

VVFC News Alert

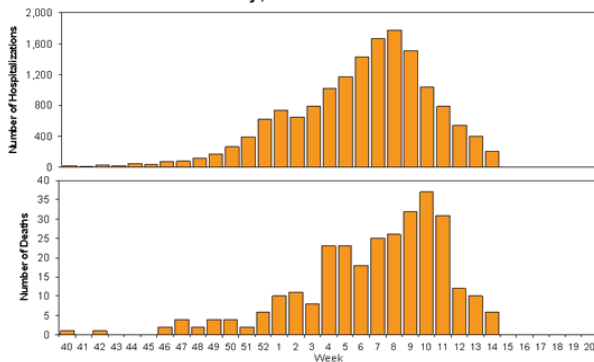
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May/June 2011

Flu Update
Aggregate
Hospitalization and
Death Reporting
Activity (AHDRA)
surveillance reported
15,630 laboratory-

confirmed influenza associated hospitalizations and
298 laboratory-confirmed influenza associated deaths
reported to CDC as of April 9, 2011.

Weekly Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza-Associated
Hospitalizations and Deaths,
National Summary, 2010-11 Influenza Season



For more information on seasonal influenza go to:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>

Take 10 to Enhance Vaccine Barcodes... Win an iPad!

Through a contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, RTI International is conducting a 10-minute Vaccine Barcoding Survey to learn more about the impact of including two-dimensional barcodes on vaccine labels. Go to <https://vaccinebarcodingsurvey.rti.org>. Respondents can enter a raffle to win 1 of 10 iPads!

VVFC Ordering Module in VIIS planned for 2012

Virginia will use its registry, the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) to capture vaccine orders from its VFC providers. The VIIS will load Virginia's provider orders into CDC's web-based vaccine tracking system (VTrckS). Pilots California, Colorado, Chicago, Massachusetts, Michigan and Washington are working with CDC to improve VTrckS before it is launched nationally in 2012. The VTrckS system requires an inventory report including lot number when vaccine is requested. About 400 VVFC providers are using VIIS which provides inventory reporting. When the order module is complete, VIIS providers will be able to place orders on-line.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) April 23-30

National activities and events have been posted at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/activities.html>

Gold Star Awards

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Altavista Medical Center, Altavista
Arlington Pediatric Center, Arlington
Children's Clinic, Rocky Mount
Clinch River Health Services, Dungannon
MCV Family Physicians.- Nelson Clinic, Richmond
Rockbridge Pediatrics, Lexington



Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Capital Area Pediatrics/Countryside, Sterling
Carilion Family Med-Associated Phys., Roanoke
Charlotte Primary Care, Charlotte Courthouse
CJW Pediatric Specialists, Richmond
Lunenburg Medical Center, Victoria
Metropolitan Pediatrics, Arlington
Practice of Dr. Sebastian, Alexandria
Premier Pediatrics of Manassas, Manassas
Shenandoah Valley Juvenile Center, Staunton
Winchester Family Health Center, Winchester

Immunization Champion

Chesterfield County Health Department

During 2010 Chesterfield County Health Department maintained consistently high rates, averaging 77% coverage for the 4313314 series. Chesterfield County Health Department attributes their success to reminder/recall. Reminder cards are sent out on a regular basis, about once a month. The child health immunization team is very diligent about vaccinating with all antigens the child needs on any given visit. The population served by Chesterfield Health Department transitions frequently between the health department and their private physician. Every child immunized leaves with a written record and a date to return. Each history and dose administered is recorded electronically and is transferred into the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS).

Chesterfield County Health Department utilizes the VIIS to assess immunization records to avoid over-immunizing patients. "VIIS has been a huge help to our team," says Kathy Flippin, Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinator. "We have 5 PHNs that provide childhood immunizations 3 days per week on a walk-in basis. We also offer one late clinic per week. The PHNs that routinely work our immunization clinics are Jamie Lawson, Jennifer Ebert, Jan Jones, Susan Weeks and me. We could not do this without the help of our outreach worker/interpreter Elizabeth Brown and the support of Sherry Coleman."

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