

Central District Health Department



Immunizations

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Newsletter Gets New Name

The Registry Report is no more. Starting with this issue the Immunization newsletter will be called **The Shot Line** to reflect the broader mission of the Office of Immunizations at Central District Health.



THE SHOT LINE

UPCOMING EVENTS

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "The goal of NIAM is to increase awareness about immunizations across the lifespan, from infants to the elderly".

This year's campaign is focused around the theme, "**Are You Up to Date? Vaccinate!**" The campaign is slated to remind people of all ages of the importance of immunizations. August is the perfect time to remind family, friends, co-workers, and those in the community to catch up on their vaccinations. Parents are enrolling their children in school, students are entering college, and health care workers are preparing for the upcoming flu season.

Immunization Update 2005 - Satellite Broadcast July 28, 2005

This live satellite broadcast and webcast will provide up-to-date information on the rapidly changing field of immunizations. Anticipated topics include new recommendations for influenza vaccine and an update of the influenza vaccine supply, meningococcal conjugate vaccine, acellular pertussis vaccine for adolescents, and revised varicella vaccine recommendations. The 2.5-hour broadcast will begin at 10 a.m. MDT and can be seen at the Central District Health Department's Armstrong Office or by webcast. For more information call Teresa Phillips, Medical Provider Liaison, 327-8518, or visit our website at www.CDHD.idaho.gov. Information about the webcast and additional course information is provided on the CDC public health training network at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/immup2005/default.asp>.

Did You Know???



You can now document exemptions in IRIS? If a patient does not get a vaccination due to an exemption, you can document this by going to the bottom of the vaccination view/add screen and clicking on the red exemptions button. This will take you through the steps of documenting an exemption. After doing this, at the top of the vaccinations view/add screen a red box will appear that says "exemptions" to notify any one looking at the record of them. When you notice a record has an exemption, you can click on the exemptions button and it will explain what vaccinations are exempt.

Whom To Contact:

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

Teresa Phillips, LPN
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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:

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

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Focus On Immunizations



School and childcare entrance requirements for immunizations were changed during the past legislative session. Children entering school or childcare need additional doses of vaccine to meet the required vaccination status. For detailed information about these laws, see these documents for a guide to school and childcare immunization requirements:

<https://iris.idhw.state.id.us/irisweb/pdf/GuideSchImmLaw.pdf>
<https://iris.idhw.state.id.us/irisweb/pdf/GuideChildCareLaw.pdf>

Teresa's Corner

SHOT LINE is Active! Call 321-BABY

Teresa
Phillips



Central District Health Department (CDHD) announces the implementation of the **SHOT LINE**. This is a culmination of efforts between BSU nursing leadership students and their preceptor, Teresa Phillips, CDHD Medical Provider Liaison. 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)**. The line will be answered during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, the SHOT LINE will be available on the second Tuesday of every month to provide support for evening G.I.F.T. (Get Immunized Free on Tuesday) clinics in our community. Please forward any comments regarding the SHOT LINE to Teresa Phillips at Central District Health Department, 327-8518, or by e-mail, tphillip@cdhd.idaho.gov, or call the SHOT LINE at 321-BABY.

Proper Use of Pediarix

Pediarix (DTaP/Hep-B/IPV) was licensed in 2002 and has made immunizations a happier experience for nurses and children. However, as with most new vaccines, we have a learning curve to use Pediarix appropriately. Pediarix can be used for the primary series for infants at 2,4, and 6 months of age. It should not be used for:

- Infants younger than 6 weeks of age
- Booster doses after the primary series
- Children 7 years of age or older.

As most infants receive a birth dose of Hep-B, use of Pediarix at 2,4, and 6 months of age results in the child's receiving four doses of Hep-B. This provides one additional dose of Hep B, but this practice is approved by the ACIP, AAP, and AAFP.

Pediarix & IRIS

For those of you who are using IRIS you will notice an "X" next to the second dose of Pediarix in children who received a birth dose of Hep-B. This is happening because the Hep-B component in the second dose of Pediarix is not following the minimum interval schedule (3rd dose of Hep-B should not be given earlier than 24 weeks of age). Don't be alarmed! The problem is automatically corrected when you administer the 3rd dose of Pediarix at 6 months of age. Parents and/or childcare providers may question the "X" and, hopefully, this knowledge will assist you in answering their questions.

Glenda's Corner - Last Time ☹️

Summer is finally here! We are pleased to be sending you more information on IRIS. There was an upgrade at the end of March and that means IRIS is even better! To view the changes from the last upgrade you can click on the link "IRIS March 2.9.5 Upgrade Changes" from the IRIS Main Web Page. This will list and describe all of the changes.



Glenda Call

Also, please take a moment and review the information on the IRIS Main Web Page. Pay particular attention to "Announcements". This section keeps everyone informed of changes, upgrades, etc. Another feature on the IRIS Main Web is the ability to print the add/edit instructions.

On a personal note, I would like to announce that I am leaving Central District Health Department on July 1, 2005 to spend more time with my family. It has been a passion and a pleasure to help in establishing an effective immunization registry and I appreciate all of the provider relationships that I have gained during the past few years in my role as registry provider liaison.

Thanks for the memories!
Glenda

Coming Soon 😊 - Leanna's Corner



Leanna Davis

You may not recognize her face, but Leanna Davis has long worked with Glenda, "behind the scenes", to ensure IRIS data integrity. Leanna is a technical records specialist in the CDHD Immunization Department. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist with your data and technical needs. Please call Leanna for passwords, data concerns, technical assistance, or any other IRIS questions. Leanna will continue to work closely with Teresa Phillips, Medical Provider Liaison, to serve all your immunization and IRIS needs. Leanna can be reached at Central District Health Department, 869-9118 or by email at Ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov.

IRIS Frequently Asked Questions...and Answers:

Q: Why am I sometimes prompted to change my IRIS password?

A: This is to ensure the security in IRIS. You will be prompted to change your password every 180 days. Please do not use the feature on your computer to automatically remember your password, as when you are prompted to change it, it will be harder to remember. Be sure to keep your password in a secure location so you can easily locate it, if needed.

Q: We have new staff members in our clinic now. Is it possible to have someone come out and train them?

A: Yes, we are happy to train any new staff members you have! Please call to schedule training date and time.

Q: If someone new comes to work at our clinic, can we just share our password with them?

A: No, please don't. Sharing passwords jeopardizes IRIS security. Please call Leanna at 869-9118 to have a new password issued.

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IRIS Frequently Asked Questions...and Answers:

Q: How do I see the forecasting in IRIS?

A: You can now see the forecast schedule at the bottom of the vaccination view/add screen.

Q: If I make a data entry mistake in IRIS while entering in a vaccine, can I edit it or do I have to delete it?

A: If you enter in the wrong date or wrong immunization, you need to click on the date, then choose the “delete” button at the bottom of the screen. Another screen will come up making sure you want to delete that vaccination. Go ahead and choose “delete” again. The vaccination will no longer appear on the record and you can go ahead with your data entry.

KUDOS....

Glenda Call, Registry Liaison, is leaving Central District Health Department after many years of dedicated service in immunizations. Glenda has been an advocate and friend to many providers in Ada, Boise, Elmore, and Valley counties.

Best wishes, Glenda!