

### **Legislative / Policy Update:**

#### **Representative Robinson Immunization Policy Group:**

On June 2, 2016, we met with Representative June Robinson and other immunization stakeholders to give them an overview of the IIS School Module roll out and implementation plans. The update included current activities, next steps, funding information for the next three years, and the benefits of the technology enhancements planned for the IIS School Module. We also discussed the need to focus on work to increase accountability regarding immunization rates in child care centers and early learning environments.

Meetings with this group will happen quarterly. Attendees at the meeting include lobbyists and policy representatives from WCAAP, WSMA, local health, WithinReach, school nurses, community and migrant health centers, and pharmaceutical companies. The next meeting will likely be in September, when we'll share our current activities and follow up on action items from the previous meeting.

### **General Vaccine Supply:**

#### **Pentacel Shortage:**

We expect the national shortage of Pentacel vaccine to continue through December of 2016. We continue to meet provider and patient demand for vaccine with single component and alternate combination vaccines.

#### **Meningococcal B Uptake:**

We continue to see steady uptake of the vaccine. There is some increase as we enter the back-to-school peak for immunization. There is significant direct to consumer advertising that may drive uptake during this time. <http://tinyurl.com/GSKDirect2Consumer>

#### **HPV Vaccine Uptake:**

9vHPV vaccine ordering for 2016 is trending slightly above 2015. We are moving into the peak season for this vaccine, and we expect to distribute 33,000 doses in September. Off-peak distribution averages 13,000 doses per month. Merck Vaccines is conducting direct to consumer advertising at this time. <http://tinyurl.com/MerckDirect2Consumer>

### **Flu Vaccine Update:**

At the June ACIP meeting, ACIP voted to not recommend FluMist for the 2016 – 2017 flu season. The CDC followed the ACIP vote with a VFC resolution of the same nature. The national flu vaccine supply is very robust, and it is expected there will be ample supply to meet demand this season. Over the week following the ACIP decision, CDC successfully procured additional vaccine to replace the FluMist doses for the childhood vaccine program. Department of Health started messaging about the issue

immediately following the ACIP announcement. Within 11 business days, we had secured replacement products through a supplemental pre-book with CDC and began planning for a distribution strategy that would be the least disruptive to providers and health care organizations. The FluMist replacement vaccines include:

- FluMist Replacement Vaccines (230,000 doses)
  - 57,500 doses GSK Flulaval MDV – licensed for 3 and older
  - 172,500 doses of Sanofi-pasteur .5mL preservative free prefilled vaccine
- Overall, about 17% more vaccine than was ordered in the 2015 – 2016 season
- We will share specific details about product availability will be shared with stakeholders through our routine communication channels and located on our web-site.

We responded to the [ACIP LAIV recommendation](#) with updated FAQs on our web site for both the [public](#) and [providers](#).

### **IIS School Module:**

2016 Funding for IIS School Module and Validated Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS):

- Funding began 7/1/2016
- Hiring underway for two new positions with proposed start date 8/1/2016
- Finalizing planning for supporting a position at OSPI
- Reviewing WACs and RCWs to determine what, if any, changes are needed for success of School Module
- Testing in progress for new Validated CIS that will show if child is complete for required immunizations for school or child care entry

### **Immunization Rate Updates:**

#### **CDC Immunization Data Release Dates:**

CDC will release National Immunization Survey (NIS) results, vaccination coverage awards, and flu vaccine coverage reports this summer and fall. The preliminary schedule is:

August 26 MMWR

- NIS-Teen 2015 data and National Immunization Conference (NIC) Vaccination coverage awards

September 29 NFID press conference

- 2015-16 influenza vaccination coverage:
  - MMWR healthcare personnel
  - MMWR pregnant women
  - Online report general population

October 7 MMWRs

- NIS Childhood (19-35 mo.) 2015 data
- Kindergarten coverage and exemptions 2015-16 school year

December 5-9 National Influenza Vaccine Week

- Early 2016-17 season online reports (healthcare personnel, pregnant women, general population)

## **Training and Conference Opportunities**

### **National Immunization Conference 2016**

The CDC is hosting the 47<sup>th</sup> [National Immunization Conference](#) **September 13-15, 2016** at the Hilton Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. For questions, email [NIPNIC@cdc.gov](mailto:NIPNIC@cdc.gov).

### **Statewide Immunization Conference 2017**

The first Washington state immunization conference, hosted by [WithinReach and the Washington Immunization Action Coalition](#), will be held at SeaTac Conference Center on **April 26, 2017**. This one-day event will feature in-depth presentations on vaccine hesitancy, ways to access and use data to improve immunization rates, IIS school module, and more. Save the date, and watch for updates and registration information coming soon.

### **Adult Immunization:**

Using our input from stakeholders, our internal staff workgroup put together a plan for focusing our adult immunization efforts. We defined the program goals, identified priority vaccines, and determine supportive activities for a comprehensive adult immunization program. We've communicated with LHJs, tribal affiliated clinics, community clinics, hospitals, and past participants to reach uninsured and underinsured adults. We're offering limited amounts of six vaccines identified as priority vaccines:

- Pertussis – Tdap
- Hepatitis – Hep B and HepA/B
- Pneumococcal – PPSV23 and PCV13
- Shingles – Zostavax

Currently, we have requests from 157 providers for 37,335 doses of vaccine valued at \$2.1 million. We have an initial 317 DA vaccine budget of just over \$1 million. We will consult with the CDC regarding additional funding availability. In addition to providing vaccine, the Office is providing educational and information materials to participating providers.

### **Consumer Access to IIS Records**

MyIR, the consumer access portal to the IIS is currently being piloted, continues to grow. A MyIR ad campaign launched on March 21 in the Seattle metro area and ran through May 2016. The ad campaign highlighted this new registration option and also promoted MyIR to parents of kids starting kindergarten.

Since the pilot began in 2013, over 1100 consumers have signed up for MyIR accounts. These consumers have checked their own or their family's immunization records in MyIR over 17,000 times. **This means 17,000 fewer calls to healthcare providers** and our office because consumers have direct access to their immunization information.

### **HPV Grant Update:**

We continue to explore new collaboration opportunities. This spring we met with Group Health HPV fund awardees American Cancer Society and WithinReach and our DOH Comprehensive Cancer Program to discuss prospects for partnering through our organizations and the HPV Task Force (part

of the Immunization Action Coalition). We discovered potential synergy in our work with FQHCs that serve adolescents. In May, using Coordinated Care Health plan patient data, we mailed about 80,000 reminder/recall postcards to parents of 11-18 year olds for any HPV dose needed. We are talking to another health plan to get data for a final round of mailings. The HPV task force will meet quarterly in 2016. Task Force members continue to value the opportunity to both learn and network.