NMSIIS is the new system providers will use to access online immunization records, track vaccine inventory, send reminder recall cards, and print immunization records for parents who need them. NMSIIS will roll out in two phases: Phase I is now in progress with pilot practices being trained and coming on board. Early this summer, use of NMSIIS will be expanded to other providers and users. Experience gained in Phase I will be used to fine-tune the spring open enrollment and training of providers.

One of the advantages the NMSIIS will provide is ten years of back data. The data from hundreds of thousands of Part B Forms will already be loaded into NMSIIS. This means that the vast majority of children who have received an immunization in New Mexico in the past ten years will be in the system. This translates into a very robust system from day one. New Mexico providers will find this system useful and user-friendly.

For more information, visit the expanded website at www.health.state.nm.us/immunize/nmsiis.htm. Questions about the New Mexico Statewide Immunization Information System can be directed to John Strube, NMSIIS project manager, at 505-476-3619.
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Photo gallery

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First Lady Barbara Richardson held a press conference to announce the launch of NMSIIS; SHOT Team nurse, Rosie Clifford, was one of many nurses who came to the Cesar Chavez Community Center to administer vaccinations; two children show how brave they were to get immunized; The NMSIIS software being put to the test on-site on a laptop.

Immunization Proclamation

For the third year in a row, Governor Richardson declared April to be “Childhood Immunization Awareness Month” in New Mexico. His support in making New Mexico’s kids a top priority has helped underscore the importance of immunizations.
NMIC honors providers with IZ rates over 90%

As part of National Infant Immunization Week and Vaccination Week in the Americas (NIIW/VWA), NMIC will host its Third Annual Provider Awards event. NMIC and the NM Department of Health will honor providers whose immunization rates for two-year olds are 90% and above according to the latest coverage surveys. In addition, several immunization champions will be honored, and there will be several provider awards for special categories. The Provider Awards Dinner will take place on April 28, 2006 at the Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid. All NMIC members are invited but must RSVP.

This year we have 46 providers with rates over 90%; this is up from 43 last year. Each provider who achieves a rate of 90% and above helps New Mexico move closer to its 2010 goal of 90% on-time age-appropriate immunization for all New Mexicans, and we want to recognize and applaud their extraordinary efforts. NMIC will compile and share a list of best practices from the award winners in order to help other practices bring their rates up as well.

We are excited to have Dr. Melinda Wharton, Acting Deputy Director of the National Immunization Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as keynote speaker for the Awards Dinner. Her talk will focus on Pertussis and the use of Tdap to help “Stamp Out Pertussis.”

Other events during NIIW/VWA, (April 22-29) include a Grand Rounds lecture in Las Cruces and a Promotora Immunization training on April 27th. Dr. Wharton will be speaking at both those events. In addition, Dr. Wharton will give a lecture at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center on Friday, April 28th at noon. The topic of that talk will be “New and Emerging Vaccines in the Childhood Schedule and Vaccine Safety.” We are very fortunate to have an excellent speaker and resource from which to learn. Please join us in celebrating National Infant Immunization Week.

**Influenza**
The ACIP met in February and made a new recommendation that all children six months to five years should be immunized against influenza. In addition, the caregivers and households contacts of children up to five, should be immunized.

**Rotavirus**
The ACIP also recommended that infants receive three doses of the new oral vaccine, RotaTeq, at two, four, and six months of age. Children should receive the first dose of the vaccine by 12 weeks of age and should receive all doses of the vaccine by 32 weeks of age. There is insufficient data on safety and efficacy outside of these age ranges. Rotavirus is a viral infection that can cause severe diarrhea, vomiting, fever, and dehydration (gastroenteritis) in infants and young children. It is the leading cause of gastroenteritis in infants and young children in the United States and worldwide. To view the full press release: [http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r060221.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r060221.htm)

**Award Winners**

**Immunization rates over 90%**

- Alamogordo Pediatric Associates
- Diane Banks, MD
- Bebe Care
- Ben Archer Health Center, Hatch
- Casa Alegre Pediatrics
- Covenant Care Pediatrics
- Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle I.H.S. Clinic
- Eunice Health Clinic
- The Family Clinic
- Family Practice Associates, Raton
- First Choice Community Health Center, Southwest Valley
- First Nations Community Healthsource First Step Pediatrics
- Health Centers of Northern New Mexico:
  - Chama
  - Coyote
  - Embudo
  - Española
  - Peñasco
  - Truchas
- La Casa Family Health Center, Clovis
- La Casa Family Health Center, Portales
- La Clínica de Familia: Anthony
  - Las Cruces
  - San Miguel
- Las Clinicas del Norte, Ojo Caliente
- Los Alamos Children’s Clinic
- Los Alamos Family Care Center
- Los Alamos Pediatric Clinic
- Lovelace Gibson Pediatrics
- Lovelace Health Systems, Rio Rancho
- Lovelace Journal Pediatrics
- Lovelace Sandia Academy
- Northern Navajo Medical Center
- Parvene’s Pediatric Care
- Allen Paul, MD
- Pediatric Associates
- Pediatric Health Services
- Rehoboth McKinley CHCS College Clinic
- Ruidoso Public Health Office
- San Juan Pediatrics
- Santa Fe Pediatric Associates
- Socorro Community Health Center
- Southwest Medical Associates

- Sunland Park, Public Health Office
- UNM College of Nursing, Faculty Clinic
- UNM Family Health Westside Clinic
- White Mountain Medical Group

† Providers awarded “Over 90%” and “Most Improved”

“Most Improved” Providers

- Las Casa Family Health Center, Roswell
- Santa Rosa Medical Clinic
- White Sands Family Practice

**Provider Special Awards**

- First Choice Community Health Centers
- Las Vegas Clinic for Children and Youth
- Southeast Heights W.I.C. Office
- Vecinos y Vacunas Block Leaders
- Villa Therese Catholic Clinic

**Immunization Champions**

- Michel Disco, R.Ph., MBA, UNM College of Pharm.
- Helen Hall, RN, DOH, Region 4
- Michael Nelson, MD, Presbyterian Medical Group
## Calendar of upcoming events

### April
- 4/20, NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30
- 4/22-4/29, National Infant Immunization Week events
- 4/27, Pertussis presentation in Las Cruces by Dr. Melinda Wharton, Acting Deputy Director of the National Immunization Program, at Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces
- 4/27, Promotora Immunization Workshop, Sunland Park, 2:30-5pm
- 4/18, Noontime talk by Dr. Melinda Wharton at UNM-HSC College of Nursing and Pharmacy
- 4/28, Albuquerque Marriott Pyramid
  - NMIC meeting, 5-6pm
  - NMIC Provider Awards Dinner, 6-9:30pm

### May
- 5/18, NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30

### June
- 6/15, NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2:30-4:30

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**John Strube, NMSIIS manager, demonstrating the software’s capabilities to the New Mexico Secretary of Health, Michelle Lujan Grisham, with NMIC Executive Director, Anna Pentler, looking on.**

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