Chief Chat – The annual 2016 VFC enrollment process concluded on Monday, February 29, 2016, with nearly all providers re-enrolling. The KIP staff are finalizing the approvals on the last of the agreements at this time. We are pleased to announce that the Northwest Region, with Lorraine Baughman serving as the Regional Immunization Nurse Consultant, was the first to have 100% of all providers complete the process. As previously announced, each provider in that region will be entered into a drawing for 10 complementary registrations to the 2016 Kansas Immunization Conference. We will announce these winners next week. Thank you to all who worked to complete your enrollments in a timely manner, allowing for continuation of service as VFC providers.

Please remember that we are looking for you to present your best practices and experiences at the 2016 Kansas Immunization conference. With our theme, “Building a Community of Immunity,” we need our community of providers to be a part of the success. Please consider this opportunity and click here for the submission instructions and form. Remember that proposals are due by next Monday, March 7. Each presentation selected will receive a complementary registration to the conference. We look forward to hearing from you.

Phil Griffin - Deputy Director, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention

VFC Question of the Week-

Q: What updates have been made to the screening checklist for contraindications?

A: IAC updates "Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Children and Teens"
The Screening Checklist for Contraindications to Vaccines for Children and Teens had "1–3 months" changed to "In the past 3 months" as part of the explanation to question #9, and two references added. Additional small changes were made to page 2.

Contraindication questionnaire

Precautions and Contraindications

Local Kansas Hospital Joins Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll-

Congratulations to the Fredonia Regional Hospital in Fredonia, KS. Almost 600 organizations are now enrolled in IAC's Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll. The honor roll recognizes hospitals, medical practices, professional organizations, health departments, and government entities that have taken a stand for patient safety by implementing mandatory influenza vaccination policies for healthcare personnel.

DID YOU KNOW-Latex Allergy?

Latex is a product of the rubber tree. It is processed and used in various products, including some that come in contact with vaccines. Latex may be present in syringe plungers, vial stoppers, or in the tip caps on prefilled syringes. Some people develop sensitivity to latex, particularly if they have had significant cumulative latex exposure, such as from repeated surgeries early in life or employment in the healthcare industry. The most common type of latex sensitivity is contact-type allergy; however, on rare occasions, severe (anaphylactic) reactions occur. People with a history of anaphylactic reactions to latex should generally not be given vaccines that have been in contact with natural rubber or latex, either in the vial or in the syringe, unless the benefit of vaccination outweighs the risk of a potential allergic reaction. People with latex allergies that are not anaphylactic in nature may be vaccinated as usual.

Latex in Vaccine Packaging:
**Vaccine-Preventable Disease Outbreaks**

**Mumps – RILEY COUNTY:** KDHE and Riley County Health Department are investigating an outbreak of mumps. Currently three cases have been identified and linked to the outbreak (one resides in Johnson County), but this total is not reflected in this week’s case counts as Riley County is still finalizing an investigation. These three cases have close contact with one another and no documented transmission has been reported in the community. For updated case counts of infectious diseases reportable to Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Response, please visit the KDHE webpage at [http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/case_reports_by_county.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/case_reports_by_county.htm). Please note these numbers are preliminary and are subject to change based on case review. For any questions about reporting or for technical assistance please call the KDHE epidemiology hotline at 877-427-7317.

*Chelsea Raybern, MPH, Advanced Epidemiologist Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics*

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**CDC Immunization Update Webinar for 2016**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 16 - 11am to Noon Central Time

**Moderator:** Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, CDC, NCIRD

**Speakers and Topics:**

— **Update on 2016 Child/Adolescent Immunization Schedule** Candice L. Robinson, MD, MPH, Communications and Education Branch, Immunization Services Division, NCIRD, CDC

— **Update on 2016 Adult Immunization Schedule** David Kim, MD, Deputy Associate Director for Adult Immunization, Immunization Services Division, CDC

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**EPI UPDATE - Vaccine-Preventable Disease Surveillance Indicators**

Monthly reports are published on the completeness and quality of specific surveillance indicators for vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) in Kansas. These indicators are based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Manual for the Surveillance of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases. Progress towards these goals is reported to CDC. Data used for these reports are from cases reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Each month, the completeness of measured indicators, timeliness for case acceptance, and the percentage of investigations that are completed on time are calculated and distributed to local health departments through the Epi Updates Newsletter. Improvements and lagging areas are highlighted in each report and the goal is to reach 90% or higher completion on all VPD indicators. Numbers for the month of January can be found in the February 2016 edition of the Epi Updates Newsletter ([http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/epi_newsletter.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/epi_newsletter.htm)).

*Mychal Davis, MPH*

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**Influenza Surveillance-Continues to Increase Over Regional Baseline**

Increased influenza-like illness was reported by the Influenza-like Illness Network (ILINet) sites. Influenza-like illness is defined as a fever ($\geq 100$ degrees F) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. ILINet sites also submit up to two specimens for testing at the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL). During the week ending February 27th, ILINet sites reported 2.7% of visits were due to influenza-like illness. This is higher than our regional baseline of 1.7%. To date, KHEL has confirmed 31 positive influenza specimens, primarily A/H1, during the 2015-2016 season. Stay updated on influenza activity in Kansas at [www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm).

*Amie Worthington-KDHE Medical Investigator*

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**Influenza Vaccine Available**

Updates to the available doses will be posted weekly in the What’s Happening Wednesday newsletter. If you have questions regarding FluMist delays, how flu orders are filled, and availability, please refer to the 2015-2016 Seasonal Flu communication or contact Jackie Strecker at 877-296-0464 or vaccine@kdheks.gov.

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**2015-2016 PEDIATRIC SEASONAL FLU CHART - UPDATED 3/2/16**
The Aggregate Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ for Aggregate Users. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Aggregate Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/659870511102500354

Register now for the date that works best for you!

Direct Entry Inventory Training— Tuesdays at 1 p.m., First Friday at 12 p.m.

The Direct Entry Inventory Training occurs the first Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation (MIR submission) and Vaccine Ordering windows in KSWebIZ. Bring questions and examples of issues that your clinic is having with the end of the month reporting. Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Entry Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/4121654947304535298

Register now for the date that works best for you!

New User Training— Thursdays at 2 p.m., Second Friday at 12 p.m.

The New User Training occurs the second Friday of every month from 12 -1 p.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training on how to use KSWebIZ. We will be going over log-in, adding history, administering vaccinations, printing consents and pink cards. If you are a new user, have a new token, or recently had a token transferred to you please take the time to sit in on this training! Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1572841858584797442

Register now for the date that works best for you!

School Module Training- Third Friday at 12 p.m.

The School Module Training occurs the third Friday of every month from 9 - 10 a.m. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ school module users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training. Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ School Module Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/8422671756415350273

Register now for the date that works best for you!

Reports Training- Fourth Friday at 12 p.m.

The Reports Training occurs the fourth Friday of every month from 12 - 1 p.m. This training is for KSWebIZ users who are wanting to learn more about the KSWebIZ Reports. We will be going over the various reporting sections and how to generate reports within these sections. We hope you have time to sit in on this training! Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Register now for the date that works best for you! https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/568840407867357186

NOTE: There have been additional trainings scheduled during the week for New User Training, Direct Inventory Training and Aggregate Inventory Training. The new times can be found above and when you register and select a specific training time. If these times do not work with your schedule or you have additional training needs please reach out to the IIS trainer msims@kdheks.gov or 785-296-0687
### Vaccine Information Statements

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### Vaccine Redistribution

Please email any additions or changes to be made on the Vaccine Redistribution lists with subject matter “Redistribution” to vaccine@kdheks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vaccine_redistribution.htm

**REMINDEERS:** Providers may place the excess doses on the KIP Redistribution list if:

1. The vaccine has a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 365 days before the vaccine’s expiration date;
2. The ordering provider is responsible for any doses which expire on the redistribution list that have not been accepted for transfer to another VFC provider;
3. Providers accepting vaccine from the redistribution list are responsible for using the doses once they are transferred. KIP encourages providers to accept only doses they can administer before the expiration date;
4. The transferring and receiving provider will document these doses on their monthly MIR/reconciliation reports as transferred vaccines.
5. Once vaccine is transferred please contact KIP to let us know so we can adjust the redistribution list by either deleting the line or by reducing the amount of doses.
6. All vaccines must be in full boxes
7. The KIP nurse consultant who is on call must be contacted prior to transferring vaccine
8. Providers are responsible for keeping KIP notified if there is a change in amount of doses available for redistribution.
9. When placing an order, you may be contacted if the vaccine you are trying to order is on the redistribution list.
10. Varicella and Proquad, will not be posted on the VFC or Private Vaccine Redistribution List. Frozen Varivax vaccines are very intolerant to out of range temperatures. To prevent potential vaccine waste the Kansas immunization Program requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers. Questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.