

Two trainings to be offered December 9

We are including information on two separate trainings that will be offered on Thursday, December 9, from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Both trainings require pre-registration; both will also be archived. Therefore, it will be possible to register for one of these trainings and then watch the archived version of the second training at a later time (pre-registration is only required for the live training.)

CDC Current Issues in Immunization Net Conference

Thursday, December 9, 2010 - Free live webinar
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Kroger

Speakers and Topics:

- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine, Dr Amanda Cohn
- Adult Influenza Vaccination, Dr Carolyn B Bridges

Space is limited; pre-registration is required!

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/ciinc> (scroll down on page)

Making the CASE for Vaccine Safety: A New Model for Communicating with Parents

Thursday, December 9, 2010 - Free live webcast
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Speaker: Alison Singer, MBA, Founder and President of Autism Science Foundation (ASF)

Autism was first described by Dr. Leo Kanner in 1943. Despite years of scientific study, the cause of autism is still unknown. One theory popular in the late 1900s and early 2000s, that vaccines cause autism, has since been disproved by numerous studies conducted in multiple labs around the world. This program will focus on the science of autism and the latest research regarding autism. It will also address barriers to communication, the top parental concerns regarding vaccines and how to address these concerns using the CASE method.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Promotional Flyer](#)
- [Click here to Register](#)

CDC's Immunization Works Newsletter

CDC released the October issue of its monthly newsletter Immunization Works; it is posted on the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/news/newsletters/imwrks>

Thanks for all that you do to keep families safe from vaccine-preventable diseases!

(Posted online 11/10/10)

Teen immunization rates are increasing in Ottawa County

Contributed by Sue Schryber, RN, BSN, Immunization Supervisor,
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Two years ago, the Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD) began monitoring the county's profile in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) for adolescents 13-15 years of age. In October 2008, 23% of the teens were complete for 3 polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hep B, 2 Var and 1 MCV4 (3:2:3:2:1) and only 11% had received 3 doses of HPV.

The health department realized that there was a lot of work to be done and put together a plan of action. OCHD worked with private providers and emphasized this message: *At every visit, the client's MCIR record needs to be assessed and all eligible vaccines needs to be offered.* They disseminated this message through the following venues:

- quarterly private provider meetings,
- annual Vaccines for Children (VFC) site visits,
- annual school secretaries meeting and
- electronic immunization updates to provider offices.

For teens with appointments at OCHD:

- future appointments are made at that visit,
- reminder postcards are mailed the month of their next appointment and
- a MCIR recall is run and contact is made with the client.

OCHD also requires that all non-medical waivers be obtained by appointment at the health department, in order to assure that parents are fully informed on the risks and benefits of vaccines. Some parents change their minds about waiving one or more immunizations after having a one-on-one conversation with the immunization nurse.

Two years later, the percentage has risen to 51% for the 3:2:3:2:1 series and 22% for 3 HPV. The large increase is due to the hard work of provider offices, the local health department and schools.

The Division of Immunization would like to thank the provider offices and schools in Ottawa County, as well as the Ottawa County Health Department, for their efforts to protect adolescents in Ottawa County from vaccine-preventable diseases.

Remember to always assess the client's MCIR record and offer all vaccines for which the client is eligible... AT EVERY VISIT!

Questions about new high-dose flu vaccine

Providers and patients (especially seniors) this year have a lot of questions about the new Fluzone High-Dose influenza vaccine, designed specifically for people age 65 years and older. CDC has developed a Q/A for this vaccine that you will find at www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/qa_fluzone.htm.

New sentinels are needed for this flu season

Did you ever wonder how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local public health know when influenza activity begins, peaks, and ends? Or how they identified the first cases of the 2009 influenza pandemic? They rely on the front-line medical providers, influenza sentinels, who volunteer to report office visits due to influenza-like illness weekly and collect clinical specimens from a subset of those patients for respiratory virus culture at the MDCH laboratory. In appreciation of their efforts, sentinels receive free laboratory testing for 11 specimens per site per season, weekly influenza reports and free hard-copy subscriptions to the CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) and Emerging Infectious Diseases Journal. Sentinel providers that report regularly throughout the flu season also receive free registrations for two staff to the MDCH Regional Immunization Conferences. The series of eight conferences are held in various cities in Michigan every October and November.

New sentinels are urgently needed for this flu season. Medical providers of any specialty (e.g., family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, infectious disease) in nearly any setting (e.g., private practice, public health clinic, urgent care center, emergency room, university student health center) can be sentinels. Contact Cristi Carlton at 517-335-9104 or CarltonC2@michigan.gov for more information or to enroll now.

[CDC's Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunizations](#)

The 64-page guide, updated in 2010, offers a quick read on childhood diseases and the vaccines that protect children from them. The Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunizations helps parents and caregivers learn about the role vaccines play in helping keep children healthy. The color booklet, illustrated with children's artwork, has 5 parts plus a glossary and list of resources.

Three Ways to Read This Guide:

- Read online
- Order a printed booklet
- Download a printer-friendly version

Order a Booklet

- Scroll the [Online Publications Order Form](#) until you reach the section labeled "Other Materials."
- Find "Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization, 2010" (Order number 21-1013) and type in the number of copies.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the ordering page, fill in the shipping information, and click "Send."
- Booklets are sent by USPS; delivery may take up to 3 weeks.

[Michigan's Immunization Timely Tips](#) (MITT)

Do you have anything you'd like to see included in an upcoming issue? We'd love to hear suggestions and feedback! Tell us more by emailing Rosemary Franklin at franklinr@michigan.gov.

MITT is posted at www.michigan.gov/immunize, under the Provider Information section.

Help us protect vaccine from expiring

(Adapted from the Got Your Shots? Oct. 2010 newsletter from the Minnesota Dept of Health)

Here are a few steps you can take to protect vaccine from expiring:

1. Take physical inventory of your VFC vaccine each month and before ordering vaccine. Order judiciously to avoid a build-up of excess vaccine.
2. Rotate your vaccine stock to make sure that vaccine due to expire first is in front so it will be used first. Remember that the MCIR Vaccine Inventory Module (VIM) highlights vaccines due to expire; green indicates the vaccine will expire in 6 months, purple indicates the vaccine expires in 3 months and red means the vaccine has expired and should not be used.
3. Store all vaccines - not just the light sensitive ones - in the original boxes to make inventory much easier. Keep your VFC and private stock separate and clearly labeled.
4. Call your local health department (LHD) if you have vaccine that will expire within the next six months (this is the green color indicator in the MCIR VIM). Your LHD needs lead time to help you find a clinic that can use the vaccine before it expires.

Remember: An expired dose is a wasted dose and a Michigander not vaccinated!

Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are required by law

Federal law requires vaccine providers to give patients, or their parents or legal guardians, the appropriate VIS before giving vaccines covered by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP). CDC develops VIS for all vaccines and encourages their use. When CDC recommends a vaccine for routine administration to children, the NVICP covers injuries to anyone who receives it, child or adult.

In Michigan, it is important that vaccine recipients, their parents, or their legal representatives be given the Michigan versions of VIS because they include information about the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). By state law in Michigan, parents must be informed about MCIR. VIS that are obtained from other sources (e.g., from the CDC or IAC websites) do not contain information about MCIR.

The [Important VIS Facts handout](#) includes a table with the most recent published dates of the Vaccine Information Statements. It is important to use only the most up-to-date versions of the VIS.

[Vaccine Information Statements](#) (VIS) are available in many languages. All the foreign language VIS obtained from MDCH include information about MCIR. When the foreign language VIS is not the most current version, parents should also be given the current English version.

Many of the foreign language VIS are posted on the MDCH website. However, if you need a foreign language VIS that has not yet been posted, please call the MDCH Division of Immunization at (517) 335-8159.

For more information about the VIS, go to the MDCH Division of Immunization website at www.michigan.gov/immunize and look under Vaccine Information Statements.