



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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Declining Immunizations and Lead Screenings Due to COVID-19

Since March, families and healthcare providers have been busy developing new routines to keep children and staff safe from the COVID-19 virus. As a result, some preventive healthcare was postponed. Overall, the numbers of vaccines administered during March, April and May is down 33% when compared to the same months in 2019. Vaccinations for children younger than age two are down 17%, while the decline is much higher among older children. For children age two to six, vaccinations have decreased by 52% and have decreased by 59% for children age seven and older. Lead screening has declined by 41% when comparing March to May 2019 with March to May 2020, just at a time when children are spending less time in lead safe childcare settings. KIDSNET reports can be used to assist in identifying children who need these important public health services.

Number of Childhood Vaccines Administered, Rhode Island, 2019-2020

	March			April			May			Total		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
Vaccine Doses Administered	30203	23294	-22.9%	28663	16019	-44.1%	28106	18803	-33.1%	86972	58116	-33.2%

Source: RIDOH, Center for Health Data and Analysis, KIDSNET

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Number of Lead Screening Tests, Rhode Island, 2019-2020

	March			April			May			Total		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
Number of Children Tested	2263	1209	-46.6%	2415	508	-79.0%	2573	1011	-60.7%	4678	2728	-41.7%
Number of Tests	2272	1223	-46.2%	2424	516	-78.7%	2591	1021	-60.6%	4696	2760	-41.2%

Source: RIDOH, Center for Health Data and Analysis, KIDSNET

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Providence Water Advisory and Lead Screenings

Lead screening is very important because it can identify if a child has been exposed to lead. Even at low levels, exposure may affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. Lead at higher levels can cause serious damage to a child's health. Providence Water issued an advisory regarding the water quality for areas they serve. The water source does not contain lead, but lead from the old pipes may get into the water.

Visit provwater.com/waterquality/lead-center to read the advisory and for information about free water tests for Providence Water customers, maps of addresses with possible lead service lines, and ways to reduce lead in drinking water. For additional information about preventing lead poisoning, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/publications/brochures/TipsForParentsTo-PreventLeadPoisoningInYoungChildren.pdf>

Because of COVID-19, lead screening has declined. Please be sure to follow the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Lead Screening Guidelines:

Screen all children between nine months and six years of age (nine to 72 months) for lead poisoning at least once annually.

- For a child between nine and 36 months of age, screen once between nine and 15 months of age, and again 12 months later between 21 and 36 months of age.

For a child between 36 and 72 months of age:

- If a child was screened at least twice prior to 36 months of age, and ANY test was greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL, continue to order a blood lead test at least once a year until age six.

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- o If a child was screened at least twice prior to 36 months of age, and ALL tests were lower than 5 µg/dL, risk assessment questions can be used instead of a blood lead test.
- o If a child was NOT screened at least twice prior to 36 months of age, order a blood lead test. If the blood lead level is higher than or equal to 5 µg/dL, follow the recommended actions and screen annually. For a blood lead level lower than 5 µg/dL, risk assessment questions can be used to screen for lead in the future.

Note: Children who are developmentally delayed should receive blood lead screening tests at intervals appropriate for their developmental age. Also, if lead screening guidelines are followed HEDIS measures for lead screening will always be met for the child.

KIDSNET Lead Screening Reports will identify children in your practice who have never been screened, who are due for a second screening, or who have had a screening result that is equal to or higher than 5 µg/dL. For more information on how to run these reports, please contact your KIDSNET Provider Relations Representative

2019-2020 Influenza Vaccine Closeout

Ordering Vaccine:

Influenza vaccine ordering for the 2019-2020 season ended on May 31, 2020. Your final doses administered report should have been submitted by June 19, 2020.

Returning Vaccine:

Starting June 1, practices may return unused influenza vaccine if they feel that they have completed vaccinating their patients for the season. All flu vaccine expires on June 30, 2020, so it should be taken out of your inventory.

If you need assistance, please contact Lauren Piluso at Lauren.Piluso@health.ri.gov or Denise Cappelli at: Denise.Cappelli@health.ri.gov.

2020-2021 Enrollment and Influenza Product Reservation

To ease the burden on practices during the COVID-19 pandemic, the enrollment process for the State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) program has changed. All sites that are in "active" status will automatically be re-enrolled into the SSV Program.

However, there are some important changes:

- After July 1, SSV enrollees must log on to the SSV site using their PIN and medical license number. From the SSV Practice Menu page, select the OSMOSSIS information block and review an online SSV training that contains important program updates. You must answer the questions at the end to process your enrollment and activate the OSMOSSIS link.
- SSV enrollees must sign the agreement electronically before placing their first order.
- Flu vaccine reservations will be based on what was reserved last flu season (including any flu modifications) plus an additional 20% of doses by age categories. If you need to change the reservation figures, you can submit a flu modification request after July 1.

If you have any questions, please contact your Immunization Team Representative.

The Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) COVID-19 Pandemic Response

During the COVID-19 pandemic, WIC Programs remain open! Clients and applicants are provided services via telephone. Local agency staff call anyone with scheduled appointments, verify addresses, and participants or caregivers speak with a nutritionist to discuss things like food safety, healthy food options, or any concerns they may have. The WIC checks, or eWIC cards, are sent out to the family by mail. WIC participants do not come in to the clinics. There have been many changes to the list of WIC-approved foods to ensure that if the WIC approved foods are not available, substitutions are allowed. The complete list of food substitutions is available on RIDOH's website at https://health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=36. Emergency Proxies have been provided to families who are unable to shop for food because of quarantine or any other reasons. WIC Farmer's Market checks began on June 22, 2020.

Family Visiting Program During COVID-19

Family visiting is still operational - even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The RIDOH family visiting programs (First Connections, Healthy Families America, Nurse-Family Partnership, and Parents as Teachers) are currently available virtually to support families. With different programs available, families have options and may choose a program that best meets their needs. All family visiting programs work alongside families to address family needs and goals for the family. We help ensure that children are up to date on well-child visits and immunizations, are sleeping safely, and connected to supports such as WIC and Early Intervention. Programs are eager to work with families and we are available to take your referrals! For more information or questions about family visiting programs, visit <https://health.ri.gov/familyvisiting> or call 401-222-5960 and ask for family visiting.

VIS Updates *New VISs are pending. Providers can use the 2019 version of the VIS until that supply is depleted.

Childhood Current Vaccination Information Statements (VIS) Dates (as of 4/1/2020)							
Chickenpox	8/15/19	HPV9 (Gardasil)	10/30/19	MMR	08/15/19	Polio	10/30/19
DTaP/DT/DTP	04/01/20	Influenza (LAIV)*	08/15/19	MMRV	08/15/19	Rotavirus	10/30/19
Hepatitis A	07/20/16	Influenza (TIV)*	08/15/19	Multi-vaccine	04/01/20	Td	04/01/20
Hepatitis B	08/15/19	MCV4/MPSV4	08/15/19	PCV 13	10/30/19	Tdap	04/01/20
Hib	10/30/15	Men B	08/15/19	PPSV	10/30/19		