
Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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MT TeenVax Challenge and Campaign

The Montana Immunization Program and partners are excited to announce the launch of a multi-year campaign, MT TeenVax, to promote teen vaccines. This campaign will focus on increasing awareness about teen vaccines by providing resources and information to healthcare professionals, parents, and teens. As part of MT TeenVax, we are also launching the MT TeenVax Challenge to help increase awareness about adolescent vaccines.

The "Challenge" is an opportunity for parents/guardians of 11-17 year olds to enter their teen in a drawing if they have received at least one of each of these three immunizations- Tdap, MCV4, and HPV. We will be drawing for \$50 Amazon gift cards. At least one per county will be given away. The deadline for entry into the drawing is Friday, December 2, 2016. This challenge is in partnership with the Montana Chapter of the American Pediatrics, Montana Academy of Family Physicians and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana Care Van program.

We hope you will share this information with your patients and their families! For more information about the MT TeenVax Challenge and adolescent vaccines, visit www.immunization.mt.gov.

CDC Recommends Two HPV Shots for Younger Adolescents

CDC now routinely recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for 11 or 12 year olds to prevent HPV cancers. This recommendation makes it easier for parents to protect their children by reducing the number of shots and trips to the doctor. HPV vaccination is an important cancer prevention tool and two doses of HPV vaccine will provide safe, effective and long-lasting protection when given at the recommended ages of 11 and 12 years. Some of the specifics of the recommendation include:

- The first HPV vaccine dose is routinely recommended at 11-12 years old. The second dose of the vaccine should be administered 6 to 12 months after the first dose (a minimum interval of 5 months).
- The two dose schedule applies to anyone who starts the series between 9-14 years of age and for all HPV vaccine products.
- Adolescents aged 9 through 14 years who have already received two doses of HPV vaccine less than 5 months apart, will require a third dose.
- Teens and young adults who start the series at ages 15 through 26 years will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine to protect against cancer-causing HPV infections.
- Three doses are recommended for people with weakened immune systems aged 9-26 years.
- ACIP recommendations become guidelines when published in the MMWR, which is expected in December 2016. However, it is recommended to start deferring the second dose until 6 to 12 months after the first dose for those that are impacted by this change.

Our imMTrax vendor is working to update the forecaster for this new recommendation.

VACCINES IN PRACTICE

The ACIP recommendations not to use FluMist this year has parents asking for more information. The Immunization Action Coalition's IAC Express October 19, 2016 issue includes new influenza resources for parents. See the links below.

CDC develops "Only Flu Shots This Year" handout to help parents understand the new ACIP recommendations

CDC recently released [Only Flu Shots This Year](#), a resource which clarifies the use of injectable vaccine only this year and provides reasons for getting children a flu shot.

Lessons from FluMist™

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's [Parents PACK](#) recently posted [What You Should Know—Lessons from FluMist](#), explaining why the nasal spray vaccine is not recommended for the 2016–17 influenza season and providing more information about the injectable version.

Parents PACK (Possessing, Accessing and Communicating Knowledge about vaccines) is a program of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. To find more information about their resources and subscribe to their newsletter, [visit the Parents PACK web page](#).

Questions? Contact Susan Reeser, Nurse Consultant, sreeser@mt.gov or (406) 444-5580.



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

Month	Topic
December	Annual Re-enrollment Instructions and Vaccine Shipping Schedule for the Holidays

Tuesday December 13th 7:00 a.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mbc4a017c03a1b0aec831f5f37396674 Audio Access Code: 804 336 704
Thursday December 15th 8:00 a.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mb00832f8e143fe7b14225b3c49bf279f Access Code: 807 286 964

VFC Reminders

VFC Annual Re-enrollment

Annual VFC re-enrollment happens at the turn of the calendar year. Here are a few reminders to prepare:

- Provider Population Numbers are required when you submit your new VFC Site Contract. “Provider Population Numbers” are an estimate for the coming year of your total pediatric immunization patients by age and VFC eligibility category, including privately insured patients. This information must be obtained from actual immunization data from the current year. Don’t be caught unprepared! Plan ahead to have this information handy when you re-enroll.
- Before approving your VFC Site Contract for the coming year, we will confirm that:
 - The vaccine manager and alternate at your facility have completed the following mandatory training webinars and submitted the associated quizzes:
 - [Borrowing Boot Camp](#) (applicable only to facilities managing public and private stock)
 - [Annual Provider Education](#)
 - We have received approval data from your newly recalibrated data loggers, submitted through our online [Vaccine Incident Report](#)

VFC Reminders

Data Probe Errors

Our data loggers register a “probe error” whenever the data logger does not detect a probe. This can occur because there isn’t a probe attached, the probe has come loose, or there is a short in the probe wire. The device indicates a probe error by displaying “Prob/2” with three red flashes.



We are beginning to see an increased in probe errors due to shorts in the probe wire particularly at the point where the wire attaches to the audio plug. Please handle the wire and audio plug gently! When attaching and detaching the probe from your data logger, always hold the plug and not the probe wire.





imMTrax Announcements

imMTrax Reminder: Check Your Announcements!

imMTrax was upgraded Monday, September 24. The upgrade included several enhancements to existing functions, as well as a new immunization forecaster. The immunization forecaster does have some known issues. We are actively working with our vendor to have these corrected as soon as possible. A document is available on our website outlining both the enhancements and known limitations.

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/imMTrax/imMTraxResources.aspx>

As issues are identified or resolved, we will issue notices by posting to the imMTrax Announcements, accessible upon logging into imMTrax. imMTrax Announcements display for all 2000+ imMTrax users, making it one of our most efficient means of communication.

Questions, comments, or concerns? Contact Michelle at (406) 444-2969 or mfunchess@mt.gov.



Clinic Spotlight

The purpose of this section is to showcase one clinic a month that is working to increase immunization rates or raising awareness to patients or the public about immunization. If your clinic would like to be spot lighted for your great work, please send a short article to hhsiz@mt.gov.

If you would like to work on an adolescent remind/recall project, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at 444-1613 or kgrady@mt.gov. More information to come in the future months.



2016 Immunization Provider Education Series

Hosted Recording HPV: Separating the Myths from Reality

November 4, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm

Montana Immunization Staff will be available to answer questions.

Erin Stevens, MD, FACOG is a gynecologic oncologist at Billings Clinic. Dr. Stevens will present on: background and natural history of human papillomavirus; the initial development and clinical trials of the HPV vaccine; the myths of the HPV vaccine; international success stories of the HPV vaccine; and question and answer session.

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

1.25 contact hours.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

Archived Webinar Presentations

Some webinar sessions are available to view for up to one year and receive nursing contact hours free of charge on the Montana Medical Association's website. See below for a list of available sessions:

1. *HPV Immunization: Separating the Myths from Reality* presented by Dr. Erin Stevens from Billings Clinic **Available 11/21/16**
2. *Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter* presented by Dr. Swanson from Seattle Children's Hospital
3. *Prevention of Influenza in High-Risk Groups: What Are the Vaccine Options and Strategies?* presented by Dr. Poland from Mayo Clinic

Directions to access these webinar sessions can be found [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580 or hhsiz@mt.gov.

Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report

Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- October 2016 and 2016 Year to Date.

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2016	Haemophilus Influenzae, invasive	Neisseria meningitidis, invasive (Mening. disease)	Mumps	Pertussis	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction						
CASCADE	-	-	-	-	1	-
CUSTER	-	-	-	-	1	-
DAWSON	-	-	-	1	-	1
FLATHEAD	-	-	-	-	1	1
LEWIS AND CLARK	-	-	-	-	1	-
MCCONE	-	-	4	-	-	-
MISSOULA	-	-	-	2	-	1
SILVER BOW	-	-	-	-	2	-
STILLWATER	-	-	-	-	-	1
YELLOWSTONE	-	-	-	-	1	1
October 2016	0	0	4	3	7	5
2016 year to date	10	1	27	15	75	58

October 2016

McCone County Public Health reported a small outbreak of mumps in late September and early October. One case was laboratory confirmed and five others were epidemiologically linked. The source of the outbreak was traced back to a group with recent international travel. McCone County is continuing to monitor the situation until two incubation periods have passed following the report of the most recent case, which will occur on November 8, 2016.

Table 2. Influenza Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

	Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths
2016-2017 Season*	12	2	0

*October 2, 2016- October 25, 2017

2016-2017 Influenza Season Update

The 2016-2017 Influenza Season officially started on October 2, 2016. Thus far, flu activity has been sporadic with laboratory confirmed cases reported in Gallatin (1), Lake (1), Lewis and Clark (2), and Missoula (7) Counties and Rocky Boys (1).

Data retrieved from DPHHS.

Questions? Contact CDEpi at (406) 444-0273.



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