# **Immunization Digest**

### Immunizations

<u>**Our Mission**</u>: The mission of the Division of Immunization Services (DIS), located within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, is to promote prevention and control of vaccine-preventable diseases among children, adolescents, and adults in West Virginia.



#### Immunizations Information

- Be sure to accept vaccine orders and enter ALL administered vaccines into the West Virginia Statewide Immunization Information System (WVSIIS).
- Removing users who are no longer assisting in your facility helps maintain public health information for your patients. Contact the WVSIIS team to remove users:
  - Carolyn Smith, <u>carolyn.j.smith@wv.gov</u>
  - Becky Pierson, <u>becky.l.pierson@wv.gov</u>
  - Kristen Thompson, <u>kristen.l.thompson@wv.gov</u>
- Facilities using electronic health records and transferring information to WVSIIS should verify information is transferred correctly. Incorrect information will not display in WVSIIS.
- If a log-in was requested and not received within 72 hours, contact the WVSIIS team at <u>wvsiisforms@wv.gov</u>. DO NOT use anyone else's login information for WVSIIS.
- The WVSIIS homepage has helpful resources.
- The Vaccines For Children (VFC) Quality Assurance team has been working hard to complete overdue and current VFC and COVID-19 visits.
- In the upcoming year, the VFC compliance team will focus on the following educational visits: Vaccine Compliance, COVID-19, Storage and Handling, and Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP).
- Use the Run Reminder/Recall function in WVSIIS to send information to parents/guardians for vaccination reminders for Back-to-School. You can find a "Run Reminder/Recall Training Video" on our website: <u>oeps.wv.gov/immunizations</u>.

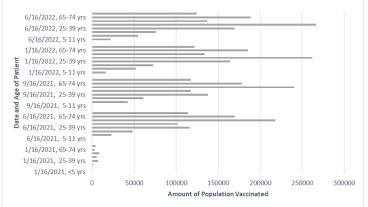
Congratulations to Jeffrey Neccuzi for earning the West Virginia Immunization Network's Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you for your years of service to DIS!



## COVID-19

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

# Amount of WV Population With A Complete COVID-19 Series To Date



#### Disclaimer: Above values do not include unknown ages of the population.

Source: data.cdc.gov/Vaccinations/COVID-19-Vaccination-Age-and-Sex-Trends-in-the-Uni/5i5k-6cmh

#### Useful COVID-19 Tools and Updates:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 6 months to 5 years: oeps.wv.gov/healthalerts/Documents/WV/WVHAN 199.pdf
- Current COVID-19 Daily Cases and 7-Day Averages: coronavirus.wv.gov
- COVID-19 Due Date Calendar: <u>dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx</u>



# **Employee Spotlight**

This month's employee spotlight is Christopher Young. Christopher is the assistant Vaccine Coordinator for the VFC Program with DIS. He started with DIS in October 2020 and is becoming well known when it comes to vaccine ordering, receiving, approving, and facility enrollments. He graduated from West Virginia State University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a bachelor's degree in International Studies with a minor in German. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking,

gardening, and catching up on television shows and videogames. He also enjoys traveling to new cities and countries as often as possible.

For more immunization information, visit oeps.wv.gov/immunizations.

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