS training or know a provider or school who wants access?

Contact a VIIS Consultant at (804) 864-8055 or

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

To register, please visit the link below:

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

## Did You Know?

### When VIIS Administrators Leave a Practice

To ensure your practice has continued access to VIIS, please notify your Regional VIIS Trainer 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 Trainer for assistance.

### ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS (AFM)

AFM is a polio-like disorder that mainly affects children. AFM affects the nervous system specifically the spinal cord. Five possible cases have been reported in Maryland.

#### WHAT ARE SYMPTOMS OF AFM?

- ◆ Sudden onset of limb weakness and loss of muscle tone and reflexes.
- ◆ Facial weakness, difficulty moving the eyes, drooping eyelids, difficulty swallowing or slurred speech.
- ◆ Some patients experience pain in their arms or legs.
- ◆ Some patients may be unable to urinate.
- ◆ The most severe symptom of AFM is respiratory failure, which happens when the muscles involved with breathing become weak. This can require urgent ventilator support.
- ◆ There is no specific treatment available other than supportive care to relieve symptoms.

For more information, visit CDC's website:

[HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/ACUTE-FLACCID-MYELITIS/INDEX.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/index.html)

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