

# Central District Health Department



## Immunizations

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## THE SHOT LINE

### FOCUS ON IMMUNIZATIONS: CRITICAL ISSUES

Merck's recent voluntary recall of ten lots of PedvaxHIB and two lots of COMVAX vaccine has forced the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) to provide ActHIB (monovalent Hib vaccine) as an alternative HIB vaccine. ActHIB is a lyophilized vaccine manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur. ActHIB is different from PedvaxHIB and COMVAX in that it requires reconstitution with a 0.4% sodium chloride diluent. Each box of ActHIB contains 5 single dose vials of vaccine, and 5 single dose vials of 0.4% sodium chloride diluent \*.

**\* ActHIB (monovalent Hib vaccine) should not be confused with TriHIBit vaccine**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued the following interim recommendations:

#### Critical Notice

The basic interim recommendations are as follows:

- Defer administering the routine Hib vaccine booster administered at age 12-15 months except for specified high-risk groups.
- Certain children at increased risk for Hib disease, including children with asplenia, sickle cell disease, human immunodeficiency virus infection, and certain other immunodeficiency syndromes, and malignant neoplasms should continue to receive the full routinely recommended schedule including the 12-15 month booster dose.
- AI/AN children should also continue to receive the full routinely recommended schedule including the 12-15 month booster dose. Providers who currently use PRP-OMP-containing Hib vaccines (PedvaxHib and Comvax) to serve predominantly AI/AN children in AI/AN communities should continue to use only PRP-OMP-containing Hib vaccines
- **Providers will need to order ActHIB on a monthly basis until there is enough supply to build an inventory. If your clinic does not receive an adequate Hib supply please contact the IIP at (208) 334-5931 or 800-554-2922**

#### Primary series of PedvaxHib consist of doses 1 and 2 Primary series of ActHIB consists of doses 1,2, and 3

Children On Schedule	INTERIM Hib SCHEDULE			
	2 Months	4 Months	6 Months	12-15 Months
Non High Risk	Pedvax Hib #1	Pedvax Hib #2	N/A	PedvaxHib Defer #3 Dose
Non High Risk	Pedvax Hib #1	ActHIB #2	ActHIB #3	ActHIB Defer Dose #4
Non High Risk	ActHIB #1	ActHIB #2	ActHIB #3	ActHIB Defer Dose #4
Non High Risk	2 doses of PedvaxHib completes the primary series of Hib defer the 3rd dose until adequate supply is available.			
Non High Risk	3 doses of ActHIB complete the primary series of Hib defer the 4th dose until adequate supply is available.			
CHILDREN NOT ON SCHEDULE				
Non High Risk	Administer age appropriate doses to complete the primary series			
High Risk	Administer age appropriate primary series and booster doses			
HIGH RISK ON SCHEDULE				
High Risk	Administer age appropriate primary series and booster doses			

For further details please see: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm56d1219a1.htm>



## Whom To Contact:

For medical questions about vaccines for children (VFC) (schedules, updates, vaccine storage and handling, etc. please contact:

**Cathy Deckys, RN**  
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For user support & training of IRIS; how IRIS can benefit your clinic practice or daycare; or to schedule a demonstration of IRIS, please contact:

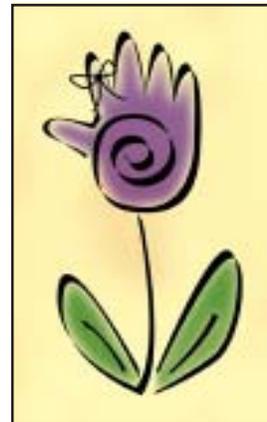
**Leanna Davis**  
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For general immunization / registry questions or concerns, please contact:

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## IRIS News

Idaho's Immunization Reminder System (IRIS), is a free, secure and confidential statewide immunization tracking system designed to help parents, healthcare providers, school nurses, and child care providers keep track of children's immunization records. The computerized system will contain up-to-date information about a child's immunization history. This information will be accessible only to physicians, health districts, schools or child care providers. By using IRIS, you will be able to check what immunizations are needed and at what age.



### Additional benefits of IRIS are:

- Free training
- Quick access to records
- All ages can be enrolled
- Automatically forecasts immunizations according to the ACIP schedule
- View records of children who may have moved into your school or daycare from other parts of the state or in some cases other states
- Aid in enrolling or registering children for school or daycare

**Reminder!** CDHD is offering quarterly trainings on the various tools of IRIS. The first specialized training, "Accountability" will be held Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the computer training lab at Central District Health Department. For additional information or to register for the class please call Leanna Davis, IRIS Provider Liaison at 208-327-8548.

For general questions, technical issues, or to schedule a specific training, please call Leanna Davis, IRIS Provider Liaison at 327-8548 (office) or 869-9118 (cell).

## Got Immunization Questions?

### Call the Shot Line at 321-BABY

Call **321-BABY** to get quick, accurate answers to all your immunization questions! This service provides physicians, nursing personnel, childcare providers, and school nurses a direct line to an immunization nurse who will provide immediate answers to immunization questions (i.e. scheduling, timing, storage and handling, vaccine errors, etc.)



You can access this line by dialing **321-BABY (321-2229)**. This line will be answered during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the Shot Line will not be answered on state holidays.

## Workshops & Trainings for District 4 Childcare Providers

Child care providers in the Central District Health Department - Health District 4 (Ada, Boise, Elmore and Valley) can take advantage of the following **FREE** workshops. All classes are held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Central District Health Department, 707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, Idaho 83704. For class registration, please call 327-7499.

### Upcoming Class Dates

*Asthma and Allergy Essentials for Child Care Providers* - March 13, 2008

*SIDS - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome* - April 9, 2008

*Immunization Review* - April 23, 2008

*Understanding Common Behavior Problems* - May 8, 2008

*Playing It Safe This Summer* - May 20, 2008

*Second Hand Smoke / Asthma* - May 21, 2008

*Policies and Procedures* - June 4, 2008

*Autism Spectrum Disorders* - June 19, 2008



For more information on these classes go to: <http://cdhd.idaho.gov/EH/childcare/training.htm>

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### New Subscription Service Delivers Health Information to Your E-mail Box

Are you interested in the latest information on nutrition, product recalls or health department news? Just go to the Central District Health Department (CDHD) website – [www.cdhd.idaho.gov](http://www.cdhd.idaho.gov) - where you will have the opportunity to subscribe to a new digital subscription service. The service allows website visitors to subscribe to topics of interest and receive instant, automated email or wireless notification whenever CDHD posts new information.

Signing up is free, easy, and risk-free. Visitors to [www.cdhd.idaho.gov](http://www.cdhd.idaho.gov) can click on the **“Receive CDHD email updates”** link to sign up and see what pages are available for subscription. The only information that’s required is an email address, and subscribers can change their subscription details or cancel the service at any time.

In addition to the digital subscription service, the entire CDHD website has recently been reorganized and updated to make finding information easier. The new website and subscription service will help to keep residents of the health district better informed about health issues important to them.

Visit [www.cdhd.idaho.gov](http://www.cdhd.idaho.gov) and see what’s new.



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## National Infant Immunization Week Celebration

Special clinics are being held in our Boise, McCall and Mountain Home offices.



### Boise office:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
All children ages 0 – 18  
By appointment only – call 327-7450

### Mountain Home office:

April 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
All children ages 0 – 18  
By appointment only – call 587-4407

### McCall office:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
All children ages 0 – 18  
By appointment only – call 630-8002

## CDC Vaccine Education

Due to the increasing costs of production, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has decided to no longer offer a live viewing of the 4-part Vaccine-Preventable Disease broadcasts (VPD). Instead, they will make the VPD's available by CD/DVD or web. In an effort to continue educational opportunities, CDHD will be offering the VPDs for viewing at a later date (TBD once the DVDs are available from the CDC.)

