NEWSLETTER
VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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What's New...

AFIX Project

VVFC providers will be required to share data for both public and private stock within 30 days of administration in VIIS starting January 2017. The VIIS Consultants are helping VVFC providers make the transition to VIIS. The first critical step in this transition is training the VIIS Administrators and their staff on how to inactivate/activate client records and update immunization records with historical shots. The entry of historical data is not a requirement, but will be strongly recommended as a strategy to obtain accurate coverage rates. Training for VVFC providers who send data electronically, will begin mid Summer 2016. VVFC providers will receive a call from a VIIS Consultant to reserve a training date.

VIIS Enhancements

The enhancements listed below were recently made to VIIS:

♦ Local health departments and FQHCs can now access the infant Hearing Screening Report.

♦ Dose level eligibility must now be selected for all NEW immunizations given to patients under 19 years of age.

♦ Recent enhancements made to Internet Explorer may cause compatibility view issues when accessing certain features in VIIS.

If you need assistance or encounter an issue, please contact your VIIS Consultant or the VIIS Help Desk.

Vaccine Ordering & Inventory Decrement

The VVFC vaccine ordering interface will be available this Summer and is expected to streamline the vaccine ordering process. Placing vaccine orders through VIIS is not a requirement but it is encouraged. Training options will be available. More information to come.

VERIP Annual Renewal

VIIS Administrators who registered in our VERIP system last year, will receive an automatic email to electronically renew their VIIS Security Agreements. Contact the VIIS Help Desk if you have questions.

Did You Know...

Expiring Vaccines

Do you have vaccines that are about to reach their expiration date? If so, use the Reminder/Recall Report in VIIS to schedule appointments for patients who are behind on their vaccine series. This is a great way to finish vaccines that are close to their expiration date.

Summer Travel

Before taking that family trip, check out the CDC's Travelers' Health website at: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list. Learn which vaccines are required and what to pack for the region that you are visiting.

Duplicate Vaccines

Have you found duplicate vaccine records in VIIS for your clients? A VIIS Consultant or the VIIS Help Desk can merge these records for you. To help us better assist you, provide the VIIS ID numbers for each record and dates of birth. The new VIIS ID will be emailed to you.

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

Technology Corner

Reviewing Data Sent Through Data Exchange

Data Exchange already set up? Great! Don't forget to check on how your data is coming over in the VIIS website. You have access to both your EMR system and VIIS so you are best suited to know if the information coming over to the registry is accurate and complete! As a data exchange partner with VIIS, you are expected to actively review your data and work 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! Please contact your VIIS Consultant to set up a training session if you do not already know how to do this.

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