

Immunize Kansas Coalition Meeting



Friday, May 1st, 10:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Dial In: 1- (312) 757-3121

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Immunizations Due Next Year -Notes from District Nurse

Leaders:

- **When will KDHE update the school bus immunization document for schools and parents for next school year?**
- I hold weekly ZOOM staff meetings on Monday. Our agenda this morning centered largely on the looming immunization deadlines and how we perceived the changes that could occur/have impacted immunizations. I truly feel that there will be a backlog of being able to get into the physician's offices once they reopen, of getting the necessary vaccines (as they will be in high demand - no one wants to be perceived as ill) and I also feel that finances are going to be tight for everyone as are resources to manufacture more of said vaccines.
Please let us know, as our plan is also to email all our students (since this is how we are currently teaching). I know we cannot prove that they received the emails but it is how they are being taught right now.
- We are running our out of compliance reports right now. We are going to email letters to parents and figure out what to do for parents that do not have email access. We may place copies of the letters in ParentVue through Synergy. An issue I see for a lot of our families is that even if we can send the letter electronically, they may not be able to print the letter. As of July 1, 2020 this summer, anyone wanting to get reimbursed for vaccines is supposed to be entering immunizations given into WebIZ. Healthcare providers should have access to WebIZ. I know not all school nurses enter immunizations or sync with WebIZ though.
- We have many students who do not have web access. Some have moved out of their current housing to combine households for resources even to neighboring states. They are not all responsive to school communications. We are volunteering and collaborating with our local fire department to search for as many as families as we can to simply confirm that they are safe. We are not adding the stress of immunization compliance to families in crisis.
- Also, while we plan to send out district email communication by the May 15th deadline, the KC metro area has been living under Stay Home orders that may extend well into May. Local healthcare providers are not open to routine care, so immunization access is diminished. Once restrictions lift and offices begin to take routine appointments again, I think there will be a backlog of appointments in offices across our area. We have already considered that immunization compliance and enforcement will look different this year due to potential "access to care" issues caused by COVID-19.