

Immunizations

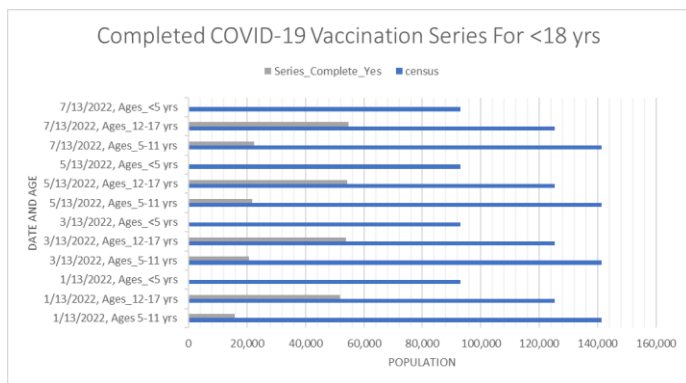
Our Mission: The mission of the Division of Immunization Services (DIS) is to promote prevention and control of vaccine-preventable diseases among children, adolescents, and adults in West Virginia.

Immunizations Information

- Be sure to accept or remove vaccine orders and enter ALL administered vaccines.
- Back to School vaccination reminders for parents/guardians should be initiated. If you would like help, reach out to one of the below contacts:
 - West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS) Reminder/Recall: Carolyn Smith, carolyn.j.smith@wv.gov
 - Ordering Vaccines: Jeff Neccuzzi, jeffrey.j.neccuzzi@wv.gov
- The Vaccines for Children Quality Assurance team will be contacting facilities to initiate the Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP) visits.
- A big **THANK YOU** to **Kathleen Napier** (Cabell-Huntington Health Department) and **Meagan Payne** (Marion County Health Department) for assisting DIS with training and enhancements!

COVID-19

Featured: Visual comparison of the population of West Virginia under 18 years with a completed series of COVID-19 vaccines.



*Note: Above values do not include unknown ages of the population.

Source: [COVID-19 Vaccination Age and Sex Trends in the United States, National and Jurisdictional | Data | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/brb/2021/COVID-19-Vaccination-Age-and-Sex-Trends-in-the-United-States-National-and-Jurisdictional-Data-2021.pdf)

Useful COVID-19 Tools and Updates:

- COVID-19 Current Health Alerts: oeps.wv.gov/healthalerts/Documents/WV/WVHAN_200.pdf
- COVID-19 Due Date Calendar: dhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx

Just Bobbin' Along

In the new fiscal year, you will start to see noticeable upgrades to the operating systems that drive WVSIS. Through a cooperative agreement with the CDC, DIS has been working for the last year to modernize the immunization database with partner STHealth. Coming soon, you will see changes to the landing page and functionality of the systems, with new modules to assist with vaccine ordering and inventory management. In addition to the overall upgrades and system improvements, DIS has also developed a new series of training modules to assist with not only learning the new systems, but also to train future staff on all the elements and features of WVSIS. The training modules will be located on a new learning management system, called WeVaX. WeVax will provide 24-hour access to all documentation, training material, user manuals, and communications between the DIS team and the medical staff of West Virginia. DIS appreciates its partnership with the CDC and STHealth in rolling out this \$2 million upgrade.

Please be patient over these next several weeks. DIS staff hope you can see and appreciate efforts taken on your behalf. Feel free to share your feedback at any time with Bob Wines, Director - DIS, robert.l.wines@wv.gov.

To ensure the transition runs smoothly:

- All staff members should be current and have a WVSIS login ID, password, and current email address.
- Deactivate staff members no longer in your facility.
- Update the vaccine coordinator and back up vaccine coordinator.
- Check if your vaccine inventory is current.
- Take the time to update the users and inventory in your facility or reach out to the WVSIS team for assistance.

Employee Spotlight



This month's employee spotlight is Kristen Thompson. Kristen joined DIS in October 2021 as an onboarding Specialist for WVSIS. She trains healthcare providers with the utilization of the wide spectrum of WVSIS functionality. Kristen graduated from Marshall University with a Master of Science in 2007 and currently lives in Lincoln County, WV with her husband and two sons. She enjoys reading, traveling, and watching her sons play soccer and basketball.

