

# **IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE**

By the Nebraska DHHS Immunization Program

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## **NEW YEAR...New VFC Coordinator & New Program Manager**

It's a new year and the NDHHS Immunization Program wants to thank you! We appreciate everything you have done to administer high quality immunizations and support immunization efforts.

Lynn Jones, BSN, RN is the new VFC Coordinator. Lynn started in December and is in the process of reaching out to her assigned clinics to introduce herself.

Rebecca Martinez, BSN, RN was formerly the VFC Coordinator and now is the Immunization Program Manager. Sara Morgan was promoted to Administrator.

We want to congratulate Louayne Hoback on her retirement, Louayne held the position of NDHHS staff assistant and all staff will be assisting with duties.

### **One healthcare organization joins Immunization Action Coalition's (IAC)**

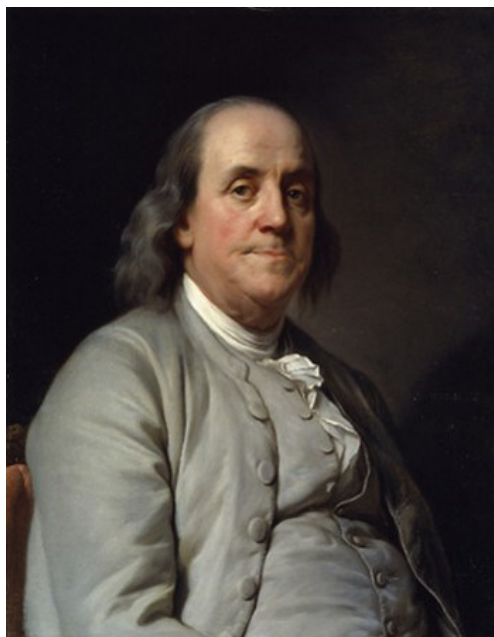
#### **Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll for mandatory healthcare worker vaccination**



Nearly 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. Since May 11, when *IAC Express* last reported on the Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll, one additional healthcare organization has been enrolled. IAC urges qualifying healthcare organization to apply.

**Newly added hospital:** Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha.

*Thank You!*



In 1736 I lost one of my sons, a fine boy of four years old, by the small-pox, taken in the common way. I long regretted bitterly, and still regret that I had not given it to him by inoculation.<sup>1</sup> This I mention for the sake of parents who omit that operation, on the supposition that they should never forgive themselves if the child died under it; my example showing that the regret may be the same either way, and that, therefore, the safer should be chosen.

Benjamin Franklin

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH A GIFT OF IMMUNITY

### DTaP & Tdap Indications for Vaccination

Source: You Call the Shots – DTaP – March 2016

Having diphtheria, tetanus, or pertussis disease does not result in long term active immunity. Persons who recover from any of these diseases should begin or complete the age-appropriate vaccine series and receive booster doses as appropriate.

**MMR Storage:** Store MMR in the freezer to better protect viability



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently published two policy statements, “Countering Vaccine Hesitancy” and “Medical Versus Non-Medical Immunization Exemptions for Child Care and School Attendance.”

In light of these statements, we would like to remind you of some of the resources available on AAP’s and CDC’s websites to support clinicians in their vaccine conversations with parents.

AAP: *Resource for Communicating with Families*; [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

CDC: *Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents*; [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

## Training...

Clinic selection of Primary and Back Up VFC Coordinators is vital to ensuring clinic operations continue without interruption.

Back up Coordinators should be trained and included in VFC management the same as the Primary Coordinator. In particular, training on NESIIS is critical.

Please contact the clinic assigned Community Health Nurse or the NESIIS Team to schedule needed staff training.

### **Earn CMEs, CNEs, & Pharmacy CEs when you watch #SYLove**

Are you a medical professional or know someone who is? Physicians, nurses, and pharmacists can now earn continuing education credits when they watch Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic at a live event or online.

**The best part...there is NO COST!**

Visit [hpvepidemic.com/cme](http://hpvepidemic.com/cme)

The more providers and all staff understand about the dangers of HPV, the closer we will be to eliminating HPV related cancers and disease burden.

## RESOURCE CORNER

The Guide to Community Preventive Services is a free resource to help you choose programs and policies to improve health and prevent disease in your community. Systematic reviews are used to answer these questions:


- Which program and policy interventions have been proven effective?
- Are there effective interventions that are right for my community?
- What might effective interventions cost?
- What is the likely return on investment?

Obtain your copy at <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html>

### Please inform your Community Health Nurse

**at least 90 days  
prior to vaccine  
expiration. Review  
if expiration could  
have been prevented  
and return unopened  
expired vaccine  
within 3 months**

**If an unusual increase  
in vaccine is needed,  
please email Gary  
Miller, Vaccine Order-  
ing Specialist . Pro-  
vide a reason as each  
order is reviewed for  
current inventory and  
trends of overstock.**



The Nebraska  
Refugee Program  
is separate from  
the Immunization  
Program.

VFC & Adult Immunization Program (AIP) eligibilities differ, see program manual. Children in the NE Refugee Program receive Medicaid Managed Care (VFC eligible). Adults in the NE Refugee Program are not eligible for AIP vaccine except for HPV as the Refugee Medical Assistance Funding along with adult Medicaid Managed Care cover immunizations except for HPV. As a reminder, AIP vaccine is only for those uninsured or rarely underinsured. Please contact Kristin Gall at 402-471-1372 for questions.

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