

RE: News

IMMUNIZATION NEWS

ImmTrac2 Enhancements

Watch for these new enhancements to ImmTrac2 beginning in March.
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Texas Immunization Registry Reports - Frequently Asked Questions

Learn about the various reports available through the Texas Immunization Registry and frequently asked questions pertaining to those reports.

Events

MAR 11 Required RE Webinar: Adults Need Vaccines Too

MAR 18 Current Issues in Immunization Webinar

MAR 23-25 2020 Conference on Vaccinology Research

**APR 30
MAY 3** 2020 Hispanic Health Conference

MAY 19-21 49th National Immunization Conference

JUN 24-25 2020 Perinatal Hepatitis B Summit

Deadline Reminder



QIA Survey Reminders for LHDs and PHRs

All Initial **Quality Improvement Visit** surveys (mentioned in GIUTIR 6.6.03) are required to be completed and submitted by **May 31, 2020**. All Follow-up Quality Improvement Feedback surveys are due to be submitted no later than **August 31, 2020**.

TUTORIAL



Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Database Tutorial Videos Released

Recently, CDC has launched a series of tutorial videos on the IQIP Database. This series of 16 videos covers all aspects of the IQIP Database, from login to the completion on a 12-month IQIP cycle.

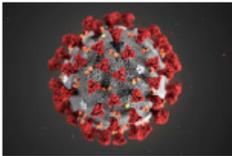
2020 Perinatal Hepatitis B Summit

June 24-25, 2020 in Austin

Register Now!



Coronavirus Update



Where To Get the Latest Coronavirus News

The coronavirus outbreak is a serious, swiftly evolving health event that requires close monitoring by all healthcare professionals. While news updates are now part of daily consumption, your most trusted resource for all aspects of coronavirus information is the CDC. From the location of international and U.S. cases to risk assessments and recommendations, visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>.

And for up-to-date local information, visit the [Texas Department of State Health Services' site](#).

Annual Report on Immunization Status (ARIS) Now Available

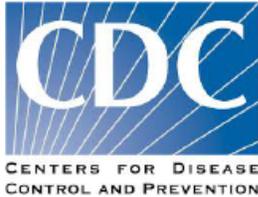


Results of the 2019-2020 Annual Report on Immunization Status (ARIS) are out! The ARIS is a self-reported survey used to measure immunization coverage, primarily among kindergarten and 7th grade students.



Metrix Is Finally Here

It's a little late, but the Metrix is finally here! In late February, the ACE group sent each of the REs a summary report of various performance measures (called the Metrix). The Metrix is to help REs complete the suggested activity 4.7.01, which is on the quarterly report. The Metrix can help your office identify an area for potential improvement to ensure that your community is as well vaccinated as possible. Questions about the Metrix or activity 4.7.01 can be directed to imm.epi@dshs.texas.gov.



Current Issues in Immunization Webinar

On March 18, 2020 at 12:00pm (ET), the Immunization Services Division (ISD) in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) will host the first Current Issues in Immunization Webinar of 2020. Medical officers in the Communication and Education Branch of ISD will give an update on the 2020 Child/Adolescent and Adult Immunization Schedules. A question and answer chat box will be available for questions. Registration information is available at: <https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciiw/>.

**Mailbox
Closed**



Vaccine Loss Report Inbox Permanently Closed

As of **January 15, 2020**, the mailbox VLR@dshs.texas.gov was discontinued.

Responsible Entities should no longer send Vaccine Loss Reports (VLR) to DSHS Central Office via this mailbox. If there is a change to a previously submitted VLR, they may send the changes to their PHR or to the appropriate TVFC or ASN Consultant in Central Office. This update will be reflected in the 2021 TVFC and ASN Operations Manual for Responsible Entities.



Did You Know?

That many adolescents get their first HPV shot with their back-to-school shots (Tdap and MCV4)? That means those kids are ready for their 2nd HPV dose to complete the series. Set up a reminder-recall system in your practice to bring those kids back around this time every year. And, if they haven't gotten their flu shot, this is a great opportunity to ensure they are protected for the rest of the season!
