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San Antonio Immunization Program Newsletter - June 2019

SAIRS will Disappear on June 30th - Get Registered in ImmTrac2

The San Antonio Immunization Repository System (SAIRS) is being replaced by the ImmTrac2 Immunization Information System (IIS), the Texas immunization registry provided at no cost to all Texans. ImmTrac2 is secure and confidential, and safely stores immunization records from any source in one centralized system. This means that healthcare providers, hospitals and clinics will have a single record system for everyone in Texas.

Since 2005, Texas House Bill 1921 requires the porting of all vaccines given to children under 18 years old to ImmTrac2. Most children are opted in by a parent or guardian at birth. Children who are not yet registered in ImmTrac2 can be opted in by a parent or guardian with a Minor Consent Form until age 18.

Older children and adults are not automatically entered into ImmTrac2, and must submit an Adult Consent Form for any records to be entered into ImmTrac2. Adults who have a childhood record in ImmTrac2, but do not consent again as adults, will permanently lose any childhood record archived in ImmTrac2 if not consented by age 26.

All records currently in SAIRS will no longer be available beginning June 30, 2019. In order for your records – or those of your family – to remain available in ImmTrac2, you must fill out an ImmTrac2 Consent Form for each individual affected. For more information, visit the San Antonio Metro Health website at www.sanantonio.gov/Health/HealthProfessionals/ImmunizationRegistry, or call the immunization registry help desk at 210-207-5071.

To find out more about the ImmTrac2 transition or to get started as a provider, contact the San Antonio Metro Health ImmTrac2 IIS Team today!

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ImmTrac2 Customer Support Email: ImmTrac2@DSHS.Texas.Gov

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TVFC Program News and Notes

Keeping Your VFC Inventory Current

Do you have flu or any other vaccine about to expire? Has there been vaccine waste at your site? If so, create the report in Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) and expect to receive a vaccine return label via email within two weeks. Even one dose of an unopened, unbroken vial or syringe must be returned to the distributor. Once they receive your report, they will send an email with the subject line “UPS Label Delivery”, with a link to print out the label. It is your responsibility to print the label, pack and return the vaccine. **Remember: You only have 30 days to print the label and return the vaccine. After 30 days the label will expire.** Here are guidelines to follow when returning vaccines:

- A copy of the Vaccine Loss Report (VLR) and all vaccines listed on the VLR are to be included in the box for return. **Do not send back any broken vials, or syringes with needles attached.**
- If more than one box is needed to return vaccines, indicate on the VLR the amount of boxes needed. Each box must not weigh more than 70 pounds.
- Wait until UPS returns to the site to hand off the box. Any pickups scheduled through UPS are subject to a fee set by UPS.



Do you have general questions on Vaccines for Children or Adult Safety Net Programs, or need to send in monthly temperature logs?

Send us an email at: sanantoniotvfcasn@sanantonio.gov. You have questions, we have answers!

Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine Supply Will Be Limited Next Season

(American Academy of Pediatrics) -The supply of nasal spray flu vaccine will be limited during the 2019-'20 season due to manufacturing constraints, according to AstraZeneca. The reduced supply of FluMist Quadrivalent, a live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), will impact both the public and private sectors, according to a company spokesperson. AstraZeneca plans to spread distribution throughout the season and said the reduced supply will not impact vaccine quality. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials said the LAIV shortage is not expected to cause an overall shortage of flu vaccine. AstraZeneca said it will continue to update regulatory and public health agencies as well as other stakeholders about its supply.

In March, the American Academy of Pediatrics announced it will not have a preference between LAIV and inactivated influenza vaccine next season. This move is a change from the current season in which the AAP considered inactivated influenza vaccine the primary choice, while saying LAIV could be used for children who would not otherwise receive a vaccine. The American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC did not recommend using LAIV in 2016-'17 or 2017-'18 due to poor effectiveness against H1N1 strains, but it has since been reformulated. The CDC and the Academy recommend everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated against the flu.

(Source: <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2019/05/17/laiv051719>)



A partnership to protect the community

IZSA - IMMUNIZE SAN ANTONIO

IZSA promotes immunizations in diverse populations across the lifespan through collaboration and education, striving for a community where all residents are protected from vaccine preventable diseases.

**1ST WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH | 1PM-2PM
TEXAS DIABETES INSTITUTE - BOARDROOM
701 S ZARZAMORA ST**

For more information, contact Sarah Williams at (210) 207-6917 or sarah.williams@sanantonio.gov



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IOEP & IZSA Notes

Outreach Presentations Available All Summer Long!

Immunize SA (IZSA) Coalition held its monthly meeting on May 5, 2019. With over 25 attendees, there was discussion on potential goals and focus, including increasing HPV vaccination rates, educating lawmakers on the importance of MMR vaccination, and the wide range of outreach & education resources available through IZSA partners. IZSA continues to finalize its goals for the year. Watch this space for updates!

The Immunization Outreach, Education and Partnerships (IOEP) Program held several successful events in May, including two clinics at Palo Alto College to help prepare incoming freshmen for their first year at the school. IOEP also participated in the 4th Annual Health & Wellness Expo (pictured), providing outreach and educational information to over 300 people.



If you are interested in being part of the IZSA Coalition, please contact Vanessa Rodriguez at vanessa.rodriguez@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-2869. If you would like IOEP to facilitate a presentation about immunizations for your group or organization, to request our participation in an outreach event, or to inquire about immunization clinics, please email Sarah Williams at sarah.williams@sanantonio.gov or call 210-207-6917.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Free Online Webinars Available This Month

The month of June holds several opportunities for relevant continuing education for providers! Most provide certified continuing education units (CEUs) for nurses and other professionals, and all of them are free! Dates and times are listed below (Central Standard Time):

June 19th at 11:00AM - Managing Outbreaks of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases - [Registration Website](#)

June 21st at 12:00PM - Hepatitis A Outbreak Updates - [Registration website](#)

June 5 - September 25 - CDC Pink Book Webinar Series - [Registration Website](#)

Archived - Available until April 2020 - Current Issues In Vaccines, Spring 2019 - [Registration Website](#)

Archived - Available until January 2020 - Routinely Recommending Cancer Prevention: HPV Vaccination at 11 and 12 as a Standard of Care - [Registration Website](#)

If you or a colleague would like to find online webinars or CEU opportunities on any specific topic(s), please contact Jared Dugger at jared.dugger@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-2866.

EVI News and Notes

Come one, come all! New staff, primaries, secondaries, office managers, doctors, and any staff interested in learning about EVI reporting and placing vaccine orders! You can schedule a training session with your vaccine manager, Anna Ledezma, by emailing Anna.Ledezma@sanantonio.gov or by calling 210-207-4308. You will learn all the ins and outs of EVI and become an EVI master! Over 200 trainings have been done in the past four years with excellent results and feedback from providers. After attending a training session, you will be skilled at maneuvering through EVI, know how to create and submit reports on time, and avoid shipping delays.

Hepatitis B Program Notes

Reporting Perinatal Hepatitis B in Texas

The state of Texas has provided legislative directives to guide Perinatal Hepatitis B screening and reporting to protect residents of Texas. The Texas Health and Safety Code requires testing for Hepatitis B during pregnancy and that notifiable conditions be reported to the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.

The specific references to Perinatal Hepatitis B are summarized as follows:

Providers and hospitals to screen all pregnant women for Hepatitis B Surface antigen (HBsAg) at their first prenatal visit and at delivery (Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 1 Chapter 97, Subchapter F 97.135); Perinatal Hepatitis B and all positive HBsAg mothers must be reported to the SAMHD (Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter A 97.3).

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act contains specific exceptions that allow covered entities to disclose private health information if required by law or to a public health authority that is authorized to collect and receive information for preventing disease, injury, or disability.

One of the challenges for the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program is obtaining reports of HBsAg positive pregnant women. To have a successful reporting system, a program should have overlapping sources (labs, providers, and hospitals) of information to identify cases. To eliminate the transmission of Perinatal Hepatitis B, those sources must work together with the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program. For more information on this program, contact Tom Gonzalez at 210-207-2088 or tom.gonzalez@sanantonio.gov.

New Staff Members

The Immunization Program welcomed two new staff members to the IOEP team in the month of May!

Our new IOEP Coordinator, Vanessa Rodriguez, comes to us from the Healthy Start Program at Metro Health, where she spent 4 years helping improve the health status of new mothers in several communities in and around San Antonio. She received her Master of Public Administration degree from UTSA and has over 10 years of experience working in the San Antonio community on various social and public health issues, both in the nonprofit and government sector.

Jared Dugger is our new Health Program Specialist, and he joins the team after helping us complete the TVFC/AFIX HPV grant program, which ended April 30th. He has several years of experience in military and veteran's health care, and is a recent graduate of both Northwest Vista College and UTSA.

We look forward to seeing the IOEP team continue to do great things with these new additions!



Record Number of Measles Cases Means US Could Lose Elimination Status

(BBC News) - The number of US measles patients has reached a record high and may cause the nation to lose its "measles elimination status", US health officials say. Sixty new cases were reported in the past week, bringing this year's total to 971 cases in 26 US states - the highest since 1994. The disease was declared effectively eliminated from the US in 2000, but recent outbreaks have been attributed to foreign travelers spreading it to those lacking vaccinations in the US.

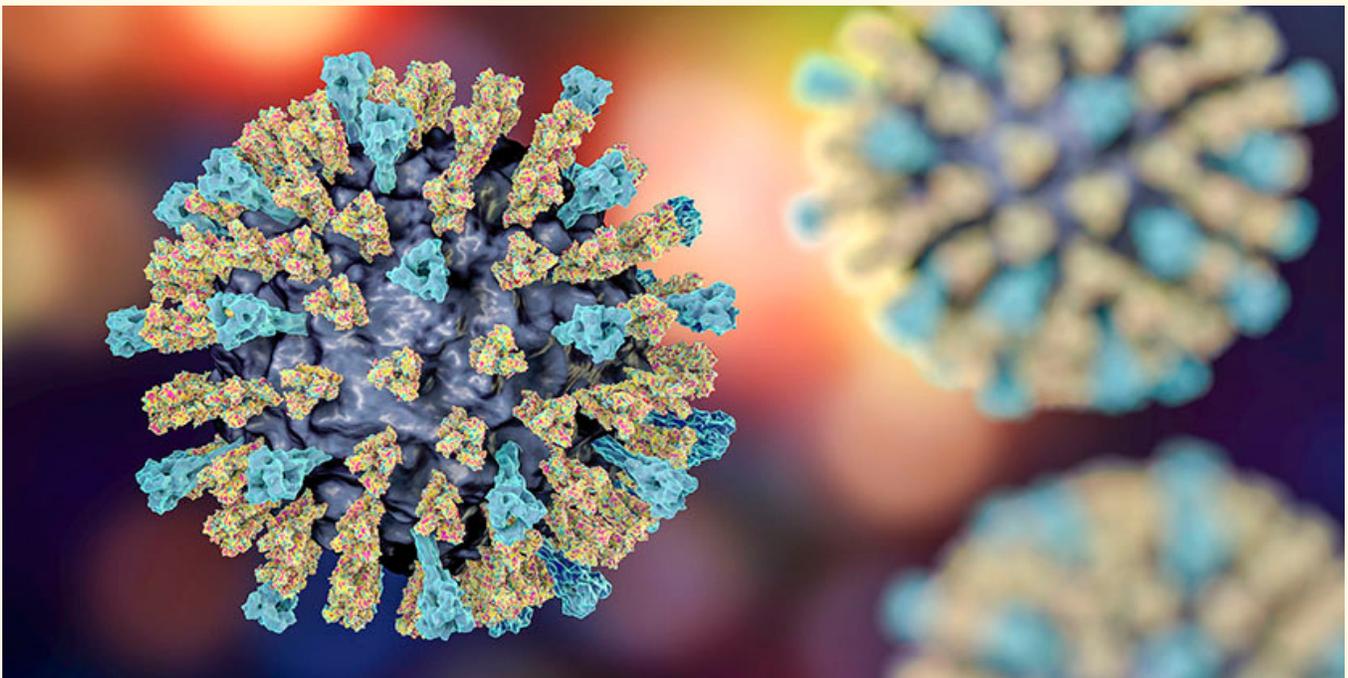
The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a statement on Thursday: "If these outbreaks continue through summer and fall, the United States may lose its measles elimination status. "That loss would be a huge blow for the nation and erase the hard work done by all levels of public health. The measles elimination goal, first announced in 1963 and accomplished in 2000, was a monumental task."

The statement added that previously between three and four million Americans were diagnosed with the sometimes-fatal illness each year, leading to an estimated 400-500 deaths and 48,000 hospitalizations. Earlier this year, Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases testified to lawmakers that more must be done to prevent the spread of the disease.

Fauci continued, "I consider it an irony that you have one of the most contagious viruses known to man juxtaposed against one of the most effective vaccines they have. Yet we don't do and have not done what could be done - namely eliminate, eradicate the virus."

This year's record of 971 means the US has already broken the 1994 record - 963 infections - in only the first five months of 2019. But it is still not as high as 1992 when about 2,200 cases of measles were reported.

(Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48468801>)



June 2019

M	3	T	4	W	5	Th	6	F	7
				IZSA Coalition Meeting 1-2pm Texas Diabetes Institute				IOEP Immunization Clinic Church Under the Bridge 8am - 2pm	
M	10	T	11	W	12	Th	13	F	14
				2109 TVFC Provider Conference 11am - 3pm Norris Conference Center					
M	17	T	18	W	19	Th	20	F	21
M	24	T	25	W	26	Th	27	F	28
								Women's Health Fair Mission Library 2:30-5:30pm	

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) 207-2866 or jared.dugger@sanantonio.gov for more information.



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Questions & Appointments
(210)207-8894



AS OF JULY 2, 2018 OUR NEW IMMUNIZATION CLINIC LOCATIONS

EASTSIDE CLINIC **Walk-Ins Welcome**

Monday - Friday: 8am - 3pm
210 N. Mel Waiters Way (formerly 210 N. Rio Grande)
San Antonio, TX 78202



FRANK GARRETT CENTER **Appointments Only**

Tuesday & Thursday: 8am - 3pm
1226 NW 18th Street San Antonio, TX 78207



*We do not accept private insurance. Medicaid is accepted. We ONLY accept Community First CHIP (no other type of CHIP is accepted).

**Immunization Records can only be obtained at the Eastside Clinic.