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Immunization Contract Renewals

It's the time of year to renew contracts. The completed contract packets are due back to DSHS by January 22, 2020.

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Spotlight

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and you should know that there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer.

- [Help Improve HPV Immunization Rates in Texas](#)
- [Prevent Cervical Cancer With Two Steps](#)
- [Pre-Teens Need HPV Vaccine](#)

Events

JAN

Cervical Health Awareness Month

**FEB
27-28**

Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers & Babies Summit

**MAR
23-25**

2020 Conference on Vaccinology Research

**APR 30
MAY 1**

2020 Hispanic Health Conference

New Enrollment Checklist



The 2020 TVFC/ASN New Enrollment Checklist (11-15016) has been updated and is available for use. The checklist is a standardized list of required and recommended items for enrolling new clinics

into the TVFC/ASN Programs.



Updated ACIP Adult Recommendations for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) providing an update for the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) recommendations of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) for adults.



Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management Needs Timely Reporting

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



Follow-Up Activities for Enrolled TVFC Providers

The Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program initial site visits have been conducted on private providers enrolled in TVFC by TMF Health Quality Institute. Follow-up activities are required to be conducted at two, six, and 12 months by phone. Follow-up calls should last about 20–30 minutes.

Book Your Reservations Now For The 49th National Immunization Conference (NIC), Atlanta, GA

The 49th National Immunization Conference (NIC) will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, from May 19–21, 2020. Book your reservations now because the attendance closing date is in February.

TVFC Pediatric Influenza Orders for 2020-2021 Season

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program providers may begin placing orders for the **2020-2021 influenza season** in **mid-January 2020**. The orders will be delivered starting in the fall of 2020.

Encourage providers to refer to their monthly TVFC Flu Dashboard to help assist them in planning for influenza vaccine ordering. It is not too late to continue to vaccinate patients with the current 2019-20 influenza vaccine. If providers need additional flu vaccine for the current season, they can do so by placing an order in EVI.

Flu Dashboard



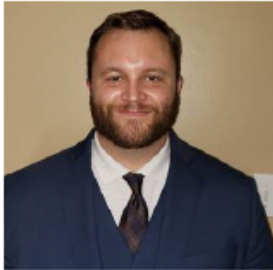
TVFC Flu Dashboard

This season's TVFC flu dashboards will soon be distributed. The monthly flu dashboard allows providers to view their number of flu vaccine doses received and the number of flu doses administered to TVFC-eligible patients. In addition, the dashboard provides the number of pre-booked flu doses and each provider's ranking within their county. It also includes statewide information on the number of influenza, influenza-like illnesses, and pediatric deaths due to influenza. An explanation of all aspects of the dashboard can be found [here](#). For additional information [visit this link](#).



New 6-module HPV Training Available Online

PRIME, an organization devoted to the science of learning and behavior change in health care, has recently released a 6-module video CME/CE training titled [Closing Gaps in HPV Vaccination and Eliminating HPV-Related Cancers](#). In these videos, which feature short patient simulations in HPV vaccination, HPV experts share insights on HPV infection, HPV-related cancers, and the role of HPV vaccination in preventing cancer. [Access the training as well as information about obtaining CE credit.](#)



Welcome Josh Hutchison

Please welcome Josh Hutchison as the new Vaccine Management Group manager.

Josh served as the Financial Analyst for the Immunization Unit for the past five months. Prior to joining Immunizations, Josh provided financial oversight for HHSC's Texas Veterans and Family Alliance grant, served as a lead data analyst for the Office of Inspector General's (IG) Data and Technology team, and has 15 years of other professional experience ranging from his service as an intelligence analysis in the US Army to managing a warehouse.

Josh earned an MBA from Western Governors University in May 2019 and spends his free time with his wife and three-year-old son.

Did You Know?

Did you know about the importance of provider e-mail addresses?



DSHS Central Office commonly communicates through e-mails to providers. Incorrect or invalid e-mail addresses prevent providers from receiving valuable vaccine related information such as flu pre-book or return labels for expired vaccines.

When reviewing orders and provider information in ITEAMS, make sure to check the primary and secondary contacts' e-mail addresses. Check for typos, as providers may incidentally end their e-mail with ".co" rather than ".com". Also, e-mail addresses should not exceed 40 characters. E-mail addresses longer than 40 characters will create an error.



**Wishing everyone a very
happy new year!**

**Here's to great things in
2020!**
