



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Community Partner Appreciation Awards

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) recently presented its first Champions of Health Awards to staff and community partners to recognize the excellent work being carried out for the health and well-being of Rhode Islanders. One of the honorees was the Department of Education's (RIDE) Child Outreach Program. They received the Director's Award in recognition of helping to further KIDSNET's mission of ensuring that all children in Rhode Island are as healthy as possible by getting the right health screenings and preventive care at the right time.

The Director's Award will be presented on an annual basis to recognize community partners that advance the public health agenda through the lens of RIDOH's three leading priorities:

- Addressing the social and environmental determinants of health in Rhode Island.
- Eliminating the disparities of health in Rhode Island and promoting health equity.
- Ensuring access to quality health services for Rhode Islanders, including our vulnerable populations.

The Child Outreach Program, conducted by local school departments and overseen by RIDE, strives to screen all children age three to five who are not enrolled in kindergarten in five developmental domains; vision, hearing, speech/language, cognitive, and social/emotional learning. Child Outreach partnered with KIDSNET to better identify children in need of screenings. This helped to facilitate outreach to all families, particularly those at highest risk, such as families who have children with elevated lead levels or children who are in foster care. The partnership with KIDSNET helped to ensure that the outreach extended beyond families of children that attended early childhood education programs or responded to community event promotions.

Rhode Island State Representative Joseph McNamara and Senator Josh Miller each received the RIDOH Legislative Award for their leadership and excellence in promotion of public health legislation. Both are long-time supporters of public health initiatives and were instrumental in passing the amendments that expanded the immunization registry to people of all ages. We consider both to be partners who stand up for good science, good policy, and good evidence-based public health.

Women Infants and Children Center in Cranston (Cranston WIC) received the Chapin Award for innovative program design and implementation. RIDOH's Healthy Homes Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (HHLPPP) partnered with Cranston WIC to implement a pilot program to conduct blood lead screenings for children who were not compliant with universal screening guidelines. In the first six months 157 children were screened for lead poisoning. Seven of those children who were screened (4.46%) were identified as having an elevated blood lead level. Due to the success of the pilot, HHLPPP plans to expand the blood lead testing in WIC Centers to all WIC sites in the state. The results of all lead screening, including these WIC lead screenings, are in KIDSNET.



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Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) Updates

When vaccines are administered to patients a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) must be given to the patient or their legal guardian for vaccines covered under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. Updated VISs have been posted and are available now at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>.

VISs dated August 24, 2018, and August 15, 2019, are interim versions. Interim version of the VISs are highlighted in the chart below. CDC encourages providers to start using these VISs immediately, but stocks of the previous editions may be used until exhausted. Federal law allows providers up to six months to start using the updated VISs. The interim version is to be used until the final version is available. See What's New at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/what-is-new.html> to learn when the final version should be available.

Childhood Current Vaccination Information Statements (VIS) Dates (as of 8/15/2019)

Chickenpox	8/15/19	HPV9 (Gardasil)	12/02/16	Men B	08/15/19	PPSV	04/24/15
DTaP/DT/DTP	8/24/18	Influenza (LAIV)	08/15/19	MMR	08/15/19	Polio	7/20/16
Hepatitis A	07/20/16	Influenza (TIV)	08/15/19	MMRV	08/15/19	Rotavirus	02/23/18
Hepatitis B	08/15/19	MCV4/MPSV4	08/15/19	Multi-vaccine	11/5/2015	Td	04/11/17
Hib	04/02/15			PCV 13	11/5/2015	Tdap	02/24/15

Vaccines to be Offered at Schools

RIDOH offers programs that vaccinate children at Rhode Island schools. RIDOH will hold flu vaccination clinics at 250 schools across the state from October 1 through November 15. There is no out-of-pocket cost for getting vaccinated at these clinics. Insurance information will be collected, but no one will be turned away if they don't have insurance. The complete schedule and full details can be found on the RIDOH website at health.ri.gov/flu.

While every student should still visit their healthcare provider every year for a well-care visit, students at some schools can get vaccinated during the school day through the **Vaccinate Before You Graduate (VBYG) Program**. VBYG is open to middle and high school students at select schools. Students can receive all the vaccines they need, including the flu shot, through the VBYG Program. The flu doses administered at the flu clinics and in school by VBYG are recorded in KIDSNET. Providers can run the Immunizations Submitted by Other Providers report in KIDSNET to view a list of patients linked to their practice that were immunized elsewhere. Providers can also run the two seasonal flu reports available in KIDSNET to view a list of their patients who need their first and/or second flu dose for the season.

Newborn Screening

Newborn screening is the practice of testing newborn babies for certain harmful or potentially fatal disorders. **Rhode Island Law** requires that all physicians and midwives attending a newborn child screen every newborn baby for metabolic, endocrine and hemoglobin conditions, hearing loss and critical congenital heart disease. Currently babies are screened for 34 conditions. All babies are tested, because babies with these disorders often appear healthy at birth. Serious problems, including developmental delays and death, can be prevented if the disorders are diagnosed and treated early. The results of the screening can be found in KIDSNET. The Newborn Summary page as well as the Hearing Assessment page allow users with access to view this information on children born in Rhode Island. The Newborn Summary report as well as the Newborn Hearing Screening Report allow providers to identify newborns linked to their practice that need follow up care. For more information contact Emily Eisenstein, MPH at 401-222-5924 Emily.Eisenstein@health.ri.gov

Rhode Island Child and Adult Immunization Registry (RICAIR)

The Immunization Registry component of KIDSNET currently only includes children. During the 2019 legislative session, the Rhode Island General Assembly amended Sections 23-1-18 and 23-1-44 of Rhode Island General Law Chapter 23-1 to expand the authority to collect immunization data to all ages and the Governor signed it into law. Work is underway to modify the information system, develop procedures and communication about RICAIR, develop electronic interfaces with electronic health records at primary care practices and other entities that immunize adults, and to plan a smooth rollout. The exact timing of the implementation is dependent on many factors. Stay tuned!