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The TVFC/ASN Digest
IMMUNIZATION NEWS

ACIP Changes Recommendations for HPV

Effective immediately, the DSHS Immunization Unit will be adopting the updated ACIP recommendations in the Adult Safety Net Program.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



A Priority for 2020? Boosting HPV Vaccination Rates

As a Texas healthcare provider, your greatest opportunity for improving the health of your pre-teen/teen patients this year--and in years to come--lies in educating them about the benefits of the 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



Follow-Up Activities for Enrolled TVFC Providers

The Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program conducts follow-up activities after site visits are conducted as a part of quality assurance and improvement. With the implementation of the Immunization for Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program, TVFC-enrolled providers should expect multiple follow-up phone calls from their Responsible Entity (RE).



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.](#)

Flu Dashboard



TVFC Flu Dashboard

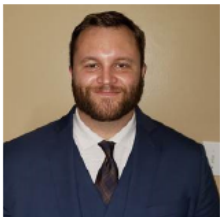
This season's TVFC flu dashboards will soon be distributed. The monthly flu dashboard allows providers to view their number of flu vaccine doses received and the number of flu doses administered to TVFC-eligible patients. In addition, the dashboard provides the number of pre-booked flu doses and each 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. [Click here to find an explanation of all aspects of the dashboard](#). For additional information [click here](#).

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.

Please refer to your monthly TVFC Flu Dashboard to help assist you in planning for influenza vaccine ordering. Consider the TVFC population you serve and the amount of vaccine you utilized during last flu season to guide your ordering.

In the meantime, please continue vaccinating your patients with the current 2019-20 influenza vaccine. Flu vaccines this season have been updated to better match circulating viruses. If you need additional flu vaccine for the current season, please contact your Responsible Entity (RE).



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 you from receiving valuable vaccine related information such as flu pre-book or return labels for expired vaccines.

When reviewing information on EVI, make sure to check the primary and secondary contacts' e-mail addresses. Check for typos such as ending an 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!**