Grants Aim To Improve Idaho Immunization Rates

The Central District Health Department (CDHD) has been awarded nearly $70,000 in grants aimed at improving immunization rates. Currently Idaho is tied for 49th place in the nation for the number of children immunized against preventable diseases. In Idaho and Nevada only 54 percent of children are fully immunized. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Healthy People 2010 goal is 90 percent.

The Regence Foundation recently awarded $49,800 and the Jeker Family Trust $20,000 toward a pilot program that would give vaccine providers greater educational and training support in immunizations practices. CDHD is providing $20,000 toward the pilot program.

The pilot project comes on the heels of a series of surveys conducted by Boise State University’s nursing department. The surveys discovered that many health care providers may need additional educational support. The researchers believe Idaho’s low immunization rates could be improved by working with these providers to find solutions that will lead to more consistent and safe administration of vaccines.

The grant dollars will go to an Immunization Education Outreach Team that will provide training to the 30 medical clinics in Ada County with the lowest rates of childhood immunization. The team will include a community physician and a health department nurse who will provide peer education to their counterparts at the selected clinics.

The Immunization Education Outreach Team will visit each of the 30 clinics twice within a 12 month period for initial training and follow-up. All providers participating in the program will complete a survey before receiving training and again after 6, 12 and 18 months to assess changes in immunization knowledge and practices, including compliance with Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations.

If successful, the health department plans to expand this program to reach other clinics throughout the health district: Valley, Elmore and Boise counties, as well as other parts of Ada County.
For medical questions about vaccines for children (VFC) (schedules, updates, vaccine storage and handling, etc. please contact:

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For general immunization questions or concerns, please contact:

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Kindergarten Immunizations

Idaho State Requirements:
Students entering kindergarten MUST be properly immunized. Idaho State Law requires that the students have received the following immunizations:

- 5 DPT/DTaP
- 3 Polio
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR

H1N1 Response

The Central District Health Department’s response to the H1N1 (swine) flu pandemic was the largest single immunization effort ever executed in the history of the health district. The Immunizations staff was assisted by nurses from Reproductive Health, the Medical Reserve Corps and contract nurses.

Coordination of Point of Dispensing (POD) operations, and school vaccination efforts was handled by the health district’s Public Health Preparedness staff. And staff from every department within the health district performed other roles in helping get vaccine to the public.

At its peak, the CDHD Flu Hotline was handling upwards of 650 calls a day from citizens wanting information about the flu and vaccine availability.

While interest in the vaccine has diminished considerably since last fall, we look upon the effort as being successful, due largely to training and preparation in the years leading up to this event. Based on the returned Vaccine Consent Forms, CDHD has administered nearly 54,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine through its POD operations, school campaigns and clinic operations. An additional 32,000 doses have been administered by private providers.

Experts with the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say it is possible there could be a third wave of infections associated with the H1N1 flu. In response, CDHD is retaining a supply of the vaccine should there be a need for another mass vaccination campaign. Meanwhile, free vaccine remains available by appointment at all three CDHD offices in Boise, Mountain Home and McCall.

Immunization News

Financing for Vaccine For Children Program Extended

On Monday, January 4, 2010 additional funds, originally requested in spring 2009, were released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which will allow Idaho to continue Universal-select status until April 1, 2010.

Legislation (HB432), offering a long-term solution for Idaho to remain a Universal-select state, has passed the House and the Senate and is now awaiting the Governor’s signature.

Hepatitis A Vaccine Interval

The minimum interval between the first and booster doses of Hep. A vaccine is 6 calendar months.

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New Vaccine Requirements For Immigrants / Refugees

Immigration law requires that immigrants have proof of vaccination against:

- Mumps
- Measles
- Rubella
- Tetanus & Diphtheria
- Meningococcal disease
- Pneumococcal disease
- Hib
- Rotavirus
- Influenza
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Pertussis
- Polio

*As of December 14, 2009 the HPV and Zoster vaccines are not required for immigrants

2010 Immunization Schedule For Persons Aged 0 - 6 Years

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 6 Years—United States • 2010

For those who fall behind or start late, see the catch-up schedule

This schedule includes recommendations in effect as of December 15, 2009. Any dose not administered at the recommended age should be administered at a subsequent visit, when indicated and feasible. The use of a combination vaccine generally is preferred over separate injections of its equivalent component vaccines. Considerations should include provider assessment, patient preference, and the potential for adverse events. Providers should consult the relevant Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices statement for detailed recommendations: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/acip-list.htm. Clinically significant adverse events that follow immunization should be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at http://www.vaers.hhs.gov or by telephone, 800-822-7967.
2010 Immunization Schedule For Persons Aged 7 - 18 Years

**Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 7 Through 18 Years—United States • 2010**

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**Catch-up Immunization Schedule**

**Catch-up Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 4 Months Through 18 Years Who Start Late or Who Are More Than 1 Month Behind—United States • 2010**

The table below provides catch-up schedules and minimum intervals between doses for children whose vaccinations have been delayed. A vaccine series does not need to be restarted, regardless of the time that has elapsed between doses. Use the section appropriate for the child’s age.

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Note: Routine dosing intervals are recommended. Compare with the previously recommended dosing intervals for ages younger than 12 months.
**New Schedule for Polio Vaccine**

Four doses of polio vaccine (IPV) are recommended for children at 2, 4, 6-18 months and a booster dose at 4-6 yrs. of age. The schedule for unvaccinated or under-vaccinated older children through age 17 years is 2 doses of IPV separated by 4-8 weeks, and a third dose 6-12 months after the second dose.

The interval between the next-to-last dose of IPV should always be at least 6 months, regardless of the number of doses required to complete the series.

**Hib: Catching Kids Up**

Hib vaccine is indicated in children up to 5 years of age. Due to the Hib vaccine shortage, some children may need to complete their series if the 12-15 month dose was deferred. Pentacel and ActHib are four dose series (2, 4, 6, and 12-18 months). If the child has received two doses of Hib and the last dose was administered at age 15 months or older, no further doses are needed.

Merck returned Pedvax® Hib to the market in January, 2010. Pedvax® Hib will be available to the Idaho Immunization Program in spring of 2010. Additional information regarding the ordering and use of Pedvax® Hib in Idaho, will be distributed soon.

**HPV/Gardasil Approved for Boys**

ACIP has made provisional recommendations for the vaccination of males 9-26 years of age with quadrivalent HPV vaccine to reduce their likelihood of acquiring genital warts. It is administered as a 3-dose series at 0, 2, and 6 months.

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**Health Department Loses IRIS Contract Funding**

On Thursday, February 11th the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Immunization Program (IIP) notified Central District Health Department (CDHD) that “due to the current economic climate and in an effort to minimize additional services and contract cuts, the Division of Public Health must cut additional items funded with general funds. As a result the current IRIS contract would be terminated on March 12, 2010.”

The cancellation of this contract does not affect the availability or functionality of IRIS. IRIS is still available to all enrolled providers and its use by all immunization providers, schools, and childcare facilities is encouraged. IRIS will continue to be housed and maintained by the IIP.

Beginning March 12, 2010, questions related to training, user names, passwords, or other IRIS topics, should be directed to the IRIS Help Desk at: 334-5995 or iris@dhw.idaho.gov.
Mark Your Calendars

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Register at the IIP website www.immunizeidaho.com

Idaho Falls
Shilo Inn
March 23, 2010

Boise
BSU Student Union Building
March 24, 2010.

Coeur d’Alene
Coeur d’Alene Inn
March 26, 2010

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