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San Antonio Immunization Program Newsletter - February 2019

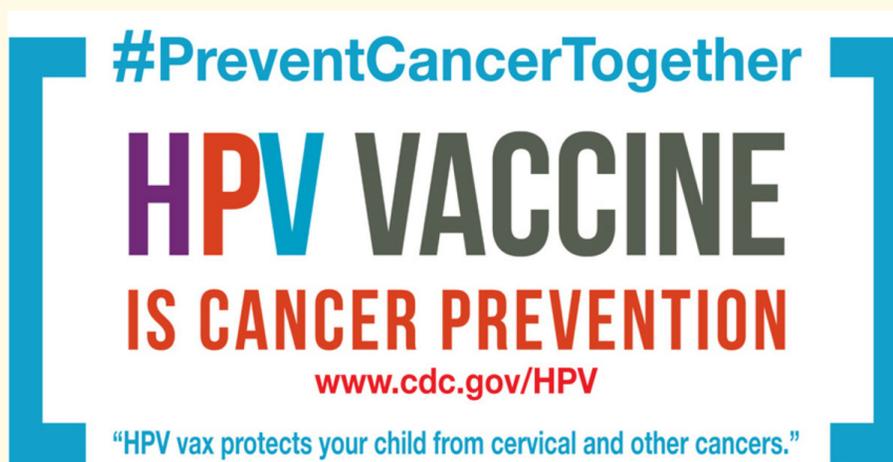


February is National Cancer Prevention Month

We are well into February, which is designated as National Cancer Prevention Month, with February 4 designated as World Cancer Day. Though research has greatly improved rates of cancer treatment and survivability, many Americans don't realize that 50% of all cancers are preventable through healthy behaviors, and 15% are caused by infections, most of which are preventable through vaccination.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has cancer prevention information [posted here](#) for the public and providers alike. Some other ways to help in your community are:

- Encourage HPV vaccination in youth and adults. [Share the facts](#) about HPV vaccine safety with parents.
- Educate adults on the benefits of HPV vaccination for their children. [Use CDC resources](#) for parents and adults to promote vaccination as well as regular screening.
- Promote regular screening for all types of cancer, and discuss how early detection increases the effectiveness of treatment.
- Explain how lifestyle choices and vaccination can significantly reduce cancer risk at any age - the earlier, the better!



HPV Vaccine: Same Way Same Day™



Look for this icon in the app store to download!

Free Educational Resource

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) launched a complementary, educational resource called HPV Vaccine: Same Way Same Day™ last year. This brief, interactive role-play simulation is designed to enhance healthcare providers' ability to introduce the HPV vaccine and to address HPV vaccine hesitant parents' concerns. Developed by AAP members and staff, immunization experts, the Academic Pediatric Association, and Kognito, a health simulation company. The simulation is available for free on Apple iTunes Store and Google Play Store. Several YouTube videos that provide a peek into the simulation as well as a promotional flyer and sample PowerPoint slide. For links to these resources, please visit the AAP's [HPV Champion Toolkit](#), and contact hpv@aap.org if you have any questions.

News & Notes From Immunize SA

Reestablishing Successful Partnerships

On Wednesday, February 6, the IZSA Coalition meeting was held. This was the first coalition meeting of 2019 with Metro Health serving as the facilitating agency. Metro Health will be working closely with The Health Collaborative and The Immunization Partnership (TIP) over the next couple of months to reestablish the coalition's structure and set goals and objectives for 2019.

TIP facilitated the meeting and provided examples of some of the great work of some of the other immunization coalitions throughout Texas. At the March and April meetings, the group will develop IZSA's bylaws, elect a chair and co-chair, and establish goals and objectives for the year.

For more information about attending a meeting or joining IZSA, please contact Sarah Williams at 210-207-6917 or sarah.williams@sanantonio.gov, or you can visit the website at ImmunizeSA.com.

Inventory Updates

TVFC EVI and Vaccine Management News

There are some major new developments for TVFC participants this month! Remember, you can always find updated information at [the TVFC website](#).

- The 2019 Edition of the CDC Vaccine Storage & Handling Toolkit has been published! You can [download it here](#).
- Vaccine Choice was open in EVI from February 5 through February 19. The next opportunity to update your vaccine choice will be in May. This is your chance to select new or different products and presentations for your inventory. To view your options, use the "Update Choices" tab in EVI.
- Remember that your point of contact for inventory adjustments, monthly temperature logs, vaccine transfers, and all other related items is Anna Ledezma, TVFC Vaccine Management Supervisor. She may be reached at anna.ledezma@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-4308.



FREE CEUs and CNEs!

CDC "You Call the Shots" Module 8 - HPV

The CDC offers free online training and education through their website. This month, we are highlighting their updated HPV training, part of the "You Call the Shots" series. It is current, accurate, and very relevant to the TVFC program and all of our sites, providers and staff. Continuing Education credit is provided and accredited by six different professional associations, including the American Nurses Credentialing Center. When you register an account for free, you will also have access to dozens of other CE-accredited training courses. To register an account and start earning CEUs and CNEs, click on the link [here](#), and register today!



CDC Publishes New Immunization Schedules

Redesigned Format for 2019 Available Now

The CDC published their 2019 adult and child/adolescent immunization schedules on February 5. The CDC is pleased to announce the schedule website has also been redesigned. The redesign allows for easier access to information and a broader range of immunization schedule-related materials, including resources for health care providers, parents and adults.

Examples of changes and improvements include web versions of the schedules, and an electronic version of the vaccination table. This table includes a tab beside each vaccine on the schedule. If users click on the tab, it will take them to vaccination information for clinicians, including the full ACIP recommendation, storage and handling, administration, and other relevant information.

Additionally, the tabs across the top of each page allow users to toggle between the schedule tables and identify up-to-date changes to this year's schedules. In the coming months, this tab will change to a visual guide showing users how to properly use all schedule tables. Other tabs allow health care providers to access additional resources. This new page provides relevant links to VISs, storage and handling, travel vaccines, and other information.

We encourage you to visit the new Immunization Schedules website and explore these changes yourself by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>

The screenshot shows the CDC Immunization Schedules website. At the top, there is the CDC logo and the text "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™". To the right is a search bar and a dropdown menu for "All CDC" with a magnifying glass icon. Below this is a green header with the text "Immunization Schedules" and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Email, and Print. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule (birth through 18 years)**: Contains a large, colorful grid showing vaccination schedules for various vaccines across different age groups.
- Adult Immunization Schedule (19 years and older)**: Contains a table with columns for age groups (19-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60 years) and rows for different vaccines, with specific recommendations for each.
- Resources for Health Care Providers**: Features an image of a doctor in a white coat holding a tablet, with text indicating resources available for providers.

Provider Training Opportunity

On March 8, there will be a training and education opportunity available for all providers. Dr. Cherise Rohr-Allegrini, San Antonio Program Director for TIP, will be giving a provider training presentation entitled "Championing Immunizations to Improve Rates in Your Clinic". This will be an exceptional opportunity for providers and staff to learn techniques and strategies for reducing missed opportunities and improving vaccination coverage in patient populations. Additionally, there will be a Q&A session for discussing challenges and solutions for infant, child, and adolescent immunization programs. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jared Dugger at jared.dugger@sanantonio.gov or call (210) 207-2870.

Additionally, "Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention" is available on-demand for CE credits [on the CDC website](#) through January 16, 2020. This course develops methods to more effectively recommend HPV vaccinations for adolescents.

Introducing Your Metro Health HPV/Adolescent AFIX Team



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Got a Story? Let Us Know!

Do you have an inspiring story, technical tip, lesson learned, or someone you want to highlight for recognition? Let us know, and we might feature your item in the next issue of Shot Talk. Contact Jared Dugger at (210) 207-2870 or jared.dugger@sanantonio.gov for more information.