

TVFC/ASN Digest: When Vaccines Received Are Nonviable, How Reporting in the Registry Affects Your Vaccine Coverage Goals and More

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When Vaccines Received Are Nonviable or Questionable

It is important to know what qualifies as a questionable vaccine and what steps to take while viability is determined.
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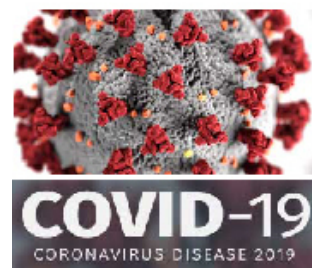


How Does Reporting in the Registry Affect Your Vaccine Coverage Goals?

Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) enrolled providers are given a calculation of their vaccine coverage rates based on all the accepted immunization records reported in the registry during an Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) Program site visit.

[Learn more](#) about how two areas of focus can assist lower performing providers.

Learn the latest.



Events

TVFC Offers Two New Vaccines



The Texas Vaccines for Children’s Program (TVFC) will offer two new vaccines. The first, MenQuadfi, is a new Meningococcal combination vaccine. The second, VAXELIS, combines Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis, Inactivated Poliovirus, Haemophilus b Conjugate and Hepatitis B Vaccine. [Learn more now.](#)

APRIL National Minority Health Month

APR 5-11 National Public Health Week



Data Logger Calibration Testing Policy Update

Data logger calibration testing is now required to be conducted every two to three years or according to the manufacturer’s suggested guidelines. [Learn more.](#)

APR 24-30 World Immunization Week

APR 24-MAY 1 National Infant Immunization Week

APR 26-27 Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research

May is Hepatitis Awareness & Testing Month

Next month is National Hepatitis Awareness Month, established to increase awareness about this hidden epidemic that affects millions worldwide as both an acute illness and as an incurable chronic illness.

In addition, May 19 is National Hepatitis Testing Day, to remind healthcare providers to encourage priority populations to get *tested*. [More information here.](#)

Reminder: Visit the Immunization Webpage

This is a reminder that the Immunization Unit has an incredible amount of information available on COVID-19 for health care providers on their website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccination-providers.aspx>.

The information is updated regularly to keep up with the fast-changing response to COVID-19 and is changing too fast to include any links in this announcement. If you haven’t visited our website lately, please explore it to see the latest news on COVID-19 and other immunization news.

Utilize NIW 2021 to Connect With Parents About Updating Infant Immunizations



National Infant Immunization Week

The [National Infant Immunization Week](#) is April 24 through May 1. This event is an opportune time to encourage your providers to reach out to parents of children two years old and younger who may have fallen behind their regular immunizations.

[Here are a variety of materials](#) to help providers develop a practice environment to improve young patients' immunization rates and communicate with parents.

CDC Releases Guide to Improve COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts in Communities

CDC has developed a [Rapid Community Assessment Guide](#) to help state and local health departments diagnose and address access and confidence challenges related to COVID-19 vaccines. [Check out the five-step guide now.](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets Offered in Dozens of Translations for Recipients and Caregivers

The FDA has posted dozens of translations of Fact Sheets for recipients and caregivers for each of the three authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Use these resources to help you communicate with patients about the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and [learn more here.](#)

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