

SHOT TALK

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Results from the 2010 National Immunization Survey (NIS)

Metro Health would like to share results from the 2010 National Immunization survey (NIS), published in the September 2, 2011, MMWR as *National and State Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 19–35 Months—United States 2010*. This report compares states' vaccination rates for children born between January 2007 and July 2009. The CDC report indicates that immunization rates for most vaccine preventable-diseases are increasing or being sustained at high levels for children 19-35 months of age. Rates for most of the long-standing recommended vaccines are at or above 90 percent. Immunization completion rates for Bexar County for two of the most recent vaccine series combinations (4:3:1:3:3:1[#] and the 4:3:1:3:3:1:4[@]) increased from 2009 NIS rates by 7.8% and 9.7% respectively to 78.4% and 73%. In addition, Bexar County had some of the highest completion rates (individual vaccine antigen rates as well as combination series) compared to other urban areas throughout the State of Texas (see chart below).

Vaccine Series	4:3:1:3:3:1 ^Y	4:3:1:3:3:1:4 [@]
US National Avg.	74.9±1.2	70.2±1.3
Texas	74.8±3.9	70.1±4.1
TX-Bexar County	78.4±6.0	73.0±6.5
TX-City of Houston	74.5±6.1	69.7±6.4
TX-Dallas County	72.6±6.6	68.9±6.8
TX-El Paso County	72.6±6.8	67.0±7.2

[#] DTaP:Polio;MMR:Hib:HepB: & Var [@] DTaP:Polio;MMR:Hib:HepB:Var: & PCV

The NIS uses random-digit-dialing to find households (17,000 nationwide for 2010) with children 19 to 35 months. They ask parents or guardians to provide the vaccines-with dates-that appear on the child's "shot card" kept in their home. Select demographic and socioeconomic information is also collected (data is aggregated for the report). At the end of the interview, permission to contact the child's vaccination providers is requested. Providers are then contacted by mail to verify each child's vaccinations.

This is why your practice may have received information in the mail from the NIS regarding the immunization histories of your patients. Since the NIS is one of the leading indicators of immunization status nationwide, the cooperation of identified providers is imperative for success of the program.

Your practice or clinic may have received a message from Metro Health in the past explaining the importance of completing the NIS information as comprehensively as possible. The immunization rates of Bexar County children are dependant on information provided by providers participating in the NIS. If you have additional questions about the NIS survey or need assistance completing a survey, please contact Sandra Hermosa at 210-207-2084 or Clark Petty at 210-207-2869. For more information about the NIS go to the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vacines/stats-surv/nis/nis-2010-released.htm>

New VFC Team Member



Please join us in welcoming Elaine Mendiola to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Elaine recently joined the Immunization Division and will be the new Administrative Associate for the VFC Program. She will be working with enrolled VFC provider offices to ensure monthly reports are completed and submitted by the 8th of each month. Adhering to this accountability requirement will ensure there is no disruption in vaccine shipments. Elaine is rapidly learning the details of the program and is eager to begin working with provider offices. Welcome aboard Elaine!!

American Academy of Pediatrics Statement on HPV Vaccine

The American Academy of Pediatrics would like to correct false statements made in the Republican presidential campaign that HPV vaccine is dangerous and can cause mental retardation.

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There is absolutely no scientific validity to this statement. Since the vaccine has been introduced, more than 35 million doses have been administered, and it has an excellent safety record.

“The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Family Physicians all recommend that girls receive HPV vaccine around age 11 or 12. That’s because this is the age at which the vaccine produces the best immune response in the body, and because it’s important to protect girls well before the onset of sexual activity. In the U.S., about 6 million people, including teens, become infected with HPV each year, and 4,000 women die from cervical cancer. This is a life-saving vaccine that can protect girls from cervical cancer.”

This information is adapted from a News Release by O Marion Burton, MD, FAAP, president, American Academy of Pediatrics.

News and Features from American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. To this purpose, the AAP and its members of pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialist dedicate their efforts and resources daily.

The following information was adapted from an AAP publication by Larry K. Pickering, M.D., FAAP:

PCV13 Vaccine

Each year, more than 4,000 children in the United States are diagnosed with invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). Fortunately, the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc., marketed by Pfizer Inc.) provides protection against the most common pneumococcal serotypes.

In 2010, recommendations for use of PCV13, which replaced the 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7), were made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The recommendations call for a dose of PCV13 to be given at 2, 4, 6 and 12 through 15 months of age. In addition, all children 14 through 59 months of age who have received an age-appropriate series of PCV7 should be given a single supplemental dose of PCV13 since they remain at risk for IPD caused by the six serotypes unique to PCV13.

The CDC recently reviewed data from its ongoing PCV13 vaccine effectiveness evaluation* to determine if children had developed IPD due to a pneumococcal serotype unique to PCV13 (i.e., the six serotypes in PCV13 but not in PCV7) since the vaccine became available. Preliminary analysis indicates that more than 60 cases have occurred among children younger than 5 years of age. The majority of these children had completed a full series of PCV7 vaccinations but had not received the recommended supplemental dose of PCV13.

Additional preliminary data on vaccination coverage from five Immunization Information System Sentinel Sites indicate that around half of children 12 through 23 months of age received a supplemental dose of PCV13, while only one-quarter of children 24 through 59 months of age received the supplemental dose. This means there are many children who should receive the supplemental dose of PCV13.

Health care professionals are reminded to:

- Review the immunization history of all children 14 through 59 months of age who come to the office for any reason to determine if they are eligible for the supplemental dose of PCV13. If they have not received the supplemental dose, they should be immunized with PCV13.
- Use only PCV13 vaccine. Any use of PCV7 vaccine should be discontinued even if the vaccine has not yet expired.

Pfizer’s policy allows for the return of PCV7 vaccine for credit if it is in full packages and is within six months of expiry or 12 months post-expiry. Most remaining doses of PCV7 should be eligible for return under the normal return policy. Contact Pfizer at 484-865-1117 for more information.

*CDC’s PCV13 vaccine effectiveness evaluation includes an active laboratory and population-based system for tracking IPD. Twelve areas across the United States are participating in the evaluation, representing 3.2 million children younger than 5 years of age.

FluMist® 2011-2012 Replacement Program

MedImmune, Inc., the manufacturer of FluMist® intranasal flu vaccine, has a replacement program for vaccine purchased through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) contract, which includes all FluMist® doses received through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The Replacement Program requirements are listed below:

- FluMist® doses must be purchased through the CDC contract and must expire between August 2011 and January 31, 2012.



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- Product must be used on a first-to-expire/first-used basis.
- Providers have from 15 days prior to the expiration date stamped on the sprayer until January 31, 2012 to request replacement doses. Any doses sent prior to 15 days of expiry will not be replaced.
- Request for replacement doses by Providers will be accepted until 7:00 PM (CT) on January 31, 2012. Request for replacement doses after this date will not be honored. All requests should be placed with McKesson Specialty by calling 1-877-633-7375.
- All expired/expiring doses must be received at McKesson by Friday, February 17, 2012. Replacement product will not be shipped until expired/expiring doses are received.
- Replacement Request Rounding:
 - All requests for replacement doses must be in multiples of 10 units of product. Requests not in multiples of 10 will be rounded down to the nearest multiple of 10. Rounding up is prohibited. This requires a new order.
 - There will be no credit for doses returned in excess of those shipped for replacement.

The process to request replacement product is outlined below:

- 1) Call McKesson Specialty's CDC Replacement Request line at 1-877-633-7375. Call center hours are 7:00am CT-7:00pm CT.
- 2) McKesson Specialty will instruct Providers on date and time of pickup and provide all necessary instructions and paperwork at the time of the call. Providers are to box up FluMist® and have it ready for the scheduled pick-up day. FluMist® does not have to be returned cold.
- 3) Providers are to place only the doses confirmed on the phone with McKesson Specialty in the box for return. NOTE: Any doses included that were not confirmed during the original replacement request call will not be replaced.
- 4) Within 1 business day from receipt of request and verification of information, McKesson Specialty's preferred courier partner will pick up the boxed FluMist from specified location at no charge to the Providers.
- 5) Upon receipt and verification of the expiring/expired doses with the replacement request information provided to McKesson Specialty, replacement doses will be shipped at no charge to you.

If you have any questions regarding the Replacement Program, please call 1-877-633-7375. **Live response to inbound calls on the Replacement Hotline to begin on Nov 20, 2011.**

Immunization Education Resources from CDC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) maintains the *Vaccines and Immunizations* website (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm>) which contains extensive resources that can be very educational to your practice and staff. Two of the most recent posts to the "In the Spotlight" section of significance are: the Influenza Module of the "You call the Shots" training course, and the revised Vaccine Storage and Handling Guide.

The "You Call the Shots" training courses were developed through the Project to Enhance Immunization Content in Nursing Education and Training, which is supported by funding from the NCIRD through a Cooperative Agreement with the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research. The course currently contains five educational modules about vaccines and immunization-related topics. The "You Call the Shots" website is located at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.htm>. Take a look and share with your staff and colleagues.

The Vaccine Storage and Handling Guide (revised October 2011) replaces the current Vaccine Management: Recommendations for Storage and Handling of Selected Biologicals guide (November 2007). It provides shipping requirements; condition upon arrival; storage requirements; shelf life; instructions for reconstitution and use; shelf life after reconstitution, thawing and opening; and any special instructions for all recommended vaccines. To view and print the guide, please go to the following website: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/guide/default.htm>

AFIX Site Visits Benefit Provider Offices

We are nearing the end of the year and immunization coverage levels are continuing to rise for providers. Have you had your QA/AFIX visit this year? It's not too late to schedule one before the close of the year. To date 88 VFC provider offices have exceeded the "Healthy People 2020" goal which consist of 4 DTaP, 3 HepB, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 IPV, 1 VAR, and 4 PCV.



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The QA/AFIX Team is always willing to assist you in arranging an appointment for a site visit to benefit your facility. Site visits provide valuable information to providers on their immunization practice patterns and immunization rates. Each visit is designed to provide assistance with identifying possible barriers to immunization that may result in low vaccination coverage or missed opportunities. The primary role of the QA/AFIX Team is to assist providers in finding practical solutions to immunization related dilemmas within their facilities.

Please feel free to contact Maria Torres, QA/AFIX Supervisor at (210) 207-6916 or Kenya Wilson, MA, Vaccines for Children Program Coordinator at (210) 207-3974 should you need additional information.

The members of the QA/AFIX Team would like to thank the following providers and their staff for participating in the QA/AFIX site review visit process during this past quarter: A-Z Pediatrics, University Family Health Center-S.W., South San Antonio Medical Associates-Zarzamora, University Center for Community Health, CentroMed Children's Shelter, Southtown Clinic, Child Care Associates, Live Oak Pediatrics, Universal City Family Practice, Pediatric Medicine, Health Texas Southwest, Dr. Harry Hernandez, Internal Medicine Practice, CentroMed Respite Wellness, Dr. Thuy Dahn Do, Kellum Medical Group-Adkins, Reshmey Medical Clinic, Toepperwein Family Practice, Lopez Family Practice, SAMHD-STD Clinic, Baptist Medical Center, ABCD Pediatrics-Stonehue, University Family Health Center-North, University Family Health Center North-Refugee Program, Dr. Joseph H. Luna, Dr. Mary K. George, Pediatric Associates Clock Tower, Dr. Howard H. Galarneau, Jr., Dr. Rosalio Jalomo-SAPA, Krier-Southton Juvenile Detention Center, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-San Saba, Blanco Road Medical Clinic, Las Palmas Minor Emergency Clinic, Northwest Pediatric Associates, CentroMed La Paloma Clinic, Centro Med Residential Treatment Center, Christus Santa Rosa Pediatric Mobile Unit, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main, Medical Arts Research Center, De Zavala Family Practice, Dr. Adelaida Tabet, Viva Pediatrics, Dr. K. Job Chacko, Dr. G. Scott Cuming, Wesley Primary Care Medical Clinic, University Family Health Center-Northwest, University Family Health Center-SE, Alamo Heights Pediatrics, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak, Dr. Thomas C Wascher, Valdez Family Clinic, Bandera Family Healthcare, Bandera Family Healthcare-Bandera Rd., Dr. Maria Aguirre, Trevino Family Clinics, Kellum Pediatric Wellness Clinic, Northside Pediatric Clinic, and CommuniCare Health Center.

Congratulations go out to the following providers that achieved outstanding immunization coverage rates during the past quarter: A-Z Pediatrics (100%), CentroMed Children's Shelter (93%), Southtown Clinic (100%), Child Care Associates (96%),

Live Oak Pediatrics (100%), Universal City Family Practice (100%), Pediatric Medicine (100%), Health Texas Southwest (92%), Dr. Harry Hernandez (100%), Dr. Thuy Dahn Do (100%), Kellum Medical Group-Adkins (100%), Reshmey Medical Clinic (100%), Toepperwein Family Practice (100%), ABCD Pediatrics-Stonehue (100%), University Family Health Center-North (96%), Dr. Mary K. George (100%), Pediatric Associates Clock Tower (100%), Howard H. Galarneau, Jr. (93%), Dr. Rosalio Jalomo-SAPA (100%), Krier-Southton Juvenile Detention Center (98%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-San Saba (100%), Blanco Road Medical Clinic (100%), Northwest Pediatric Associates (100%), CentroMed La Paloma Clinic (100%), CentroMed Residential Treatment Center (100%), Christus Santa Rosa Pediatric Mobile Unit (100%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main (100%), Medical Arts Research Center (100%), De Zavala Family Practice (90%), Viva Pediatrics (100%), Dr. K. Job Chacko (100%), Dr. G. Scott Cuming (100%), Wesley Primary Care Medical Clinic (100%), University Family Health Center-Northwest (100%), Alamo Heights Pediatrics (80%), San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak (100%), Valdez Family Clinic (96%), Bandera Family Healthcare (88%), Trevino Family Clinics (100%), Kellum Pediatric Wellness Clinic (100%), Northside Pediatric Clinic (100%), and CommuniCare Health Center (100%).

Special Congratulations go out to these "Hot Shot"

Offices: A-Z Pediatrics, Southtown Clinic, Live Oak Pediatrics, Universal City Family Practice, Pediatric Medicine, Dr. Harry Hernandez, Dr. Thuy Dahn Do, Kellum Medical Group-Adkins, Reshmey Medical Clinic, Toepperwein Family Practice, ABCD Pediatrics-Stonehue, Dr. Mary K. George, Pediatric Associates Clock Tower, Dr. Rosalio Jalomo-SAPA, San Antonio, Pediatric Associates-San Saba, Blanco Road Medical Clinic, Northwest Pediatric Associates, CentroMed La Paloma Clinic, CentroMed Residential Treatment Center, Christus Santa Rosa Pediatric Mobile Unit, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main, Medical Arts Research Center, Viva Pediatrics, Dr. K. Job Chacko, Dr. G. Scott Cuming, Wesley Primary Care Medical Clinic, University Family Health Center-Northwest, San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Stone Oak, Trevino Family Clinics, Kellum Pediatric Wellness Clinic, Northside Pediatric Clinic and CommuniCare Health Center.

All these facilities continue to invest substantial efforts towards improving children's immunization coverage levels and surpassed the National Immunization Program (NIP) goal of 90% immunization coverage for the 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series. WAY TO GO!!! Keep up the great work.

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Immunization Resource Sites

DSHS: www.dshs.state.tx.us/immune
CDC: www.cdc.gov/vaccines
IAC: www.immunize.org
Vaccine Education Center: <http://vaccine.chop.edu>
American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org
Vaccine Information for the Public & Health Professionals: www.vaccineinformation.org
Healthy People 2020: www.healthypeople.gov

Need Forms??

VFC Reports, Blast Fax, and In-Service Materials:

www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations-VFCResources.html

Consent Forms:

www.sanantonio.gov/health/immunizations-SAIRS.html

VISs:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm>



City Calendar Holidays

**Monday-Friday,
December 25th-30th**

Please note that all Metro Health employees will be out of the office during this time frame!



VFC Stars



Northeast Pediatric Associates- Stone Oak



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A Thru Z Pediatrics



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Viva Pediatrics



San Antonio Pediatric Associates-San Saba



Children First Pediatrics



Blanco Road Medical Clinic



Pediatric Medicine



Pediatric Associates Clock Tower



Northwest Pediatric Associates



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San Antonio Pediatric Associates-Main



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Dr. Thuy Danh Do



South Texas Center for Pediatric Care-Southwest



Immunization Updates

The use of most **Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)** is mandated by federal law. Listed below are the dates of the most current VISs. Check your stock of VISs. If you have outdated VISs, print current ones from one of these sources: CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis (has VISs in English) or IAC's website at www.immunize.org/vis (has VISs in more than 30 languages).

DTaP/DT/DTP.....5/17/07 PCV.....4/16/10 Hepatitis A.....10/25/11 PPSV.....10/6/09 Hepatitis B.....7/18/07 Polio.....11/8/11 Hib.....12/16/98
 HPV (H. papillomavirus).....5/3/11 Rotavirus.....12/6/10 Meningococcal.....10/14/11 Varicella.....3/13/08 MMR.....3/13/08
 Influenza (LAIV).....7/26/11 Influenza (TIV).....7/26/11 Td/Tdap...11/18/08