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IMMUNIZATION NEWS

Celebrate the Importance of Infant Immunizations

Participate in National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) 2019 on April 27 - May 4.

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TVFC and ASN Orders of Boostrix Vaccine

DSHS currently has a large amount of Boostrix (Tdap) pre-filled syringes at the DSHS pharmacy. Beginning April 1st, the DSHS pharmacy will ship these doses to sites that order more than 100 doses of Boostrix vaccine.

APR 3

National Public Health Week 2019
Twitter Chat

MAY 14

National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit



Required Webinar: Back-to-School Requirements

Team members from Assessment, Compliance & Evaluation and ImmTrac groups within the DSHS Immunization Unit will provide RE staff with information on both ImmTrac2 and vaccine requirements for the upcoming back-to-school season. This event is required for RE staff that conduct facility audits. This webinar will also be available for viewing by school staff.

You have two opportunities to participate in the live webinar. The same content will be covered on both days.

[May 8, 1:30 pm. Click here to register.](#)

[May 9, 10 am. Click here to register.](#)



Did you Know?

If a site receives additional vaccines that they did NOT order, staff may choose to keep the vaccine?

[Learn More](#)



Don't Miss National Public Health Week (NPHW) April 1-7

Take part in National Public Health Week this year by recognizing contributions and highlighting issues in public health.

[National Public Health Week](#) (April 1-7)

[Get Involved with NPHW 2019](#)

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Upcoming Health Observances

Save the date and show your support for the upcoming observances this month:

[World Immunization Week](#) (April 24-30)

[World Meningitis Day](#) (April 24)

[National Infant Immunization Week](#) (NIIW) (April 27-May 4)

[Hepatitis Awareness Month](#) (May 2019)

Monica Gamez Named LIDS Deputy Associate Commissioner

Monica Gamez has been named Deputy Associate Commissioner at the Laboratory & Infectious Disease Services Division (LIDS).

Ms. Gamez has over 20 years of experience with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), including five years as the Director for the Infectious Disease Control Unit. Monica holds a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Texas A&M Kingsville and previously served as interim director for the Infectious Disease Prevention Section. Congratulations, Monica!

Widespread Outbreaks of Hepatitis A Reported Among People Who Use Drugs and People Experiencing Homelessness

Multiple states across the country have reported outbreaks of hepatitis A, primarily among people who use drugs and people experiencing homelessness. The CDC has updated its health advisory from 2018. This update recommends that public health departments, healthcare facilities, and partners and programs providing services to affected populations vaccinate at-risk groups against hepatitis A, applying the updated recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

HPV Cancer Fact Sheets and Maps

DSHS has released a series of HPV cancer fact sheets by Public Health Region (PHR). There are also HPV cancer maps available by type of cancer, including cervical, penile, and more.

2019 Important Dates and Deadlines for Responsible Entities

Review the newly updated list of Dates and Deadlines to learn more about the important deadlines, required events, webinars, mail outs and FYIs relevant for your work as Responsible Entities. Here are upcoming dates and deadlines for April:

- **April 9: (Call)** IC/IPOS Quarterly Call
- **April 30: (Deadline)** March invoices and supporting documentation due to DSHS (30 days after the last day of reporting month)
- **April 30: (Deadline)** Provide updates and investigation outcomes to PHR and Central Office on all perinatal hepatitis B reports sent in February:
 - Infants with HBIG reported in ImmTrac
 - Infected mothers reported from vital statistics
 - Women reported in NBS with HBsAg+ labs
 - Post-vaccine serology due
 - Next dose of vaccine due
 - Women with past due estimated delivery dates
 - Infants with post vaccine serological test results in NBS

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