

Central District Health Department



Immunizations

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VACCINE FOR CHILDREN STATUS UPDATE

During the month of July the State of Idaho was briefly out of the business of providing all childhood vaccines to providers public and private. During that month, the only children eligible for free vaccine from the state were those on Medicaid, American Indian or Alaskan native, without health insurance or underinsured. Families with insurance had to pay for vaccines.



The situation changed August 4, 2009 when the Governor's office issued a news release announcing the state would again purchase childhood vaccines for all providers through January of 2010. By that time, the news release stated, it's hoped the Legislative Health Care Task Force will develop a long-term solution that "shares the responsibility for the cost and distribution of vaccine to Idaho's children between insurance companies, physicians, and the people they serve."

Unfortunately, the decision to reinstate universal Vaccine for Children (VFC) appears to be causing as many problems as it was trying to prevent. Many providers, the Central District Health Department among them, decided to purchase vaccines to continue to serve families with insurance. Those providers are now in the uncomfortable position of trying to use up the purchased vaccine and bill insured clients.

Private providers face greater financial liability potential than Central District Health. CDHD was able to purchase vaccine through a multi-state buying group open only to public agencies, for a cost only slightly above what the state pays for its VFC vaccines. Private providers had to purchase vaccine on the open market for substantially higher prices.



It's important to remember that the situation remains fluid. Vaccine providers could find themselves in the same position January 1, 2010 as they were on July 1st. It really depends on the ability of the Legislative Health Care Task Force to hammer out a solution in the next five months. Meanwhile, providers will want to do everything they can to use up the supply of purchased vaccine they have on hand.

We're A Tobacco Free Zone



To protect the health of **everyone** at CDHD, no smoking or other tobacco use is permitted in our facilities or on our property, both indoors and out. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



Whom To Contact:

For medical questions about vaccines for children (VFC) (schedules, updates, vaccine storage and handling, etc. please contact:

Cathy Deckys, RN
Medical Provider Liaison
327-8512
cdeckys@cdhd.idaho.gov

For user support & training of IRIS; how IRIS can benefit your clinic practice or daycare; or to schedule a demonstration of IRIS, please contact:

Leanna Davis
IRIS Provider Liaison
869-9118
ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov

For general immunization / registry questions or concerns, please contact:

Teresa Collins, RN
Program Manager,
Immunizations, Children's Services
& International Health
327-8518
tcollins@cdhd.idaho.gov

Remember The Dates

Booster Shots hosted by the Idaho Immunization Program will take place on the following dates:

September 23 in Nampa
Holiday Inn Express
11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

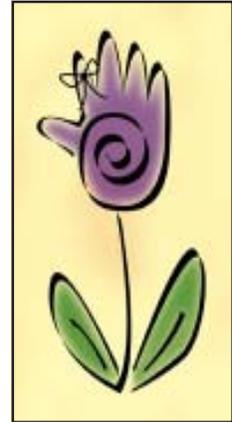
September 24 in McCall
Holiday Inn Express
Hunt Lodge
11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Andy Noble at the Immunizations Program
334-5901

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IRIS News

During fiscal year 2010, Central District Health Department will be partnering with the Idaho Immunization Program to ensure that providers have access to quality data in IRIS. The thing we are most excited about is the implementation of a random chart audit to compare provider chart/system data to IRIS data. What this means is that approximately 30 clinics in district 4 will be randomly selected to have 50 of their charts reviewed by me, Leanna Davis, to verify that the chart/system data matches the data in IRIS. If there is a discrepancy, I will work with your organization and IIP to correct the problem. If your clinic is selected for this process, I will be contacting you to schedule an appointment.



It is my goal as the liaison of the Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) for Central District Health Department (CDHD), to provide your organization with the most up-to-date IRIS information. I am eager to provide on-site training to any current and/or new staff members within your organization who might have questions about IRIS functionality and the many uses it offers. For example, did you know that you could complete your state reports online with IRIS? IRIS will allow you to complete your entire accountability online, including the tracking of "private purchase vaccine" and

"state supplied" vaccine. What a great way to keep an eye on your budget! You can also send out immunization reminders to your clients with the reminder recall function in IRIS, using free reminder cards provided by the State Immunization program. Please allow me the opportunity to assist your office with an IRIS training.



Leanna Davis
IRIS Provider Liaison

CLASSES

To attend one of the following classes contact Leanna Davis at 327-8548 or ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov. Breakfast or Lunch will be provided. All classes are held at Central District Health Department.

ROUND TABLE HOT TOPIC

August 12, 2009
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
RSVP by August 5th

ACCOUNTABILITY

October 2, 2009
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
RSVP by September 25th

ENTERING VACCINE AND LOT NUMBERS - PRIVATE & STATE SUPPLIED

September 9, 2009
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
RSVP by September 4th

Please note that you can schedule a personalized training for your office or an Individual within your office by contacting Leanna Davis @ 327-8548 or at ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov.

HIPAA Privacy Rule and Medical Records

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) has been around since 1996 and most providers have a good understanding of what it means for their practices. HIPAA covers any information about a patient's past, present or future mental or physical health including information about payment for care. Health care providers, health care plans, health care clearinghouses and health districts are considered covered entities, meaning we all have to comply with HIPAA regulations. We can do so and still share critical information about patients necessary for timely and appropriate treatments and immunizations.

We are all struggling to manage patient immunization needs in light of changes to the state's VFC program (see page 1). The changes have brought an influx of new clients to the doors of CDHD, and with it the need for medical records. Currently the process is being slowed down with unnecessary requests for patient 'Consent' to release Personal Health Information.

Consent for use of patient information is not the same as consent for treatment. HIPAA does not require patient consent when the medical information is used for treatment, payment, or for health care operations (TPO).



CDHD carefully follows the guidelines for HIPAA and will not use Personal Health Information for anything but reviewing immunization data to ensure we provide timely, accurate services. So when someone from the health district asks for your cooperation in providing health information please help us by providing immunization records in a timely manner.

Thanks,
Teresa Collins, RN
Immunizations Program Manager

Immunization Reminder

Central District Health Department no longer provides adult or travel immunizations.

International Travel

Saint Alphonus - Travel Medicine

6140 W Curtisian, Suite 300, Boise, ID
208-367-3627

<http://www.saintalphonus.org>

St. Luke's - Travel Medicine Services

703 Americana Blvd, Suite 130, Boise
208-706-7500

<http://www.stlukesonline.org>

General Adult Immunizations

Saint Alphonus 208-367-3627

Primary Health Medical Group – State Street Clinic

6052 W State St, Boise
208-344-7799

<http://www.phmgidaho.com/>

Valley County

Cascade Hospital, 204 Lenora St, McCall, will provide outpatient service for all adult vaccines. (208)634-4161.

Payette Lakes Medical Clinic, 211 Forest Street, McCall, will provide many adult vaccines with others available for order. (208)634-2225.

Rite Aid Pharmacy, 451 Deinhard Ln, McCall, can order and administer all adult immunizations.

Elmore County

Desert Sage Health Center, 2280 American Legion Blvd, Mountain Home. Will provide some adult immunizations. (208)587-3988.

Glenns Ferry Health Center, 486 W 1st Ave, Glenns Ferry. Will provide some adult immunizations. (208)366-7416.

Immunization Updates:

Hib Shortage Over

On June 26, 2009, CDC, in consultation with ACIP, AAFP, and AAP, is recommending reinstatement of the booster dose of Hib vaccine for children aged 12—15 months who have completed the primary 3-dose series. Infants should continue to receive the primary Hib vaccine series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months. Children aged 12—15 months should receive the booster dose on time. Older children for whom the booster dose was deferred should receive their Hib booster dose at the next routinely scheduled visit or medical encounter. Although supply is sufficient to reinstate the booster dose and begin catch-up vaccination, supply is not yet ample enough to support a mass notification process to contact all children with deferred Hib booster doses.

Sufficient vaccine will be available to administer the primary series at ages 2, 4, and 6 months and a booster dose on time to children aged 12—15 months. As part of delivering the booster dose to those children for whom it was deferred at the next routinely scheduled appointment or medical encounter, practices should discuss with parents the reasons for the change in recommendation and might consider 1) reviewing electronic or paper medical records or immunization information system records to identify children in need of a booster dose before physician encounters, 2) evaluating children's vaccination status during their scheduled visit, and 3) sharing immunization schedules with parents to make them aware of this plan.

Narrow Window for Administration of Rotavirus Vaccine

The Rotavirus vaccine can be administered no earlier than 6 weeks of age and the series started no later than 14 wks, 6 days of age. Vaccination should not be initiated if the child is 15 weeks or older. Administer the final dose in the series by age 8 months, 0 days.

Pandemic H1N1 Flu Remains a Threat

Although the H1N1 (Swine flu) is vacationing in the Southern Hemisphere, expect to see this novel pandemic flu strain again in fall. More than 70 countries have reported cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) infection and there are ongoing community level outbreaks of novel H1N1 in multiple parts of the world. The Southern Hemisphere's regular influenza season has begun and countries there are reporting that the new H1N1 virus is spreading and causing illness along with regular seasonal influenza viruses. In the United States, significant novel H1N1 illness has continued into the summer, with localized and in some cases intense outbreaks occurring. The United States continues to report the largest number of novel H1N1 cases of any country worldwide, however, most people who have become ill have recovered without requiring medical treatment.

CDC is continuing to watch the situation carefully, to support the public health response and to gather information about this virus and its characteristics. The Southern Hemisphere is just beginning its influenza season and the experience there may provide valuable clues about what may occur in the Northern Hemisphere this fall and winter.

Vaccines are a very important part of a response to novel H1N1 influenza and the U.S. Government is aggressively taking early steps in the process to manufacture a novel H1N1 vaccine, working closely with manufacturers. CDC isolated the new H1N1 virus, made a candidate vaccine virus strain that can be used to create vaccine, and is working with other agencies and industry to begin scaling up for testing and production of a vaccine. Making vaccine is a long multi-step process requiring several months to complete. Stay tuned. (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/update.htm>)

Current Vaccine Information Statement Dates

Check your stock of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs; please recycle and order new ones from the Idaho Immunization Program

Chickenpox	3/13/08	Multi-vaccine	9/18/08
DTaP/DT/DTP	5/17/07	PCV	12/9/08
Hepatitis A	3/21/06	PPSV	4/16/09
Hepatitis B	7/18/07	Polio	1/01/00
Hib	12/16/98	Rabies	1/12/06
HPV	2/02/07	Rotavirus	8/28/08
Influenza (LAIV)	7/24/08	Shingles	9/11/06
Influenza (TIV)	7/24/08	Td/Tdap	11/18/08
Japan. enceph.	5/11/05	Typhoid	5/19/04
Meningococcal	1/28/08	Yellow fever	11/09/04
MMR	3/13/08	Taken from http://immunize.org/vis , 2009	

Training Workshops for Childcare Providers

For: District 4 Child Care Providers Only (Ada, Boise, Elmore, Valley counties)

Location: Central District Health Dept. 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise

Non-Refundable Fee: \$15 due upon registration

Registration is required. To pay and register call 327-7499

www.cdhd.idaho.gov Click on Trainings then Childcare learn more

Food Safety Awareness in the Childcare Setting

Thursday . August 13th . 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Immunization Review

Wednesday . August 19th . 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Childcare Emergency Preparedness - Are You Ready?

Wednesday . Sept 9th . 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Poison Prevention in the Childcare Setting

Tuesday . Oct 6th . 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Strengthening Families # 5 - Strengthening Parenting

Wednesday . Oct 28th . 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR and Pediatric First Aid

Wednesday . Nov 4th . 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Caring for Children with Special Needs

Wednesday . Dec 2nd . 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Elmore County Office Training Workshops

Location: 520 E 8th Street North
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Registration is required: To pay and register call 587-4407

Immunization Review

Saturday . Oct 17th . 10 - 12 p.m.

Childcare Emergency Preparedness - Are You Ready?

Saturday . Sept 17th . 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.



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Got Immunization Questions?

Call the Shot Line at 321-BABY

Call **321-BABY** to get quick, accurate answers to all your immunization questions! This service provides physicians, nursing personnel, childcare providers, and school nurses a direct line to an immunization nurse who will provide immediate answers to immunization questions (i.e. scheduling, timing, storage and handling, vaccine errors, etc.)



Cathy Deckys

You can access this line by dialing **321-BABY (321-2229)**. This line will be answered during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the Shot Line will not be answered on state holidays.