



Vaccines in the News

From the Yakima Health District Immunization Program

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TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

SOME DISEASES ARE ONLY FOUND IN HUMANS; HOWEVER, INFLUENZA CAN INFECT MANY TYPES OF ANIMALS. WHICH ANIMALS CAN ALSO GET INFLUENZA?

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Immunization Schedules

Over the last few months I have received phone calls from various school nurses with concerns about some of their students immunization records. It seems that some providers are using the Catch-up Schedule as a

reference for immunizing their patients. The Catch-up Schedule should **only** be used if the child is at least 4 months of age and is behind by more than one month. For all other children the Regular Immunization Schedule should be used. When the Catch-up

Schedule is used and the interval between immunizations is shortened this may result in the child receiving an immunization before the minimum age allowed by schools. Keep in mind that the Childcare/ Kindergarten

schedules and the Requirements for School Entry trump the ACIP Immunization Schedule as

Washington state requirements for Immunizations supersede



ACIP Recommendations!

Providers also must understand that the minimum number of doses of a vaccine must comply with the School Requirements so if a child only has 3 doses of a vaccine and school requirements state the child must have 4 doses

for entry into school, the child **must have 4 doses and at the proper ages**. If not, the child will be sent back to your office with a parent who has had to take time off from work to bring them when they had been told that their child was up to date on immunizations. The most often questioned vaccines are DTaP needing at least 4 doses with the final dose between the ages of 4 and 6 years and also the Hepatitis B vaccine with the 3rd dose given on or after 6 months of age as can easily happen when using the Catch-up schedule.

2012 EOQ Calendars and Staff Update:

DOH sent Yakima Health District all of your EOQ calendars for 2012. These were either e-mailed if we have an e-mail address for you that will receive mail from us or faxed to you on December 29th. If you did not receive your copy please let Candy know and she will call to find out the best way to get it

to you electronically. With the budget cuts in 2012 we are not able to print and mail them to you. Please also remember that Candy will only be working on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9am to 6pm starting January 1st so it might take a little longer for her to get back to you with to answer your questions but she is definitely still

here and able to answer your questions as soon as she can. If you do have an urgent question please call Marianne Patnode Candy's supervisor at 509-249-6509 or if she is not available call Sheryl DiPietro at 509-249-6517. Please do not call Ruth as she is no longer be in the Immunization Program starting the 1st of January.

Trivia Answer:

In addition to humans, influenza also infects:

- Birds and poultry, such as chickens and turkeys
- Aquatic birds, such as ducks
- Pigs
- Horses
- Dogs
- Cats
- Sea mammals, such as seals and whales

FluMist Replacement:

Please remember that if you have FluMist in your office that expired between August 2011, and Jan 31, 2012 that you are able to get this replaced with longer dated FluMist through an agreement with DOH and McKesson. To do this you must go to [http://](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/downloads/med-fm-rrf-instruct-508.pdf)

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For the instructions on how to do this. DOH has also asked that any FluMist ordered through them be sent with no less than a 2 week expiration date. Most of the FluMist will be expiring in February so plan to use it before then.

Remember the TIV (Injectable Flu Vaccine) does not expire until 6-30-12 so keep immunizing! So far we have

not seen a lot of flu diagnoses yet but during many years the peak can be in February and March so each time you see a child, check their Flu Vaccine status and try to immunize if they have not received vaccine this flu year. We would dearly love to have a "light" flu season this year.

Reminder Recall Postcards:

If any of you still have some of the Postage Paid Reminder/ Recall Postcards that we offered last year at our Vaccine Ordering trainings please throw them away as First Class Postage is increasing on the 23rd of January! If you like these cards, use them and would like some with the

increased postage please let Candy know and she will get more from the Pfizer

Representative as soon as they are available.

If any clinics would like to use these to increase their immunization rates by using Reminder/Recall please let Candy

know also. If you would like assistance in learning how to do a Reminder/Recall using CHILD Profile call Candy and she can assist you.

Updated VIS:

There is now available updated VIS in Spanish for Cervarix dated 5/3/11 and Hepatitis A dated 10/25/11. To help you keep up to date with new VIS as they become available you can go to www.cdc.gov and look at VIS and there is a place on that page to click to get

e-mail updates. When you put in your e-mail address you will

automatically receive an e-mail as soon as an update is available. This is very helpful especially if I am doing a site visit as I do check that you have the most up to date VIS in your office or if you are audited by an agency other than the Health District.

Also, please remember that DOH is no longer printing VIS

on colored paper so when the supply they have in stock runs out they will no longer print more. This means you will need to download and print your own. These are available on our website at the Yakima Health District at yakimapublichealth.org , from DOH or from the CDC websites.



Central Washington Vaccine Preventable Disease Coalition:

The coalition is happy to welcome new members: Benton/Franklin & Kittitas Health Districts; American Lung Association and DSHS!

With these additions the coalition has officially become a regional coalition incorporating at least three counties with 3 health districts as members: Yakima, Benton/Franklin, Kittitas, and with interest being shown from Klickitat.

The **new name** of the

coalition is now: **Central Washington Vaccine Preventable Diseases Coalition!**

For many of you who may have some confusion as to changes in the coalition because of the funding cuts at the Yakima Health District, please know that the coalition will continue to function to provide updates on vaccines, vaccine programs as usual as there is representation from Health Districts. The coalition will function just like the State

Immunization Coalition does by providing information, programs and projects to enhance immunizations in the communities it serves.

The Coalition is also planning for a speaker in the Spring so stay tuned!

The next coalition meeting is scheduled for March 20th, 12:30pm at Pacific Northwest University. Hope to see you all there!



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Recognitions:

Thanks to all who had their monthly vaccine reports in by January 6th: Mary at Quality Care Medical Clinic, Nora at Dr. Lindstrom's office, Lana at Dr. Gondo's office, Jennifer at Ahtanum Ridge Family Medicine, Melissa at Mid Valley Community Clinic, Donna at Terrace Heights Family Physicians, Terri at Lincoln Ave Medical Clinic, Alaina at Central Washington Family Medicine, Carolyn at Birch Street Medical, Cris at Yakima Pediatrics, Tracy at Grandview Medical Center, Nora at Sunnyside Community Hospital, Kit at Pacific Crest Family Medicine, Wendy at

Best Practices Family Healthcare Clinic, Leah at Family Medicine of Yakima, Lori at Fort Simcoe-Job Corps, Tracy at Naches Medical Clinic, Kari at Dr. Robinson's office, Nancy at Dr. Toliver's office, Janet at YVFW Mobile Unit, Cal at Cornerstone Medical, Keri at Planned Parenthood-Yakima, Sandy at Toppenish Community Hospital, Laurie at Dr. Couturier's office, Idalia at Selah Medical Center, Stacie at YVFW-Toppenish, Jennifer at Selah Family Medicine, Irene at Lincoln Ave Family Medicine, Jeanne at Yakima Indian Health Center, Bill at Yakima Neighborhood

Health, Rachel at Swofford and Halma Clinic, Travis at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Kay at Northwest Medical, Angela at Sunnyside Family Medicine, Kaylani at YVFW- Grandview, Wyatt at Tieton Village Drugs, Adela at Planned Parenthood- Sunnyside, Debbie at Zillah Medical Clinic, Pam at Yakima Medical Clinic.

GREAT JOB!