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IMMUNIZATION NEWS

Bi-Directional Data Exchange Coming to TIR

Two-way, real-time communication between an Electronic Health Record (EHR) system or vendor and the Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2.

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TVFC and ASN Orders of Boostrix Vaccine

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) currently has a large amount of Boostrix (Tdap) 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.

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Current Issues in Vaccines - Spring 2019 (Webinar)

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Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research (Apr. 3-5)

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Strategies Overcoming Barriers to HCP Immunization

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Affordable HPV Vaccination Quality Improvement (Webinar)



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

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Did you Know?

If you receive vaccines that were NOT ordered, you may choose to keep the vaccine?

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Celebrate National Infant Immunization Week

Celebration of the 25th anniversary of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is coming up on April 27 – May 4. This annual observance highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrates the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. During this week we all recognize the important work so many are doing around the state to protect infants from disease.

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).

Preliminary Burden Estimates of 2018-2019 U.S. Flu Season

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported in-season preliminary estimates of the cumulative in-season numbers of flu illnesses, medical visits, hospitalizations, and deaths in the United States for the 2018-2019 flu season. These estimates are expected to be updated over the course of the flu season.

Related: [Texas Influenza Surveillance Activity Report](#)

Protect Texans from Streptococcus Pneumoniae

Pneumococcal vaccines are the best defense against infections caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. These common bacteria cause a variety of illnesses. Some of these illnesses, like sinus or middle ear infections cause discomfort for a few days. Other pneumococcal illnesses such as pneumonia or meningitis, can be very severe and even life-threatening.

Optimizing Immunization Programs in Obstetric-Gynecologic Practices Tool Kit

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has published a tool kit that provides information and resources for you and your practice team as you implement strategies to improve immunization processes and increase patient immunization rates.

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