

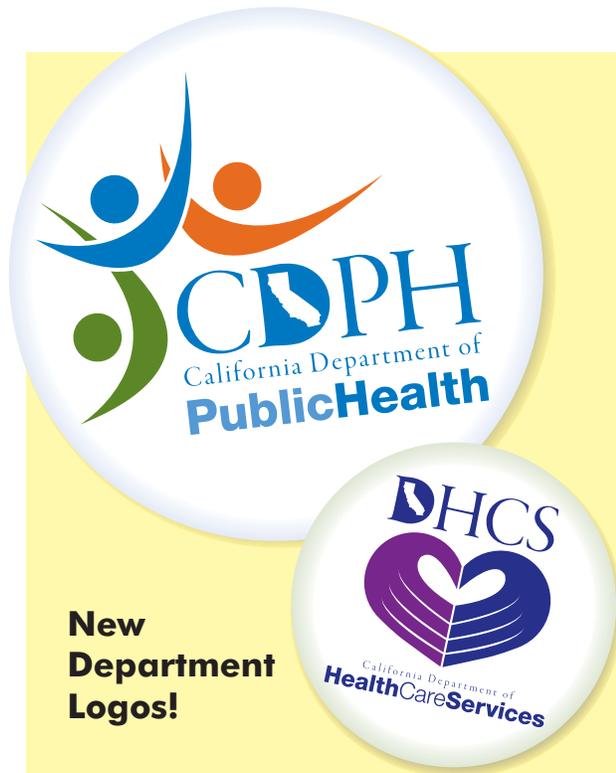
immunization update

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To: Health Officers
Immunization Program Coordinators
Communicable Disease Control Officers

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The Immunization Branch's UPDATE memorandum is mailed every other month to California's Immunization Coordinators and Health Officers to share the latest news in vaccines and immunization programs.



CDPH: A Big Step for California Public Health

As of July 2007, the Immunization Branch is now part of the newly formed California Department of Public Health (CDPH). This transition was celebrated with fanfare at an event in Sacramento on June 28 where newly designated CDPH Director, Mark Horton, MD, MSPH, recognized the Immunization Branch and other programs for their many contributions to the health of all Californians. A special guest appearance by the IZ Branch mascot Izzy Bear brought smiles to all.

Accolades go to the Branch's own Eric Lindsey, graphic artist extraordinaire, for creating both the much-lauded CDPH logo and the logo for the California Department of Health Care Services (CDHCS), winning out over hundreds of entries submitted in a DHS-wide contest. "We had a lot of participation. And now we will follow the mandate from the voters," Dr. Horton remarked, supporting the new design by saying, "We are just thrilled about this home grown contribution."

From this point forward, you will see our new Department name and logo on all new materials coming from the Branch. (Old materials will be updated as supplies are re-stocked.)

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A new look for UPDATE!

Dear Reader, IZ UPDATE has a new look this month! It's been streamlined. Much of the information formerly presented as articles has been condensed into tables, or replaced with a URL link to more detailed information you can find online.

Our goal is to make the IZ Update better meet your needs. Look for even more changes in the future. If you have any comments or questions about IZ UPDATE, please feel free to email feedback to Mey.Phu@cdph.ca.gov by August 31st. Thank you!

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The department's website is also in transition. The new CDPH home page can now be found at www.cdph.ca.gov. However, you can still find the Immunization Branch home page at www.GetImmunizedCa.org; this domain name is not expected to change. During the coming weeks and months, URLs for individual pages of the Immunization Branch site will change and your "bookmarks" or favorite links may need to be updated. We will keep you posted as the full transition to the new site takes place. Lastly, please take note that email addresses for CDPH staff have now changed to Firstname.Lastname@cdph.ca.gov (although old email addresses will continue to work for the next six months).

We're looking forward to taking our first steps into a bright future as the California Department of Public Health!

NEW BRANCH STAFF

The Branch Is Pleased to Welcome the Following New Staff!

Kathleen Harriman, Ph.D, MPH, RN, has joined the Surveillance, Investigations, Research and Evaluation (SIRE) Section, as Chief. Kathleen worked recently with the Branch's BT Section. Prior to that, she was Epidemiology Supervisor in the Infection Control and Antimicrobial Resistance Unit, Acute Disease Investigation and Control Section in the Minnesota Department of Health, where she provided technical expertise in the areas of infection control and epidemiologic and outbreak investigation. Other previous positions include Consultant to the World Health Organization (Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response), Epidemiologist, and Infection Control Practitioner. Dr. Harriman has an M.P.H. in Epidemiology, a Ph.D. in Environmental Health (Infectious Disease), and is a Registered Nurse.

Tara Stockton, MPH, is now a VFC Health Facilities Evaluator for the Southern California Area. Tara previously worked as a Preventative Medicine Technician for the U.S. Army and as an environmental health specialist in a county health department.

Pati Cantu has joined our Fresno Field Office as Health Facility Evaluator in the Central Valley Region. Her last position was Immunization Program Coordinator for the Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Inc. where she was responsible for the Immunization Program's 16 clinics. Pati's expertise includes vaccine storage and handling, vaccine management, staff education, conducting Quality Assurance Visits (QARs), and chart audits.

Lakshmi Kota is the new Research Analyst with the Field Services Section. Her duties will include working with the VFC Quality Assurance Report database and Co-CASA data. She comes to the Branch with extensive experience in research design and data analysis, management, and mining. Lakshmi received her Master's in Sociology from Osmania University, Hyderabad, India and her Ph.D in Women's Studies from the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

NEWS BRIEFS

Get Ready for Flu Season—Order Materials Now!

Keep abreast of this season's flu vaccine supply. The FDA updates this information weekly at www.fda.gov/cber/flu/flu2007.htm. New flu season materials for 2007 are now in stock, including flyers for childcare workers, parents, and health care workers, as well as some old favorites like pencils (available in both English and Spanish) promoting flu shots for people over 50. Print materials are available for download at www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/diseasesbrowse/flu.htm. You can also go to www.GetImmunizedCa.org, click "browse by disease," then click "influenza."

IZ Coordinators should refer to the suite of materials flyer for 2007-08 flu season, sent out previously. Health care providers and coalitions should order updated flu vaccination print materials from their local health department. For more information on the 2007-08 flu campaign, contact Rebeca Boyte at Rebeca.Boyte@cdph.ca.gov.

Flu Vaccine Information Statements Ready

Vaccine information statements (VIS) for 2007-08 live and inactivated flu are now available online at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm. Translations into other languages will soon be posted at www.immunize.org. A sample of a new VIS is enclosed in this UPDATE; electronic versions of both statements can also be downloaded from our Immunization Branch website at www.GetImmunizedCa.org.

New Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine Recommendation From ACIP

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met June 27-28, 2007 in Atlanta, GA and voted for several new vaccine recommendations,

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including all persons 11 through 18 years-old should be vaccinated against meningococcal disease. This replaces the previous ACIP recommendation for routine vaccination with MCV4 of children at 11 through 12 years of age, adolescents before high school entry (approximately 15 years of age), and other people at increased risk (such as college freshmen living in dorms).

Immunization Coordinators to Distribute Childcare Assessment Materials

The Immunization Branch sent childcare assessment materials to Immunization Coordinators in July. Local health departments (LHDs) are responsible for distributing these materials to childcare centers during August. Childcare centers are responsible for submitting their report forms to their LHD by October 15.

The Immunization Branch is sending the kindergarten assessment materials directly to schools during July and August. Schools with kindergartens should submit their report forms to the Immunization Branch by October 15.

Preteen Vaccine Week Campaign Materials Ready. Order Soon!

Mark your calendars for January 20-26, 2008 to celebrate the next Preteen Vaccine Week (PVW). Hard copies of the campaign planning kit are enclosed in  Coordinator UPDATES along with a fax-back form for

ordering materials. Local health departments are encouraged to order materials by September to receive supplies in October. An electronic version of the kit can be downloaded from the IZ Coordinator website and at www.GetImmunizedCA.org.

DISEASE ACTIVITY AND SURVEILLANCE

Vaccine Preventable Diseases

Table 1, below, shows provisional data for vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) in California for January to June 2007. For more Branch surveillance data, go to www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/providers/surveillance.htm. For detailed surveillance data by jurisdiction, contact Rina Shaikh at Rina.Shaikh@cdph.ca.gov

School Assessment Data

The 2007 Selective Review results are here. The Selective Review is conducted in kindergarten and seventh grade schools each spring to evaluate the compliance of immunization requirements and to gather feedback from schools. A detailed summary with data tables for both kindergarten and seventh grade is available at www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/shared/levels.htm.

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Table 1: Reported Cases with Onset in 2007 (by Age Group) and Incidence of Selected Vaccine Preventable Diseases California, 2007 (Provisional - as of 2/28/2007)

Disease	Age Groups				All Ages	
	0-4yrs	5-17yrs	18+yrs	Unknown	Cases	Rate ¹
Congenital Rubella Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
<i>H. influenzae</i> , type B (Hib) ²	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Hepatitis A	5	23	205	0	233	1.24
Hepatitis B	0	1	121	3	125	0.67
Measles ³	0	0	1	0	1	0.01
Meningococcal Disease	24	17	65	0	106	0.57
Mumps ³	0	0	3	0	3	0.02
Polio	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pertussis	61	44	72	2	179	0.96
Rubella ³	0	0	1	0	1	0.01
Tetanus	0	0	1	0	1	0.01

1. Annualized incidence Rate = cases/100,000 population. Population estimates source: California Department of Finance projections based on the 2000 Census

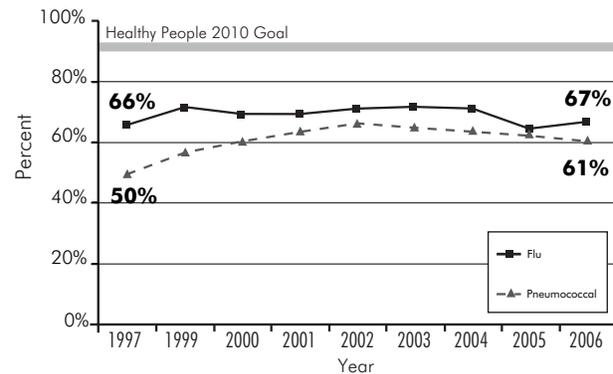
2. *H. influenzae* is reportable only for cases \leq 30 years of age

3. Confirmed cases only

Erratum Note: Flu and Pneumococcal Immunization Coverage

The data labels on the Flu and pneumococcal immunization coverage in 65+ population—California, 1997-2006 table in the June IZ UPDATE were incorrect. See corrected table on the right. For more information, contact Nisha Gandhi at Nisha.Gandhi@cdph.ca.gov.

Flu and Pneumococcal Immunization Coverage in 65+ Population—California, 1997-2006



Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 1997-2006

UPCOMING CAMPAIGNS, EVENTS, AND OBSERVANCES

Date/location	Campaign, event, observance	Partners/sponsor	Website/contact info
August 2007	National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)	CDC, NIP, National Partnership for Immunization (NPI)	www.cdc.gov/Nip/events/niam
Sept. 23-29	National Adult Immunization Awareness Week	California Adult Immunization Coalition CAIC	www.immunizecaadults.org
Oct.1	World Hepatitis Awareness Day	World Health Organization	www.worldhepatitisawarenessday.com
Oct. 13-21	Binational Health Week	UC Office of the President	www.ucop.edu/cmhi/binational.shtml or Rebeca.Boyte@cdph.ca.gov
Oct.15-19	National Medical Assistants Week (NMAW)	American Medical Technologists	www.amt1.com American Medical Technologists at (847) 823-5169 or mail@amt1.com
Nov. 3-7 Washington DC	American Public Health Association's (APHA) 135th annual meeting	APHA	www.apha.org/meetings
Dec. 2-8	Handwashing Awareness Week	Henry the Hand Foundation	www.henrythehand.com
Jan. 20-26, 2008	Preteen Vaccine Week (PVW)	Campaign kit available on IZ Branch website	www.GetImmunizedCA.org or Rebeca.Boyte@cdph.ca.gov

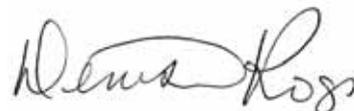
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TRAINING AND EDUCATION RESOURCES

Date	Resource	Type of resource/content	How to obtain/ contact info	Other
Aug. 10 until cancelled	CDC's 2007 "Immunization Update"	Archived webcast of Aug. 9 broadcast	www2.cdc.gov/ phtn/webcast/epv07/	CEUs available
Sept. 4, noon 1:00pm	California Coalition for Childhood Immunization (C3I) Education Hour	Conference call Meningococcal Disease: Awareness, Action, and Prevention	Catherine Martin of C3I at cmartin@community council.org or the C3I website at www.immunizeca.org	
Nov. 14-16 (Orange County Doubletree Hotel)	Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine- preventable Diseases	CDC's two-day course info for providers with latest immunization info for providers	Akon.Walker@ cdph.ca.gov, (510) 620-3739	1.4 CEUs
Available now	2008 Preteen Vaccine Week Campaign Kit	Campaign Kit Includes fax-back order form for materials	Electronic version available on lz coordinator website and www.getimmunizedca.org	
Available now	Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for Schools	DVD/CD multimedia training program; includes video program, tabletop exercise and all needed support materials (Facilitator Guides); additional related tools resources online at www.ReadyCaSchools.org	Contact Max Nichols at CDLHN at (619) 594-5933	There is no charge to destinations within California
Available now	Materials for 2007-8 flu season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video • PSA • Posters • More ... 	www.dhs.ca.gov/ ps/dcdc/izgroup/ shared/education/flu.htm	
Available now	Hand and respiratory hygiene educational materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jingles • Lesson plans • Signs • PSAs and more ... 	www.dhs.ca.gov/ ps/dcdc/izgroup/shared/ education/wyh.htm	
Available now	Flu Vaccine Information Statement(VIS)	Handout for patients being vaccinated	www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ pubs/vis/default.htm	Translations into other languages available soon at www.immunize.org



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