

April 2019 KIP Updates

CDC Grant Application: 5-year competitive grant application for the Kansas Immunization Program was submitted to CDC. Will provide updates on major grant-funded activities at future meeting.

Kansas Immunization Program Staffing:

- Sandy Drapeau: KS Help Desk, Onboarding Assistant – Temporary staff.
- Andrea May: Epidemiologist for Immunizations. She will be doing all the epidemiology work for the program with the exception of the Hepatitis B Perinatal Program. She will be responsible for the outbreak response of vaccine preventable diseases, assessment reports (i.e., Kindergarten report), evaluation of KSWebIZ data, analytical work of the program, and the VAERS Coordinator (for now).
- Vacant, CDC Public Health Investigator. This position will be responsible for working on the grant, monitoring grant activities, and assisting Phil as needed.
- Dylan Hart and Kathy Slawson, KSWebIZ Technicians: Will be assisting with reconciliations, training users, updating/creating user manuals, and providing general assistance at the Help Desk.

KS Medicaid Bulletin: Effective March 1, 2019 HPV vaccination will be covered for men and women from 9 to 45 years of age. See handout.

KDHE 2019-2020 School and Child Care Immunization Requirements:

- Hepatitis A: Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1st and 2nd dose. (Provisional based on expected revision to K.A.R. 28-1-20 prior to school year)
- Meningococcal (Serogroup A,C,W,Y): Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, only one dose is required. (Provisional based on expected revision to K.A.R. 28-1-20 prior to school year)

<http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schoolInfo.htm>

VFC Provider Annual Enrollment: To be complete by May 8th.

http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/vfc_program.html

Kansas Annual Immunization Conference: June 11-13 in Salina, KS. Theme: Vaccines Cause Adults. Full agenda to be out soon.

National Infant Immunization Week: April 27-May 4. CDC has a website with multiple resources that can be used to promote the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niw/index.html>

Immunization Action Coalition website: Technically Speaking monthly column discusses measles. Lots of resources for professionals, parents, and the community.

<http://www.immunize.org/technically-speaking/20190328.asp>

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Updates:

- Autism Q&A revised: The VEC Q&A, “Vaccines and Autism: What You should Know,” has been updated. The most significant changes related to the addition of references for newer studies and updated statistics, particularly related to the incidence of autism. [English](#) and [Spanish](#) versions are available online and to [order](#).
- Vaccine safety issues: New reference sets have been added to the [vaccine safety references page](#), including:
 - HPV vaccine safety concerns related to:
 - Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS)/systemic exertion intolerance disease (SEID)
 - Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS)
 - Primary ovarian failure
 - Venous thromboembolism (VTE)
 - Pertussis vaccine and neurologic complications
 - Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and vaccines

A summary of the recently published MMR vaccine and autism study authored by Hviid and colleagues was also added to the “Autism and the MMR vaccine” section of the page. Additional topics related to HPV vaccine safety will be forthcoming.

A link to this page has been added to the VEC home page, [vaccine.chop.edu](#), in the section titled “Materials for Parents, Professionals and Educators.” It is the last entry in the right column. Alternatively, you can access the page directly using one of these easy-to-remember URLs:

- [vaccine.chop.edu/safety-references](#)
- [vaccine.chop.edu/safetyreferences](#)

We hope you will find the article summaries and the collection of references to be useful for your own reference or for sharing with individuals concerned about vaccine safety.

- Webinar update and reminder: Don’t forget to register for the upcoming *Current Issues in Vaccines* webinar co-sponsored by the Vaccine Education Center and the PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics.

Please note that the topics have changed. Dr. Offit will be discussing the following related to influenza disease and vaccination:

- Vaccine surveillance, 2018-19
- Vaccine effectiveness, 2018-2019

- FluMist®
- Vaccine safety: Spontaneous abortion
- Vaccine strains for 2019-20

The webinar will be presented on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at noon ET.

[Register or get more information.](#)

The *Current Issues in Vaccines* webinar series is supported by the Thomas F. McNair Scott Endowed Research and Lectureship Fund. Archived events are made available on the [webinar archive page](#), and free continuing education credits are available (CME, CEU, and CPE) through the University of Pittsburgh and Wilkes University.

<https://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-update/vaccine-webinar-series>