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Two thousand fifteen will be a year of dynamic change for the Central District Health Department's (CDHD) Immunization Department. Our goal of raising immunization levels in the communities we serve will remain the same, but implementation of this plan will take new form through provider outreach.

Utilizing the CDHD Strategic Plan, an outreach activity was selected: Promote provider education to Vaccine for Children Program (VFC) providers in Boise, Elmore and Valley counties to improve the immunization rate by National Standards in the 0 to 35 months-of-age category. Clinics interested in receiving trainings through CDHD can choose the immunization-related topics they are interested in or could use help with.

Another priority of CDHD is to decrease rates of missing or incomplete immunization records among kindergarten, 1st grade and 7th grade students enrolled in the Health District 4 schools. CDHD immunizations staff will coordi-

nate and collaborate with school officials, nurses and local healthcare providers in our district.

Because many of our community's children have a primary health care home, our demand for clinical services in the non-peak season lessens. We are now offering clinics on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesday and Thursday we are focusing on outreach and working with our community partners to help increase our immunization rates. From July to October, the clinic will return to five days a week.

An active partnership with the many community organizations will protect the health of our communities and help prevent cases and outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

For more information, and to schedule a training, call Vinci Anderson at (208) 327-8586 or Heather Gagliano at (208) 327-8534.



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To protect the health of **everyone** at CDHD, no use of tobacco or vaping is allowed anywhere on our property.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Promote, Prevent, Protect

Idaho Immunization Coalition Summit 2015

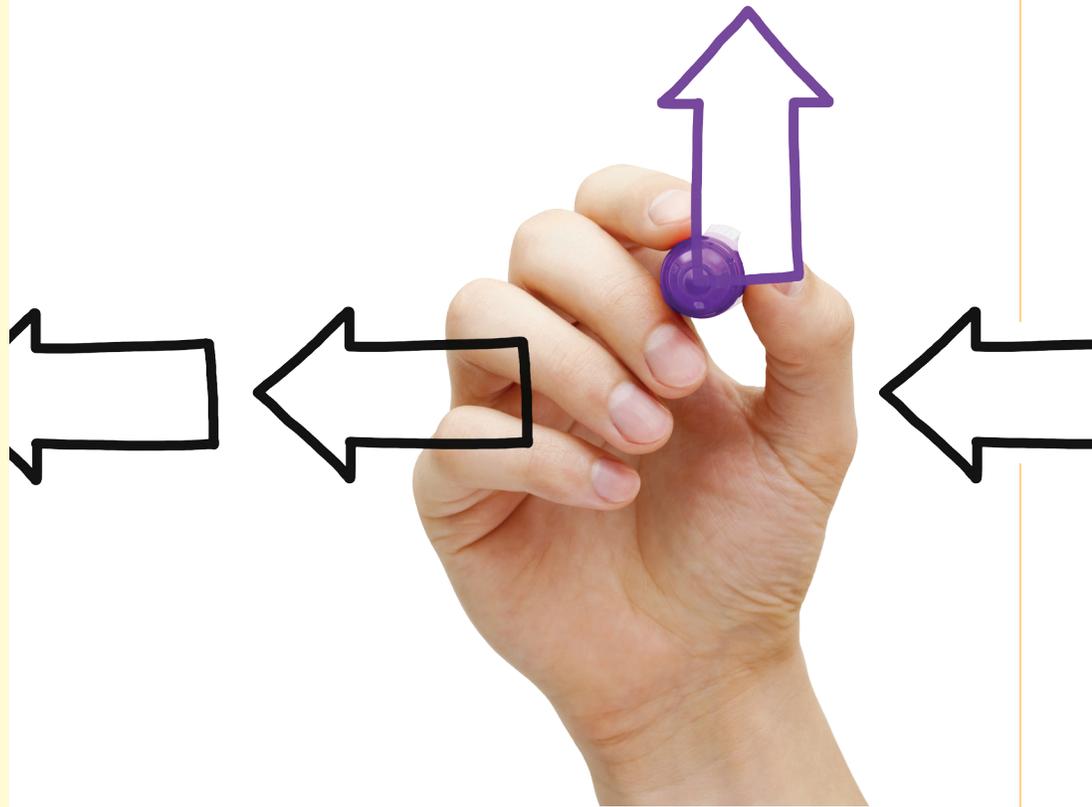
Monday, September 21, 2015
Nampa Civic Center

Keynote speakers:

David R. Williams, PhD and
Dr. Carolyn Buxton Bridges

- Registration will begin May 4th
- Educational credits will be available
- Meals included (breakfast, lunch and snack)
- Cost: \$45 per person, with scholarships available

Visit idahoimmune.org to register.



New Direction for Summertime Immunization Outreach

For several years CDHD has partnered with the Boise Hawks baseball team and many provider offices to raise awareness of childhood immunizations. To encourage youth to be fully immunized, a free voucher for admission to a Boise Hawks game was provided to all kids between the ages of 4-13 who were up-to-date with their immunizations. Over 5,000 vouchers were distributed to area youth during this timeframe. We want to thank all of our medical providers and childcare facilities that helped us with this successful outreach.

This year, CDHD will not be partnering with the Boise Hawks and therefore game vouchers will not be available. This decision was made based on our agency's strategic plan. Instead, we will be

investing these immunization outreach funds into new activities that will aid in the prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases. We will be developing partnerships with medical offices to provide education to staff on proper vaccine storage, administration and decreasing missed opportunities. We will offer strategies to providers on immunization reminders for children from birth to 13 years of age, and will partner with schools to help with kindergarten registration and back-to-school activities.

We are excited about this new phase and collaborating with you in these new immunization endeavors.

Thank YOU!



Measles Exclusion Guidance for Schools and Childcare Providers

Measles has already had a significant effect this year on neighboring states, including Oregon, Utah and Washington. The highly contagious virus is impacting adults and children alike, spreading through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Measles is a serious virus; however protection against is strong – two doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine provide 97 percent immunity, while one dose provides 93 percent.

With preparedness at the forefront, the Central District Health Department (CDHD) is encouraging childcare providers and schools to review exclusion policies and communication protocols in the event measles is diagnosed in their facility.

If a measles case is confirmed in either a school or childcare setting, schools and public health agencies have the authority to exclude pupils with certain diseases as well as non-immune children. **The following children must be excluded:**

- A child diagnosed with measles who attends the school or licensed daycare
- A child that does not have evidence of immunity in the event of a case of measles in the daycare or school. *A susceptible child who is not up to date on the MMR vaccine will be excluded 21 days after the last case of measles in the facility.*

This is the last day of the incubation period, the time when the symptoms may begin.

Getting Prepared

Before a case of measles is reported in Idaho, CDHD encourages schools and childcare providers to:

- Review records to identify which children would be excluded in the case of a reported measles infection in the facility
- Communicate with parents and staff about measles and the exclusion policies
- Identify any staff, faculty, or volunteers working in the facility that might be susceptible to measles, and inform them that they may be at risk of disease if a case is diagnosed. *Exclusion of susceptible staff or volunteers in the event of a case of measles in a facility is recommended.*
- Develop or revise communication protocols that can be implemented quickly to inform parents and students of exclusions if a case of measles occurs in your facility.

For questions and additional information, please contact CDHD Communicable Disease at (208) 327-8625. To view the full Health Alert Network message issued to schools and childcare providers, visit cdhd.idaho.gov.

Shot Smarts 2015

IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

Shot Smarts is designed to educate healthcare providers, nurses and office staff on immunization best practices, storage & handling, and administration.

POCATELLO - MONDAY, MAY 4
IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

BOISE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

COEUR D'ALENE - FRIDAY, MAY 8
NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Online registration will open March 9, 2015 and will close when locations reach capacity.
www.immunizeidaho.com



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Idaho
Immunization
Program

2015 Booster Shots Workshops

In addition to Shot Smarts Immunization Conferences, local Booster Shots Workshops for healthcare providers are offered. Save the Date for a fall 2015 Booster Shots Workshop near you.

September 23 - Twin Falls

September 24 - Idaho Falls

September 28 - Ponderay

September 29 - Post Falls

September 30 - Lewiston

October 1 - Grangeville

October 6 - Nampa

October 7 - McCall

FEATURED SPEAKERS



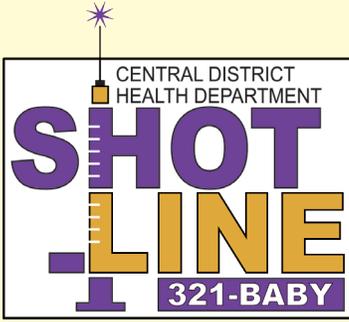
Rebecca Coyle, MS Ed is the Executive Director of the American Immunization Registry Association (AIRA). She oversees the development and promotion of tools and standards for the implementation of immunization information systems. Her work with AIRA plays an important role in preventing and controlling vaccine preventable diseases.



JoEllen Wolicki, BSN, RN is a Nurse Educator for the Communication and Education Branch at the CDC. Her work includes educating immunization providers by developing integrative educational training curriculum and materials. Some of her current projects include delivering web-based trainings from the CDC's Epidemiology and Vaccine Preventable Disease Course and "Keys to Storage and Handling Your Vaccine Supply."



Dr. William L. Atkinson, MD, MPH is a former Medical Epidemiologist at the CDC and a returning guest speaker. He worked for 23 years in a variety of immunization-related activities including developing national policy. He now serves as the Associate Director for Immunization Education with the Immunization Action Coalition.



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Address Service Requested



Improve Your Immunization Rates for Free!

CDHD Immunizations Reminder Service is FREE to providers who want to remind parents of the importance of getting their children vaccinated while increasing their immunization rates!

- By using the **Reports-Reminder/Recall** section of your IRIS account, the reminder cards are sent to parents of children in seven different age groups: 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 months and 4 and 11 years old.
- Once you give us permission, CDHD will mail the reminder cards to parents and track all returned postcards.

It's that's simple and easy... and your rates go up!

- When CDHD receives postcards marked 'undeliverable address,' CDHD staff will make a note under the *Address Information* section in your IRIS account.
- Under the Patient Information section, we will change 'Status' to *Inactive*.
- CDHD will mail any returned postcards to you along with a monthly report showing how many cards we mailed for your office.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THIS FREE SERVICE!

Simply send in this form and watch your rates increase!

Name _____

Provider Pin # _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Fax this form to (208) 327-8580

or contact Leanna Davis at (208) 327-8548 or ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov