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# A LOCH @ NESIIS



## We're Back!

### Support Info

This month's tip relates to  
**NESIIS Support.**

When we hit the "NESIIS APOCALYPSE" of 2012 in September, it impacted speed of support immediately. Availability to answer the phone became a pipe dream and keeping up with e-mails was near impossible. Everything fell below our standards.

Please know that our intent is to always help as quickly as possible. Often times you will receive a faster response via e-mail than by phone, and we can often provide better detail in writing than we can orally.

Please don't hesitate to e-mail with any question or account issue. It is often the best method to help solve your problem anyway!

Questions? Help Desk info, page 3!

### 2012, The Year Of...?

**The year 2012** was supposed to be the year we implemented our new scheduling wizard, the item that runs the recommendations and validates immunizations in NESIIS.

It didn't work out that way thanks to some new federal requirements which led us to begin developing the ability to handle VFC vaccine ordering through NESIIS. Look for more information on this in our next update, but it is safe to say this one item has dominated our development schedule for 2012 above just about everything else.

Never fear, however, because the items we mentioned we expected to complete in 2012 will be done in 2013, and some of them are coming very soon.

**We did install new servers** and brought them online in mid-September. In fact, this ended up impacting just about every one of our 4000+ users thanks to a change in the login tool used for NESIIS. Not only did the tool change, it changed how we all bookmark the site for access and forced every user to re-enter their login info on the actual NESIIS login screen.

We are pleased with the speed aspects of our new servers and know they will serve us well, but the new login program definitely created a challenge for us that took some time to sort out. **Thank you** all for being patient with us as we worked through the issues, troubleshoot and eventually figured out what exactly was occurring and how to fix it.

**Enhancing data exchange** is being continually worked on and though development was pushed back several months from our original schedule, we are on target to be able to offer additional flexibility for providers to submit their data to us in an effort to meet Meaningful Use likely before Spring. Look for more info on that as we release these improvements.

### Really, There is More on the Way

Indeed there is much more to come in 2013. In addition to the aforementioned installation of the new scheduling wizard, which will take a good portion of the year, some items we've wanted to complete are being worked on right now. Some of these are due to our VTrckS/Vaccine ordering integration and others are simply items users have requested.

**Reports** are currently being worked on in an effort to enhance a few things. One item big on your list and ours has been the ability to create and save **Ad Hoc** List and Count templates so you can reuse those templates that gave you exactly what you wanted.

Not only will you be able to save the criteria as a "template", you'll be able to create multiple templates and edit them at will. We hope this will make your time working with reporting a little more efficient, a little more flexible and reduce some frustration along the way. We still need to work toward increasing the number of selectable filters, but we'll get there.

The labels for the **Reminder/Recall** reporting are going to be corrected to properly match the size we say they do in the user manual. I know; what a concept!

We will be embarking on an update to some vaccine schedules in NESIIS, specifically influenza, to accommodate new vaccines and recommendations handed down.

Another item on the agenda is **address validation**. Our plan is to remove the need for you to enter Counties or worry about having the correct info on an address. Once you enter the zip code, the city, state and county will auto-populate. This will occur for all Nebraska counties and will cover the same border state counties we presently are able to enter on any NESIIS record.

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## Data Exchange Successes!!

New & automated in 2012:

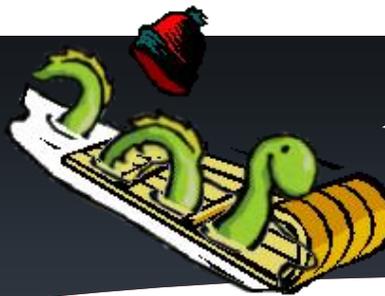
- Alegent Health Hospitals
- Children's Physicians Clinics - Omaha
- Behavioral Health Services of Great Plains
- St. Francis Med Center
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- St. Elizabeth Regional Med Center
- The Nebraska Medical Center & UNMC Clinics
- Columbus Medical Center
- Complete Family Med - N. Platte
- Dr. Brown's Healthcare - Omaha
- Endocrinology Assoc. of Great Plains
- ENT Specialists, PC - Omaha
- Family Physicians Group - Lincoln
- Great Plains Pediatrics
- Great Plains Sleep Center
- Infectious Disease Assoc. of Great Plains
- Internal Medical Assoc. - G.I.
- Internal Med Assoc. - N. Platte
- Lifecare Family Med. - Bellevue
- Memorial Healthcare Systems - Seward
- Midlands Family Med - N. Platte
- Midwest GI Assoc. - Omaha
- Milius, Gibbens, Friesen, Hattan, Martin - Lincoln
- Nebraska Internal Med - Lincoln
- Nebraska Urban Indian Med Ctr
- Neurology Assoc. of Great Plains
- Norfolk Family Medicine
- Norfolk Medical Group
- N. Platte NE Physicians Group
- Pain Mgmt. Assoc. of Great Plains
- Pawnee County Memorial Hospital
- Plum Creek Medical Group - Lexington
- Prairie Creek Family Medicine - Stromsburg
- Pulmonology Assoc. of Great Plains
- Regional West PC - Women's Ctr
- Ross Internal Medicine - Lincoln
- Sancta Familia Medical Apostolate - Omaha
- Seward Family Medical Center
- South Lincoln Family Physicians
- States Family Practice - N. Platte
- Thayer County Health Services
- West Omaha Family Physicians
- Westroads Medical Group - Omaha

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## New Trainer!

### Ernad Klipic

This past spring we hired Ernad Klipic to handle our training needs but to also provide assistance with data exchange as that part of what we do continues to grow and evolve.

Ernad is highly technical and a very quick study. Some of you have spoken to him when he fills in on the Help Desk for me on days off.

He is a great asset to our team and has proven to be a great co-worker. We are fortunate to have him and know that if ever you talk to him for support instead of Scott, he'll do his best to assist.

## 2012 Data

Clients/ Patients	Immunizations	Date
1,102,451	8,195,260	01/24/2012
1,109,132	8,249,440	02/20/2012
1,118,889	8,328,287	04/01/2012
1,124,882	8,384,118	05/01/2012
1,133,290	8,445,943	06/01/2012
1,140,442	8,514,117	07/01/2012
1,149,857	8,608,537	08/01/2012
1,163,347	8,754,638	09/04/2012
1,176,824	8,852,158	10/02/2012
1,217,134	9,071,388	11/01/2012
1,239,167	9,195,793	12/01/2012
1,255,024	9,292,023	01/01/2013

## This Just Completed

### New As Of 1/16

With a release pushed Wednesday evening, the following items have been enhanced in NESIIS:

**All NESIIS reports** will now open in separate browser windows automatically. This is a nice change that keeps you from having to use your browser's **Back** button to return to the previous screen, which sometimes causes you to have to **Refresh** as well.

**VFC Report** has been changed so that if you have sub-sites created under your primary organization you will be able to run this report by individual sub-site or continue seeing them combined as it did previously.

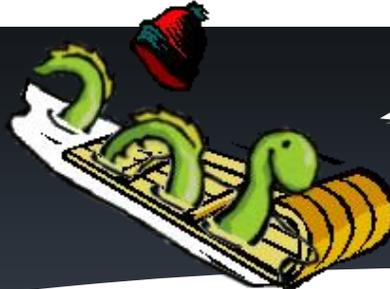
The **Vaccine Activity Report** has been modified to show a line for **Total Public Doses Administered** and another for **Total Private Doses Administered**. These are additions and nothing has been taken from the original report.

### And more...

On the **Manage Inventory** screen, we have added the Dose Size to the screen view of inventory on hand. We also created a printable version of the **Inventory On Hand screen**, which includes space for you to write physical vaccine counts when doing reconciliation of what NESIIS shows and what you have on hand.

For those who have done **vaccine transfers** in NESIIS, you will see that we have cleaned up the **Packing List** a bit with regard to formatting and that we have made sure that list is alphabetized so it matches how your inventory displays.

For those who utilize the SNS module, we have also adjusted the Packing List to create more of a "transfer of custody" form, which better matches its use. We added additional lines to note who released and who received the SNS supplies, along with the date and time.



## New To NESIIS!

These new players joined the NESIIS team in 2012:

- Ashland Family Clinic
- SW Family Health - Lincoln
- Tri-Valley Health Systems
- Saline Medical Specialties
- AMH Family Practice
- Kid Care - Fremont
- UNO Health Services
- Coventry Health Care
- Bellevue Fire Department
- UNL Health Services
- Anderson Pharmacy - Ord
- Lincoln Pulmonary & Critical Care
- NE Urban Indian Med Center
- Saunders Med Center Clinic
- Dr. Cleave Hartman Fam Practice
- High Plains Clinic - Holdrege
- Superior Pharmacy
- NE Cancer Specialists - Omaha
- Prairie Creek Family Medicine
- West Center Peds - Omaha
- Good Sam Society – St. Luke's
- Good Sam Society – G.I. Village
- Good Sam Society – Wood River
- Good Sam Society – Hastings Vlg
- Hastings Regional Center
- Valley View Living Center
- Annie Jeffrey Family Medicine

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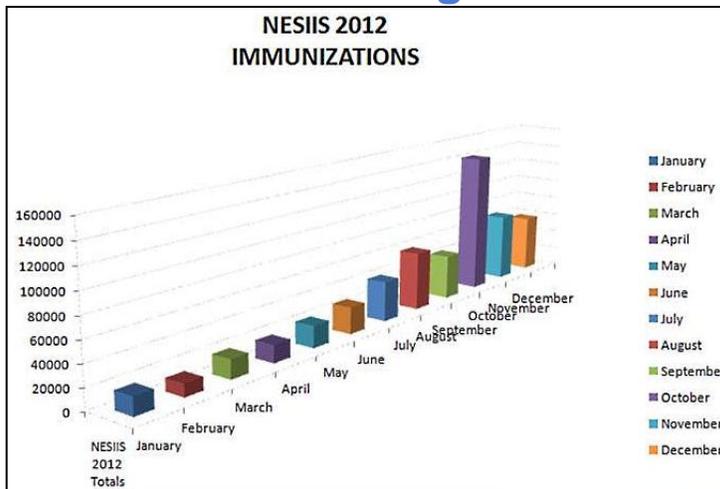
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## 2012 Data Exchange Numbers



In 2012, live data exchange partners with NESIIS submitted 524,578 immunizations.

The chart above depicts immunizations submitted during the year by month. It's a little small in print, but you can see the growth!

We are currently tracking data exchange for 193 organizations, 72 of which were new in 2012. In the month of Dec. 2011, we accepted 21,260 immunizations. This past Dec. we accepted 57,722. That's a jump of 36,462 immunizations, or 172% more than the same month in 2011!

## Data Exchange

### Meaningful Use Push:

If you are or know of a provider who is working through the Meaningful Use Attestation process, let us help you meet your immunization data exchange goals!

We do quite a bit of data exchange currently and are well-positioned to handle much more of it moving forward.

Start by visiting our dedicate page now at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/mu>.

Fill out the survey completely, then have your EHR vendor get in touch with Scott at [scott.benedict@nebraska.gov](mailto:scott.benedict@nebraska.gov).

## More Options

### HL7 2.5.1 & SOAP Web Services

Some vendors are only certified in one version of HL7. We are close to implementing the ability to accept v2.5.1 in addition to what we presently can work with. Keep in mind that if you have yet to attest, or began attestation after mid-June, 2012, you may be required to submit data in HL7 2.5.1 format.

This Spring we will offer another automated exchange method, SOAP Web Services. This will be in addition to PHINMS and give vendors another option for getting your data to us. Vendors will be contacted once this is in place.



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