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## IPRE Training in Review: Presentations and Survey

Immunization program managers working in regional and local health departments across the state came together for a two-day training in Addison, Texas.

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### Latest CDC Estimates of Childhood Vaccination Coverage Released

A major change in methodology occurred with the NIS-Child this year. Instead of estimating vaccine coverage for most vaccines at 19-35 months of age at the time of the survey, CDC now reports most vaccine coverage at 24 months of age, by year of birth.

**NOV  
12**

World Pneumonia Day

**NOV  
14-15**

NCI-Designated Cancer Centers HPV Vaccination Meeting

**DEC  
1-7**

National Influenza Vaccination Week



### IQIP Takeaways

Here are some details about the new quality improvement program for providers.



### Now Available – Texas Immunization Provider Summary (TIPS) Report

Learn about the Texas Immunization Registry's new report and resources available.

## Monthly School Update

- The [validation survey chapter of the PAM](#) has been updated with instructions for the latest CoCASA release.
- The Annual Report of Immunization Status opened 10/25/19 and schools/districts have until 12/13/19 to enter data.
- When schools were emailed the Annual Report packet, a summary of their 2018-19 school year Kindergarten coverage data was provided, along with state and county comparison data.
- [Bacterial meningitis information](#) for schools is now available in Spanish!

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## Prevent Vaccine Administration Errors

"Know the site and get it right" to prevent vaccine administration errors. To remind staff members who administer vaccines how to do it right, CDC has developed tools to share with members of your health care community. These products educate and remind providers about proper influenza vaccine administration techniques to help avoid shoulder injuries and other adverse events. The materials include [links to comprehensive vaccine administration information](#), [a short video](#) on the correct technique for intramuscular injection, [an infographic](#) on administering flu vaccine to an adult, and [a link to our vaccine administration e-Learn](#).

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## Fall TVFC Provider Report on Adolescent Vaccines Released

The fall issue of the TVFC Provider Report on Adolescent Vaccines will be sent next week. When you talk to providers this month, check to make sure they have read it or see if they have any questions.

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## Romnes Recognized at IPRE

In recognition of her years of service within DSHS, recently retired Diane Romnes was honored at this year's Immunization Program Responsible Entity (IPRE) Training. Romnes served as manager of the Vaccine Operations Group as well as interim Immunization Unit director. Pictured are (from left) Denise Starkey, Romnes, current Immunization Director Tony Aragon, Ashlea Tolbert and Trish Stowe.





## Did You Know?

To prepare for holiday closures, DSHS Central Office has requested no vaccine deliveries on the following days:

**November 11, 25-29**

**December 18-31**

**January 1-3, 20**

While reviewing provider orders this holiday season, check the comments section to see any upcoming closures a clinic may have. Use these closures as a guide for opening or holding orders. Head to Section Four, pages 82-86 of the [Operations Manual](#) for more information on order reviewing and shipping schedules.

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