



NEWSLETTER

VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New...

New Southeast VIIS Trainer

Join us in welcoming our new Southeast Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) Trainer, Casey Barham. Casey has previous experience on the VIIS and Virginia Vaccines for Children (VVFC) teams and therefore is great fit to this position.

Virginia Vaccines for Adults (VVFA) Program

The VVFA Program 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 healthcare providers to be administered to uninsured and underinsured adults. Providers in this program must report administered doses through VIIS. For more information on the VVFA Program call (804) 864-8055.

Roanoke Region and Southwest Virginia Residents

Parents of Infants and Young Children who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing

Professionals Who Diagnose, Treat, Educate and Support Children Who Are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (0-3 years)

****Please see page 2 for details on the EHD
Needs Assessment survey****

VIIS Registration & Training

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

Contact a VIIS Trainer at (804) 864-8055 or
viisinfo@vdh.virginia.gov

Did You Know?

Virginia Immunization Coalition

In order to remain vigilant and address the continually evolving landscape of immunization service delivery and immunization coverage levels for all Virginians, the Division of Immunization within the Virginia Department of Health is actively pursuing the development of an immunization coalition! We are collecting feedback from stakeholders to identify those persons and organizations that are interested in participating in a coalition in Virginia. If you are a VIIS user and have not already received an email asking you to complete the stakeholder's survey, please do so at this link: <https://redcap.vdh.virginia.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=3FNC9PN733>

The establishment of a coalition in Virginia is a crucial component of the fight against vaccine-preventable diseases. Coalitions are comprised of a variety of community partners, including private healthcare and public health professionals, community leaders, parents, businesses, and anyone else who is interested in improving vaccination rates. We welcome YOUR input and participation in this vital endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact (804) 864-8055.

Technology Corner...

Reviewing Data Sent Through Data Exchange

Data Exchange already set up? Great! Don't forget to check your data that is uploaded to VIIS. Having access to both VIIS and your Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system, enables you to validate completeness and accuracy of data that is transmitted. We want to make sure the information in the registry is as accurate and up-to-date as possible but we cannot do it without you! Contact your VIIS Trainer to schedule training on how to review your data.

Visit us online at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/viis>



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The Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program has requested the below notice be printed and distributed to other Virginia Department of Health partners. See the below announcement from EHDI Program. Participation in the EHDI survey does not affect your participation with the VIIS program.

The EHDI Learning Community Program was launched in Southwest Virginia and the Roanoke Region in October 2018 and quarterly meetings are now taking place in various locations within these communities.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. The online EHDI Needs Assessment survey circulated to parents and professionals in August/September had some unforeseen technical issues that made completing the survey difficult for many users. As a result, we **need many parents of infants and young children with hearing loss, as well as, professionals who diagnose, treat, and provide services to these children, to complete the updated survey** – even if you completed or tried to complete the original one.

Use this link to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XJVQ8KS>

Southwest Virginia Region survey deadline is January 27, 2019

Roanoke Region survey deadline is February 15, 2019

You can also help us by forwarding the survey on to others to complete - especially parents, audiologists, early intervention providers and medical professionals, such as pediatricians and ENTs. Survey data is 100% confidential.

If you would like to become involved in the Virginia EHDI Learning Community Program in the Roanoke or Southwest Virginia regions, please include your contact information at the end of the survey and you will receive an invitation to the next meeting in your area, or feel free to contact me with questions: vjabbott@vcu.edu