
Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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ACIP Votes Against the Use of FluMist for 2016-2017 Flu Season

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the "nasal spray", should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. This decision was based on vaccine effectiveness data from the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 flu season, in addition to preliminary data from the 2015-2016 flu season. ACIP continues to recommend annual flu vaccination, with either the inactivated flu vaccine (IIV) or recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV), for everyone 6 months and older.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



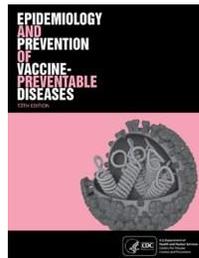
Clinic Spotlight

We will start showcasing one clinic a month that is working on something in their clinic to either increase immunization rates or bring awareness to patients or the public about immunizations. This section is a place to share ideas or information so that other clinics don't have to re-invent the wheel to start a project! If your clinic would like to submit something that they are doing or planning, please submit the short article to hhsiz@mt.gov to be displayed in the newsletter!

Adolescent Reminder Recall Project

Billings Clinic Pediatrics and Billings Clinic West End Pediatrics have partnered with the Montana Immunization Program and Pfizer to do a reminder/recall post card for all patients 12-18 years of age that are needing one or more of the vaccines selected (HPV, Tdap, MCV4). There were 1,874 postcards sent out on June 16th! Clinics will track the postcards and determine how many were returned, how many of these patients moved or are being seen elsewhere, and how many scheduled due to the postcard. Hopefully this project brings awareness to Yellowstone County patients that are or have been seen at one of the two clinics above.

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.



Pink Book Course in Idaho this November

The Idaho Immunization Program and Idaho Immunization Coalition invite you to attend the Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Disease (a.k.a The Pink Book) Course November 2-4, 2016 in Boise, Idaho.

immunization strategies for providers and specific information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them. The two-day course will include presentations from immunization experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A half-day Immunization Summit will take place on November 4th and will include national, state, and local updates on immunization practices.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

CDC Pink Book Webinar Series

Join the CDC for "Pink Book Wednesdays" this summer! Webinars are held every Wednesday beginning June 1 through September 21 from 10:00-11:00 am MT. These webinars are free and offer continuing education credit. Advance registration is required, however, all webinars will be posted online. Click here to register: <http://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/epvreg/>.



National Immunization Awareness Month

National Immunization Awareness Month in August is quickly approaching! Does your clinic have any activities planned? CDC and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) have useful resources your clinic can use. Learn ways your clinic can participate or get involved here: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam.html>



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
August	Borrowing Boot Camp- Watch your email in August for more information.

Reminders

2016-2017 VFC Influenza Vaccine

We will be distributing the VFC Influenza Order form the middle of July. Please return one order form per clinic with your order for the entire season on or before August 5, 2016. As many of you are aware the VFC program will not be offering any FluMist for the 2016-2017 season. We will begin shipping once vaccines are available to us. Please watch your e-mail for the order form to come!

Montana Access to Health Web Portal

Is your clinic wondering if a patient has HMK Plus (Medicaid) or HMK? Well there is an easy answer for this! Look up any patient in question on the web portal by clicking [HERE](#).

Examples of the cards are located below:



Questions? Contact Lori Hutchinson or Katie Grady-Selby at hsiz@mt.gov.



imMTrax Announcements

imMTrax: Using the Client County Field with MOGE to Improve Montana's Data

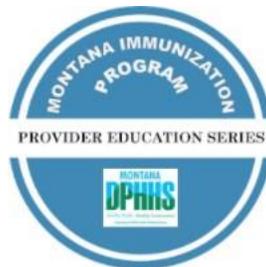
When a client leaves your clinic, the recommended action is to remove any Medical Home Associations they have to your site by changing the client Status field to Inactive- Moved or Gone Elsewhere (MOGE).

For clients that have moved out of Montana and will not be continuing any immunizations services in the state, please take the time to also update their *County* to **Moved Out of State!**

Every day Montana's population changes and new records are added to imMTrax. Changing the county designation to **Moved Out of State** removes that client record from Montana's active population or resident data. We know imMTrax is only as good as the information in it and we want imMTrax to be as true a representation of Montana's population as possible.

Thank you for your dedication in making sure imMTrax works for Montana!

Questions? Contact Michelle at mfuncness@mt.gov.



2016 Immunization Provider Education Series

Mark your Calendars!

Influenza and High-Risk Patients

September 9, 2016 at 12pm

Presented by Gregory A. Poland, MD from Mayo Clinic Rochester

HPV

November 2, 2016 at 12pm

Presented by Erin Stevens, MD from Billings Clinic

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series, including a resource page for Dr. Swanson's presentation.

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- June 2016 and 2016 Year to Date.

Select Vaccine Preventable Disease Case Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence, 2016	Haemophilus Influenzae, invasive	Mumps	Pertussis	Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive	Varicella (Chickenpox)
Jurisdiction					
BIG HORN	-	-	-	1	-
CASCADE	-	-	-	3	-
FLATHEAD	-	-	-	1	-
GALLATIN	1	1	1	-	-
HILL	-	-	-	-	1
JEFFERSON	-	-	-	1	-
LEWIS AND CLARK	1	-	-	-	-
TOOLE	-	-	-	-	1
YELLOWSTONE	1	-	-	-	-
June 2016	3	1	1	6	2
2016 year to date	9	21	8	59	46

Data retrieved from DPHHS.

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