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Required Webinar: How to Address OIG Investigations

Learn best practices and steps to take when the [Office of Inspector General](#) investigates one of your TVFC/ASN providers. **Starting at 10 a.m. on Feb. 26, this event is required for RE staff who oversee TVFC/ASN providers. The presentation will be delivered by a Vaccine Operations Group member from the DSHS Immunization Unit.**

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**FEB
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School Compliance
Conference Call

**FEB
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How to Address
OIG Investigations
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**FEB
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ACIP Meeting
(Feb 27-28)



Reminder on School Validation Surveys

The School Validation Survey data are due to DSHS Central Office by March 1, 2019. Your PHR office may require surveys to be sent to them earlier than this deadline.



Santa's Flu Shop Offers Immunizations

As part of 2018's National Influenza Vaccination Week, which took place Dec. 2-8, Gregg County Health Department hosted "Santa's Flu Shop." Staffers from Region 4/5N were on hand to administer flu vaccines.



Site Visit Checklist

The New Enrollment Checklist (stock no. 11-15016) has been updated for 2019. The checklist is a standardized list of required steps for enrolling new clinic sites into the TVFC/ASN programs.

Annual Report of Immunization Status: Thank You!

Thank you so much for reaching out to schools and reminding them to submit immunization data for the 2018-2019 Annual Report of Immunization Status. Your efforts really paid off! Overall, 93% of schools and school districts submitted immunization data compared to the last two year's response rate of 82-83%. We really appreciate your efforts and we couldn't do it without you.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP) Annual Report

The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP) is required to report the outcomes of infants born to Hepatitis B infected mothers in the CDC's annual report. The annual report is due each year in March.

Immunization Publications and Resources

Various immunization-related informational materials including books, pamphlets and posters are made available by both the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the CDC. Be sure to download electronic versions or order materials for all of your promotional and educational needs.

[Visit the DSHS Immunize Texas Order Form](#)

[Visit the CDC Publication Library](#)

CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a new Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit to use as a guide for healthcare professionals to promote the safeguarding of vaccines. This toolkit provides recommendations for:

- Managing vaccine inventory and transport
- Storing and preparing vaccine
- Monitoring vaccine temperature
- Using and maintaining storage unit and temperature monitoring equipment
- Preparing for emergency storage, handling, and transport situations
- Developing standard operating procedures for routine and emergency vaccine management and training staff

The CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit is a helpful guide to ensure safe vaccine storage and handling, however requirements for the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program may vary. For the TVFC and ASN Programs vaccine storage and handling requirements please refer to the [Texas Vaccines for Children and Adult Safety Net Provider Manual](#).

[View the new CDC Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#)

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