VFC Consultant On-Call
The Consultant for April 21st through May 5th, 2018 is Brad Evans at (Brad.Evans@ks.gov) or by calling 785-296-5592

Chief Chat—We are pleased to see that over 25% of the Vaccines for Children providers have completed the annual enrollment process during the first week of open enrollment. All are encouraged to get this done ahead of the May 11th deadline. Each year we find providers who have waited until the last week run into difficulties because someone is out ill or a report has to be run by another department or some other challenge that adds stress to the provider. Please work ahead of the deadline so that you assure you are able to continue services to your children without interruption.

This week is National Infant Immunization Week. If you are holding special events or doing activities to raise awareness this week, we would love to see pictures or receive brief descriptions of your efforts. Please email those to kdhe.kansasimmunizationprogram@ks.gov so that we can share them in future issues of What’s Happening Wednesday. We often learn best from our colleagues and their experiences and successes.

We are excited to announce the Kansas 2018 Childhood Immunization Champion is Debbie Pennington. Debbie is the Clinical Program Coordinator at the Kansas University Medical Center Neonatal Medical Home. Under Debbie’s direction, the clinic has been able to achieve 100% immunization series rates for the 4.3.1:3.3:1:4. She regularly assesses her clinic’s immunization rates. The children that have not completed the vaccination series are known by name and education is provided to the parents at each visit. She encourages the clinic to maintain high standards of patient care, places a strong emphasis on vaccinations and educating parents to the importance of vaccination, and maintains a high standard of accountability for vaccine storage, handling, and administration.

The KU Neonatal Home feels that their commitment to the prematurely born infant doesn’t stop when they are discharged from the hospital but continues as they are followed in the clinic as well. The commitment of her department is a culture she has embraced having watched the results of thriving babies who were born with the struggles facing them at birth. Believing that they carry a mission beyond the acute neonatal environment has made a difference and her commitment to assuring every child is vaccinated provides encouragement to her and her staff.

The CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award, given jointly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation, honors individuals who are doing an exemplary job or going above and beyond to promote childhood immunizations in their communities. You can see more about Debbie and all the champion stories of all the 2018 Champions on the special awards page of the CDC website. We also look forward to honoring Debbie at the annual Kansas Immunization Conference awards luncheon.

Speaking of the 2018 Kansas Immunization Conference, registration is now open. Please visit our conference web page for links to the registration brochure, course descriptions and the online registration portal. Course descriptions can also be found on pages 5-8 of this issue of What’s Happening Wednesday. If you have questions about registration or any issues with registration, please contact the Area Health Education Centers at (620) 235-4040. We look forward to seeing you in Salina June 12 – 14, 2018.

Have a great week and thanks for all you do to immunize Kansans!

Phil Griffin, Deputy Director, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention
VFC Question of the Week–

Q: Often times, we find that parents are nervous about their infants or children receiving vaccines, especially new parents. We would like something simple that we can share, prior to vaccine visits, to help prepare parents for visits, especially parents of infants receiving their first immunizations.

A: It is only natural that parents feel nervous or have questions regarding immunizations and immunization visits. Parents may even feel unsure of the role they play during immunization visits. Offering education on what to expect and ways they can support their children during immunization visits is important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a web page, 9 Things to Make Shots Less Stressful…For You and Your Baby, [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/less-stressful.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/visit/less-stressful.html). The web page highlights the important role that parents play when their children are vaccinated and offers tips for parents before, during, and after immunization visits, such as distraction techniques and after care instructions.

DID YOU KNOW

In 1918, 100 years ago, the "Spanish flu" influenza pandemic was responsible for at least 50 million deaths worldwide, with about 675,000 deaths in the U.S. This virus was unusual because it spread so quickly, was so deadly, and exacted its worse toll among the young and healthy. About one-third of the world's population (~500 million people) were infected.

2018 Vaccines for Children Program Annual Enrollment-

The 2018 Kansas Vaccines for Children (VFC) annual enrollment period opened Friday, April 13, 2018 and will remain open through Friday, May 11, 2018. Please refer to the Special Alert sent on April 13, 2018 for the instructions and tools to assist in completion of the enrollment. All VFC providers must enroll annually during the enrollment period to remain eligible for public vaccine and participation in the VFC program.

Kansas Academy of Family Physicians Meeting Offers Valuable CME-

Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to celebrate our 70th Anniversary with us: KAFP Annual Meeting: 70 Years Caring for Kansans at the Overland Park Marriott Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas – June 14-16, 2018.

Professional Development Committee Chair, Dr. Beth Oller says, “This years’ conference topics are varied. Family Physicians from many practice settings will find highly applicable clinical and practice management information. Our sessions cover topics including cholesterol guidelines, opioid use and misuse, fertility, heart failure, leadership and sports medicine.” View the full schedule here.

Click here to read more about special activities such as the pre-conference KSA, Wine Tasting & Auction, Fun Run and President’s Dinner. Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or email kafp@kafponline.org with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us and celebrate 70 Years of Caring for Kansans!

Download Brochure
Register Securely Online
Aggregate Inventory Training

The Aggregate Inventory Training occurs every Monday from 1p-2p, and the first Friday of every month from 10:30a-11:30a. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand, Reconciliation submission, Vaccine Ordering and Return 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 (HL-7) Users Only!*

Register now for the date that works best for you!
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Direct Entry Inventory Training

The Direct Entry Inventory Training occurs every Tuesday from 1p-2p, and the first Friday of every month from 12p-1p. This call will go over the basics of the On Hand screen, Reconciliation submission, and Vaccine Ordering and Return 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!*

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New User Training

The New User Training occurs every Thursday from 2p-3p, and the second Friday of every month from 12p-1p. 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, please take the time to sit in on this training! *Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Users Only!*

Register now for the date that works best for you!
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School Module Training

The School Module Training occurs on the third Friday of every month from 9a-10a. This basic training is for new KSWebIZ school module users, or people who would like a simplified refresher training on how to use the KSWebIZ School Module. We will be going over log-in, adding history, education, and printing reports. Please take the time to sit in on this training! *Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ School Module Users Only!*

Register now for the date that works best for you!
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Reports Training

The Reports Training occurs the fourth Friday of every month from 12p-1p. This training is for KSWebIZ users who are wanting to learn more about the KSWebIZ Reports module. We will be going over the most often used 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!*

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Pharmacy Training

The Pharmacy Training occurs every Monday from 10a-11a and every Wednesday from 12p-1p. This training is for KSWebIZ pharmacy users that are new or would like a simplified refresher training on how to report immunizations to the state registry in compliance with statute KSA65-1635a. The training will consist of, logging-in, searching a patient, updating patient demographics, and adding immunizations. Please take the time to attend this training! *Please note: this call is for KSWebIZ Direct Entry Pharmacy Users Only!*

Register now for the date that works best for you!
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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 kdhe.vaccine@ks.gov or call toll free at 1-877-296-0464. Vaccine Redistribution information and lists.

**REMINDERS:** 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 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 Regional Immunization 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 KIP requests that Varivax containing vaccines not be transferred to other providers.

For questions regarding transporting vaccine call 877-296-0464 to request assistance.
1. Kansas immunization Program Educational Library (50 minute sessions)  
   After 10 years of service, the Kansas Immunization Program Online Order Center is scheduled for upgrade in the Spring of 2018. During this breakout providers will receive a demonstration and instructions on how to register for and navigate the new system. Providers will also be able to ask questions and share comments on any possible suggestions for minor changes in the system. We will also be reviewing the current KDHE Kansas Immunization Program website in order assist users on where to find specific information in order to help them with their daily immunization efforts.

2. Implementing a Routine Vaccine Storage and Handling Plan (50 minute sessions)  
   A hands on workshop with technical assistance to improve writing of vaccine storage and handling plans that are required for use in emergencies as well as when regular staff are not available to handle the vaccine.

3. Ask the Expert – WebIZ (50 minute sessions)  
   A hands on one-on-one tutorial time for front line users to get additional training and have questions answered about anything related to WebIZ use.

4. Vaccine Storage and Handling 101 (90 minute sessions)  
   Monitoring vaccine storage units is something we all do daily, but do you know how important this really is? Proper vaccine storage, handling, and temperature monitoring insures that vaccine remain safe and effective. It also prevents out of range temperatures that can result in costly vaccine loss. By properly monitoring vaccine storage units and monitoring temperatures, vaccine loss can often be avoided. This session will address vaccine storage and handling and the challenges involved. We will review the use of the Berlinger data loggers and how to document temperatures based off of the data logger readings. This session will include hands on opportunities for data logger use as well as vaccine storage unit set up and management.

5. Temperature Excursions and Digital Data Loggers (90 minute sessions)  
   A hands on workshop with technical assistance for following up on a temperature excursion and properly completing the temperature excursion report form. Additional technical assistance on use of the data loggers as a tool to understand storage unit operations and predicting challenges with proper temperature control. Return of expired or invalid vaccines will also be discussed.

6. Understanding How to Pack Vaccines for Transport (90 minute sessions)  
   A hands on workshop to assist attendees in learning how to prepare a proper vaccine packout. Step-by-step technical assistance and instruction will then be followed by participants demonstrating proper techniques for packing vaccines for transfer.

7. TB Basics and Beyond (90 minute sessions)  
   Instruction on best practices for case management of TB infection and disease patients including the latest in diagnostic and treatment tools. Best practices for assessment and completion of contact investigations will be reviewed including guidance on selection of proper screening tools.

8. STI/HIV Update (90 minute sessions)  
   Session will provide an overview of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and HIV. We will discuss appropriate treatment and how to order STI medications from the STI/HIV Section at KDHE. We will review the proper procedure for submitting syphilis specimens to the State Lab. We will review STI statistics for Kansas and discuss two outbreaks that occurred in 2017. Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) will be discussed, the purpose and the areas they cover. The Kansas Notifiable Disease Form will be reviewed and discussed to ensure proper and timely submission.
2018 Kansas Immunization Conference Breakout Descriptions

Conference Breakout Session A (June 13, 2018 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM)

A1. Vaccine Adherence in Kids & Adults Fully Funded Programs (Non CEU presentation)

Reminder recall programs have been proven time and time again to improve immunization rates but why do so many healthcare providers not utilize them? Part of the reason is the time and cost of materials involved. What if there was a reminder recall program that was fully funded by a third party that would do all of the hard work for the healthcare provider? This session will look at the need for immunization rate improvement by reviewing the Healthy People 2020 goals for pediatric, adolescent, and adult immunizations, healthcare disparities, and the impact different reminder recall touch-points have on immunization rates. The session will conclude with a presentation on the fully-funded, UNBRANDED, and customizable Pfizer Vaccine Adherence programs.

A2. VFC 2018 – What’s New?

This session will review all the updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as the Kansas Immunization Program regarding compliance requirements and eligibility for participation in the Vaccines for Children program. This presentation is repeated as C2.

A3. Providing Vaccine to Uninsured Adults

In this session we will review vaccine recommendations for adults (routine), available pharmaceutical programs for accessing vaccines for uninsured adults and process steps for accessing these vaccines.

A4. Electronic Health Records: Guidance, Updates, Support

After the conclusion of the 2014-2016 EHR Pilot (facilitated through the Kansas Immunization Program), the measures of EHR implementation resulted in both positive and negative impacts on Local Health Departments. This session will explore what lead to both types of results and break down both opportunities and threats when it comes to EHR adoption. Information will cover both qualitative and quantitative results. The session will include an interactive sharing session for those who have already implemented EHRs and address concerns for those considering it. Information provided will also include the current landscape of EHR use in the Kansas LHDs and resources available such as the Kansas Local Public Health Department EHR Implementation Toolkit. This presentation is repeated as B3.

A5. Strengthening Immunization Programs Through Partnerships with MCH- Part 2 from 2017

This session will allow participants the opportunity to provide input on the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018 integration of the Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Aid-to-Local grant with the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) grant. Participants will be able to identify challenges and impacts at the local level since the integration and have a chance to share immunization outreach activities that were successful in their community. The Kansas MCH state action plan priorities and measures will be discussed and how local agencies can align current immunization work. A discussion around utilizing data captured in DAISEY to monitoring data quality/validation and to identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration to increase immunization rates to ultimately reduce the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in Kansas.

A6. Reducing Pain and Trauma Associated with Childhood and Adolescent Immunizations

Needle fear develops between the ages of 4 and 6 years of age and can last a lifetime, affecting health seeking behaviors as adults, so the importance of making immunization appointments as pleasant and least traumatic as possible is important. Minimizing fear, pain, and trauma during immunization administration through distraction, reassurance, and nursing interventions should be a priority to the immunization provider. This session will highlight best practices and evidence-based research that participants can incorporate into their immunization practices.
The University of Kansas Health System established the Neonatal Medical Home (NMH) in January 2013. NMH is a visionary program designed to provide primary care for a specialized population of infants—the NICU graduate after hospital discharge. NMH services include well child, health maintenance visits which include receiving recommended vaccinations. Pediatric sub-specialists and ancillary providers collaborate care on the NMH team which includes SLP, OT, PT, Dietitian, Lactation Consultants, Behavioral Specialists, and Social Worker. Specialized clinics to care for patients with retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) and neurodevelopmental diagnoses are a part of the NMH services. NMH has a very high visit compliance rate, and for back-to-back quarters last year achieved 100% patient compliance with CDC recommended vaccine series by age 2.

B2. The Lesser of Two Measles
During July of 2017, a measles case was identified as having arrived in South Central Kansas from out of the country. The response that was collaboratively initiated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Sedgwick County, and other surrounding counties as a result of this sentinel event will be discussed from identification to closure. Honest discussions will be presented around both the successes and challenges that the response encountered, as well as identified areas of improvement for future responses. This presentation is repeated as C6.

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B4. Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy: Practical Tips for Talking to Parents and Patients (Non CEU presentation)
Conversations about vaccines in today’s world can be challenging. Attitudes and beliefs about immunization range widely, from ready acceptance to questioning, hesitancy, resistance, and outright rejection. Our goal in this program is to increase the professional's confidence and comfort level in discussing immunizations with parents and patients, answering their questions, and responding to their concerns. Participants will not only learn about specific communication techniques for addressing common concerns about and objections to vaccines, but will also have an opportunity to see those techniques demonstrated by our expert faculty through the use of practical patient cases.

B5. Patient Eligibility, Verification and Documentation for High Standards
The reasons behind the need to verify eligibility will be presented. The verification process will be discussed to include accessing Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) website. How to verify eligibility and how to determine the funding source. The requirement for proper documentation of eligibility in an electronic medical record (EMR) will also be covered.

This session will review and demonstrate the upgrades and new features added recently to the Kansas WebIZ as well as discuss additional upgrades coming in the near future. This session is repeated as C3.
Conference Breakout Session C (June 14, 2018 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM)

C1. Systems Approach to Improve Adolescent Vaccination Rates

Increasing immunization rates in 11-17 year old population, tips and techniques to present immunizations to patients and parents, as well ways to handle declinations and best practice process. We will present on importance of recommending ALL Kansas recommended vaccines, not only what is necessary for school. We will talk about clinic process to improving completion rates and share proven methods to increase rates in their clinics.

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C4. Herpes Zoster Vaccination Guidelines (Non CEU presentation)

This presentation will cover the Shingles Disease state overview, including the burden of illness, the most recent Shingles ACIP recommendations, and information on Shingrix efficacy, safety and prescribing information.

C5. HPV Discussion (Non CEU presentation)

This presentation will address HPV disease and vaccination successes in preventing cancer. Guidelines for proper vaccination schedules will be discussed.

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