Immunization Digests

**Our Mission:** To promote prevention and control of vaccine-preventable diseases among children, adolescents, and adults in West Virginia.

“LIFE OR DEATH for a young child too often depends on whether he is born in a country where VACCINES are available or not” ~ Nelson Mandela

**Vaccines for Children (VFC)**

VFC visits for compliance, storage and handling, IQIP and COVID-19 are in full swing. Across WV we have eight Quality Assurance Specialists conducting visits. The visits will assist providers to get back on track with VFC compliance. Numerous topics will be discussed, and educational information will be provided.

A few trends found during visits:

- Ensure your Digital Data Loggers are up to date and a current Certificate of Calibration is on hand.
- Each staff member administering vaccines are required to have CDC training certificates. These certificates are listed in the Provider Packet that is sent when a visit is scheduled.
- Standing Orders for all vaccines on hand should be in your Vaccine Management Plan. All staff administering vaccines are required to read, initial each page and sign the last page of each Standing Order.

**West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIIS)**

- Read the important information on the WVSIIIS login and homepage.
- Review the helpful links “Useful Tools and Valuable Links”
- Be sure to accept or add your inventory into SIIS to ensure your facilities inventory is accounted for.

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**Reminders and Important Dates:**

- DON’T FORGET FLU SHOTS!
- Email or fax Temperature Logs to Christopher Young and Sandra Wright by the 5th of each month.
  - Christopher.d.young@wv.gov
  - Sandra.wright@wv.gov
  - Fax: 304-957-7591
- Look for the newest Health Alert for information regarding the updated COVID-19 vaccines.

**COVID-19**

**Featured:** Percentage by age that have received at least one vaccine dose.

* Covid vaccination statistics by county can be found here:

https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.asp

**Reflection:** What are you doing to increase vaccination rates in your county?

**Employee Spotlight**

Alesha Nelson is an HHR Specialist and Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Alesha graduated from Garnett Nursing School in 2011 as an LPN. Alesha has been in the Zoom Room for over a year and has played a key role with VAMS, the SIIS transition and any other task she is asked to complete. She lives in Clendenin with her husband of 17 years and 3 children. Alesha enjoys playing scrabble with her family and listening to her son play guitar.

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