



KIDSNET UPDATE

RHODE ISLAND'S INTEGRATED CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM

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TESTIMONIALS

"I think KIDSNET is the best thing that has happened to school nurses and I look forward to its coordination with individual student electronic health records."

*-Margaret Fair, RN, BSN, CSNT, MHED
School Nurse*

"KIDSNET is better than sliced bread, and with this [School Nurse Immunization Reports] it is almost as good as wine....almost!"

*-Sandi Delack, RN, BSN, NCSN, FNASN, MEd
School Nurse*

SCHOOL NURSE IMMUNIZATION REPORT - NOW AVAILABLE

School nurses have long been critical partners in ensuring that children have met school immunization requirements to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. KIDSNET has always been an important tool to help them gather immunization information regarding their students. However, looking up each student individually is a painstaking process. Now, with the help of new reports in KIDSNET, public school nurses can run reports that identify students who have met or not met school requirements, as well as those who have no available information in KIDSNET. These reports can be run by school, by grade, and by school district. In the event of a disease outbreak, the reports can be narrowed to look at one vaccine, identifying students who are past-due for the vaccine that prevents the outbreak disease. Contact information for the last known primary care provider appears on the reports to facilitate care coordination. Written, on-line, and in-person training for school nurses to run these reports is available by contacting KIDSNET provider relations at DOH.KIDSNET@health.ri.gov. KIDSNET plans to expand access to these reports to interested parochial schools soon.

2018 RHODE ISLAND CDC CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION CHAMPION



Rhode Island's 2018 CDC Childhood Immunization Champion is Arthur Taylor, BSN. Arthur is the Nursing Director for the Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), where he works hard each day to ensure that all children get their required vaccines on time. Last year, Arthur helped establish CCAP as a Community Immunizer, allowing staff to bring vaccine (particularly flu shots) off-site to places such as Head Start to meet children and families where they are. Arthur encourages his staff

to keep reaching out to families to get children in the office for their vaccines. He states, "Sometimes it takes multiple tries, but we eventually get there." Thank you, Arthur, for your commitment to keeping Rhode Island's children healthy.

2018 SSV WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

There are only a few days left to sign up for the Office of Immunization's annual State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Workshop. The Workshop will be held on Tuesday, **May 1, 2018**, at CCRI in Warwick, and Thursday, **May 3, 2018** at Amica in Lincoln. The Workshop will cover several important topics including 2019 SSV program enrollment, 2018-2019 flu season preparation, OSMOSSIS updates, vaccine storage and handling (including Data Logger requirements), and KIDSNET Query Response, a technology that allows electronic health records to "ask" KIDSNET to send them an individual's immunization record. All SSV providers and/or office staff are strongly encouraged to attend – register today! Registration link: <https://bit.ly/2JyR9RQ>

If you have any questions, please contact Denise.Cappelli@health.ri.gov.

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SCREENING FOR MORE CONDITIONS AT BIRTH IN RHODE ISLAND

Newborn screening is the practice of testing newborn babies for certain harmful or potentially fatal disorders. Rhode Island law requires that all babies born in Rhode Island receive a newborn screening. Rhode Island currently screens babies for 29 conditions from a spot of blood, plus hearing loss and critical congenital heart disease. In October 2018, Rhode Island will screen infants for three new conditions: Pompe Disease, Adrenoleukodystrophy, and Mucopolysaccharidosis.

Newborn screening saves lives because babies with these disorders often appear healthy at birth. Newborn screening leads to improved health outcomes and reduces morbidity and mortality due to early identification and intervention. Newborn screening results for children born in Rhode Island can be found in a child's KIDSNET record under the Newborn Screening link. For more information, contact the Newborn Screening Program at **401-222-5950**.

KIDSNET ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2017

The following are some highlights of the many new KIDSNET features and developments accomplished in 2017:

New User Reports

- Programming was completed to allow Family Visiting, Early Intervention, WIC, Cedar, and Head Start agencies to run various reports to help coordinate screening and services for clients who need lead screening, immunizations, and newborn hearing screening follow-up.
- An internal report was developed for the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program to compare children's preventive healthcare and other characteristics among those with and without special healthcare needs.
- School Nurse Reports – a group of reports that enumerate children meeting school immunization requirements by district, school, and grade, were programmed and pilot-tested in two school districts.
- Providers that vaccinate children can now run KIDSNET reports as part of the Office of Immunization's quality improvement program, AFIX. The reports, which include missed vaccination opportunities and incorporate immunities, comply with CDC guidance and can be uploaded to CDC.
- Online KIDSNET training was developed for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families as well as for audiologists. This self-guided training complements the in-person training available through the KIDSNET Provider Relations team.
- Developmental screening: Ages and Stages Questionnaire - Social Emotional 2nd edition (ASQ:SE-2) was added as a screening tool. Additional information is available by moving the mouse over informational icons, as well as using blue shading to identify developmental screenings completed through family visiting programs.
- Capacity for providers to update demographic information about their patients, including a "Not my Patient" option, was developed.
- An indicator was added to the immunization web page to identify when a child has met ninth grade immunization requirements.



May 9

National School Nurse Day

THANK YOU to our school nurses for helping keep Rhode Island's students healthy year-round!

Immunization Data Interfaces

- "Query/Response" capacity was developed. This allows electronic health records that are set up to do so, to query KIDSNET about the immunizations of an individual, and KIDSNET will send back an electronic response.
- KIDSNET established many new interfaces using the most current data standards (HL7 2.5) so that the majority of immunization data are now sent in electronically.

Upgrades to the Vaccine Enrollment and Ordering System

- Provider offices receive email notifications when a vaccine order is approved, declined, held, or shipped. Vaccine receiving procedures were simplified and new submission processes developed for temperature logs as part of vaccine ordering. OSMOSSIS and KIDSNET were linked to compare KIDSNET doses reported to those calculated from OSMOSSIS ordering.
- RIDOH (internal) accomplishments include automatic creation of replacement orders for deliveries received outside of acceptable temperatures, development of quick navigation links, and availability of a portal for immunization staff to view the provider order history.

Lifelong Immunization Registry

- In partnership with the Office of Immunization, KIDSNET proposed legislative changes to expand the immunization registry component of KIDSNET to include all ages in the Rhode Island Child and Adult Immunization Registry (RICAIR).
- Received Medicaid match dollars to offset costs of lifelong immunization registry development and kicked off planning and requirements specifications.

2018-2019 SSV PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Rhode Island State-Supplied Vaccine (SSV) Program for 2018-2019 will open on **June 1, 2018**. Before enrollment/re-enrollment opens, please be sure to update this past year's flu doses administered reporting so that your practice's flu vaccine allotment for next year will accurately reflect usage. Also, please update the providers associated with your practice.

If you have any questions about the flu doses administered reporting process or the upcoming enrollment, please contact the Immunization Representative listed in the header of your SSV Practice Menu screen. Continue to check email messages and electronic newsletters from RIDOH to keep abreast of changes and updates concerning SSV.



"I know this seems tedious and out of date, but it's just how we've always done it."

Source: Scientific Technologies Corporation, 2018