

Montana Immunization Program

February 2015 Newsletter



New HPV 9 Licensed

On December 10, 2014, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved *Gardasil 9*, a human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine from Merck that prevents cancers and other lesions caused by nine HPV types, five more than the original *Gardasil* protected against. The earlier version of the drug covered HPV types 6, 11, 16, and 18. *Gardasil 9* covers these as well as types 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58. These latter five are responsible for roughly one in five cases of cervical cancer. Please see [Merck's Press Release](#) for more information.



When will HPV 9 be available through the VFC Program?

During ACIP's next meeting, February 25-26, 2015, they will discuss recommendations for use of this vaccine and integrate it into the immunization schedule. They will also pass a VFC Resolution for it to be included in the VFC Program. Once that is done, CDC can negotiate a contract with Merck for purchasing the vaccine. Then once the vaccine supply is at our shipping depot, it will be available to order. We appreciate your patience as this process can take several months. Stay tuned...We will keep you posted as we have more information available.

2015 Legislative Session

There are currently two Department of Public Health and Human Services sponsored bills that are making their way through the 2015 legislature that have may have an impact on immunization programs:

1. **House Bill 158 (HB158)** Revise laws related to school immunization requirements. To see full text of this proposed bill, [click here](#). To monitor the progress of HB158 through the legislative process, [click here](#).
2. **House Bill 73 (HB73)** Revise IIS (imMTrax) consent requirements from

opt-in to opt-out. To see full text of this proposed bill, [click here](#). To monitor the progress of HB73 through the legislative process, [click here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bills above, please contact the Montana Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580.

CDC posts 2015 Birth-18 Years and “Catch-up” Immunization Schedules,
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html>

2015 Adult Immunization Schedule.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html>

Measles

From January 1 to January 30, 2015, 102 people from 14 states were reported to have measles. Most of these cases are part of a large, ongoing multi-state outbreak linked to an amusement park in California. On January 23, 2015, CDC issued a [Health Advisory](#) to notify public health departments and healthcare facilities about this multi-state outbreak and to provide guidance for healthcare providers nationwide.

Currently there are no measles cases in Montana. The following are vaccine

recommendations for protection against measles:

- Ensure all patients are up to date on MMR vaccine* and other vaccines.
- For those who travel abroad, CDC recommends that all U.S. residents older than 6 months be protected from measles and receive MMR vaccine, if needed, prior to departure.
 - Infants 6 through 11 months old should receive 1 dose of MMR vaccine before departure.†
 - Children 12 months of age or older should have documentation of 2 doses of MMR vaccine (separated by at least 28 days).
 - Teenagers and adults without evidence of measles immunity** should have documentation of 2 appropriately spaced doses of MMR vaccine.

* Children 1 through 12 years of age may receive MMRV vaccine for protection against measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella.

† Infants who receive a dose of MMR vaccine before their first birthday should receive 2 more doses of MMR vaccine, the first of which should be administered when the child is 12 through 15 months of age and the second at least 28 days later.

** One of the following is considered evidence of measles immunity for international travelers: 1) birth before 1957, 2) documented administration of 2 doses of live measles virus vaccine (MMR, MMRV, or measles vaccines), 3) laboratory (serologic) proof of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease.

For information on measles, outbreaks, and recommendations, please see the CDC's website <http://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.



***Vaccine Administration
Errors, Solutions, and
Resources***

Presented by Donna Weaver, RN,
MN, Nurse Educator, NCIRD/CDC
February 18, 2015 from 12-1:15pm

We have invited Donna Weaver,
RN, MN from CDC to present on the
topic of vaccine administration errors
and solutions. During the session
Donna will present on challenges in
clinical settings; rights of medication
administration; types of vaccine
administration errors; reporting
vaccine administration errors;
education and training resources for
vaccine administration; strategies to
prevent errors; and end with a
question and answer session.

We hope you will join us for a

Welcome Stacy!

The Montana Immunization Program
is pleased to welcome Stacy Evens to
the team! Stacy joins us in the role of
Administrative Assistant- coming to us
with 15 years experience.

Stacy is originally from Helena and
enjoys spending time with friends and
family.

***imMTrax User Account Deletion
Reminder***

Please remember to submit a
deletion form on any imMTrax user

presentation and discussion about this important topic.

Please see the [VFC Hot Topics Schedule](#) for WebEx information.

from your site that has left employment so that we may inactivate their account. This allows us to ensure that only intended persons are accessing imMTrax.

[imMTrax Forms can be accessed here](#)

2015 Immunization Regional Workshops

Agenda and Registration Information coming soon.

Great Falls	March 31st	Hampton Inn
Missoula	April 14th	Hilton Garden Inn
Butte	April 15th	Fairmont Hot Springs
Miles City	April 29th	Sleep Inn and Suites
Billings	April 30th	Crowne Plaza

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