



# NEWSLETTER

## VIRGINIA IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## What's New?

### VIIS and VTrcks

The CDC has developed VTrcks, a new web-based system for processing vaccine orders and managing vaccine accountability. In place of ordering through VTrcks, an Ordering Module is in development in VIIS to send orders to VTrcks.

In preparation of the new Ordering Module, VFC providers are strongly encouraged to contact the VIIS program to obtain access to VIIS. To learn more, call 804-864-8055 and speak with a VIIS registry consultant.

### Immunization Action Coalition

Looking for great, easy-to-read resources packed with helpful information for immunization providers in your clinic? Check out these terrific publications from the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) <http://immunize.org/>

## Did You Know...

- ◆ VIIS can generate reminder letters to let clients know when they are coming due or are past due for an immunization.
- ◆ Various organizations, such as schools and head start programs, have access to VIIS. The more information that private offices supply in VIIS, the more information these other organizations see and the less likely they are to call the office for an immunization record. This saves everyone time and money.

## VIIS Registration & Training

To register for VIIS or renew your agreement, click on the link below:

<https://vms.vdh.virginia.gov/viis/index.jsp>

(A user ID and password are required for renewals and will be provided by VIIS staff when you are due)

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

Contact a VIIS Consultant at (804) 864-8055 or send an email to: [VIISInfo@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:VIISInfo@vdh.virginia.gov)

## Testimonies

*"VIIS is the best information system for health care providers to obtain proof of immunization. Once you are trained, one wondered why it took us so long to use the new tool."*

Linda Mangum, RN  
Lawrenceville Primary Care

*"Why Use VIIS?"*

- ◆ Secure and Reliable
- ◆ Centralized database for multiple providers to access
- ◆ Excellent help line support
- ◆ User Friendly
- ◆ Report function helps to demonstrate outcomes & trends for schools.
- ◆ Provides service to parents
- ◆ Prevents duplication of vaccines
- ◆ Enables providers to more accurately give correct dose at correct interval.
- ◆ Supports continuity of care and disease prevention

*No other way—VIIS is it!*

Deb Zeller, MSN, RN  
Virginia Association of School Nurses, President 2012-2014

## Technology Corner

### Meaningful Use

Virginia is accepting immunization data as part of the CMS Meaningful Use Incentive program. Beat the rush and contact us before you need to attest!

**VIIS can connect with many different electronic health record systems. What about yours?**

#### Data Files Accepted

HL7 2.3.1/2.4 Flat File  
HL7 2.5.1 coming soon!

#### Avenues to Transport Data

PHINMS HTTPS  
SFTP Manual Upload

If you are interested in connecting your electronic health record system to VIIS, please contact Christy Gray to learn more!

**[Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Christy.Gray@vdh.virginia.gov) or (804) 864-7928.**

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