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New Mexico to receive CDC Award for Influenza Vaccination

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New Mexico Department of Health

The New Mexico **Immunization** Program received notice from CDC in November that New Mexico will receive a Healthy People 2020 award for influenza vaccination among children aged 6 months - 17 years for the 2014-15 flu season.

Secretary of Health Retta Ward, Esperanza Lucero, Margaret Campos, Governor Susana Martinez, and Maggie June at a SKIIP kick-off press event at East San Jose Elementary School clinic.

For this age group, New Mexico had coverage of 65.4% compared to the overall US coverage 59.3%; this gave New Mexico a ranking of 8th nationally among states.

What gives New Mexico the edge for reaching this group? Undoubtedly, it's

Immunization Coalition to deliver flu immunizations at school sites. In addition, SKIIP schools around the state receive invaluable assistance from volunteer parents, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs, and health sciences students from these institutions: UNM College of Pharmacy, Pima, CNM, ITT,

the School Kids Influenza Immunization

Project (SKIIP), an effective partnership

with the NM Department of Health,

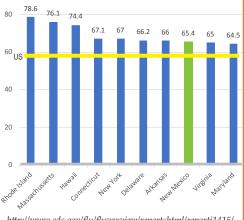
schools and the New Mexico

Santa Fe Community College, Eastern NM University, Clovis Community College, and NMSU who have helped at SKIIP clinics. During the 2014-15 school year, more than 48,000 students received flu shots through SKIIP at 480 schools across the state.

The Department of Health would also like to acknowledge all the providers who work so diligently each year to vaccinate New Mexicans against flu.

The Immunization Program was informed by Dr. Melinda Wharton, Director of CDC's Immunization Services Division, that New Mexico will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony on December 16.

2014-15 Influenza vaccine coverage rate for children 6 months thru 17 years



http://www.cdc.gov/flu/fluvaxview/reportshtml/reporti1415/ reportI/atlas.html

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Voices for Children

December meeting Photo Gallery

Clockwise from top left: Jody Lucero and Jenny Romero; Jasmine Abston and Lynn Padilla; Dr. Chris Novak, Susan Acosta, Connie Dixon, Brandi Gorzeman; Donna Weaver, Anna Pentler, Secretary of Health, Retta Ward, Margaret Campos, Mark Williams; Dominic Rodroguez, Diana Alonzo, Jody Lucero, Jenny Romero, Rachel Meyer, Shelly Ogle-Schwent; Leeann Cruz, Olowan DeHerrera, Josie Shije; Amy Bachyrycz, Thomas Butler, Amy Fisher; John Polinko, Eszter Erdei, Debbie Muscarella, Meg Smyth.









SHOT BRIEFS

The latest from CDC...

Putting Adolescent Meningococcal Vaccine Recommendations into Practice

All 11-to 12-year-olds *should* be vaccinated with a single dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine, with a booster dose at age 16. Young adults 16-23 *may* be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine, preferably at age 16-18. The number of doses varies by vaccine type and brand (2 doses for Bexsero; 3 doses for Trumenba). The vaccines are not interchangeable and the same brand of vaccine should be used to complete the series.

Adolescent Immunization Communication

CDC's adolescent immunization communication team has developed a number of resources to promote adolescent immunizations and educate parents and clinicians on the importance of following the recommended immunization schedule. Resources are available online. Free printed materials available can be ordered at CDC-INFO on Demand. Select "Immunizations and Vaccines (Teens)" from the "Programs" dropdown menu. Materials include posters and fact sheets to raise awareness and educate on the importance of the recommended vaccines.

CDC releases the 13th edition of "The Pink Book"

Epidemiology and
Prevention of VaccinePreventable Diseases, 13th
Edition, "The Pink Book" is now
available, online, in paperback, and
as an e-book. The Pink Book provides
the most current, comprehensive,
and credible information on vaccinepreventable diseases, and contains
updated content on immunization and

vaccine information for public health practitioners, healthcare providers, health educators, pharmacists, nurses, and others involved in administering immunizations. All the sections of The Pink Book are available for download at no charge at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html

Or, you can order *Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* as a soft-cover book from the Public Health Foundation for \$40. http://bookstore.phf.org/Default.aspx?TabID=251&productId=27876

Vaccine Schedule App

CDC has a free downloadable app for your phone or tablet.
CDC Vaccine Schedules app offers access to CDC's latest recommended immunization schedules. If you have previously downloaded the app, make sure you have the latest version 2.0.1.

NMIC 13th Annual Meeting

Anna Pentler, MPH, MBA

Executive Director, NMIC



On Friday, December 4, one hundred members of the NMIC came together at the Crowne Plaza Hotel for a day full of immunization talks and activities. Cabinet Secretary Retta Ward and Public Health Division Director Mark Williams helped kick off the meeting with welcoming comments. New Mexico is fortunate to have active and committed coalition members, dedicated immunization program staff, and supportive leadership at Department of Health! Photos of the event are on page two.

CDC speaker and nurse educator, Donna Weaver, gave an excellent keynote address, updating members on the latest vaccines and recommendations. She conveyed a lot of information in a short hour with humor, grace and clear expertise. Amy Bachyrycz, a Walgreens pharmacist and UNM College of Pharmacy faculty, gave a presentation on the role of pharmacists in immunizing in our state. New Mexico was one of the first states to have prescribing pharmacists who immunize. Now pharmacy students are trained to administer immunizations and many are involved with SKIIP and other vaccination outreach efforts.

After lunch, members brainstormed to explore new directions and foci for the coalition. Each December we look for any new areas and new activities that the coalition might undertake. Of note were suggestions for a new focus on long term care facilities and getting staff immunized, a renewed emphasis on teen vaccines, including HPV for both boys and girls, and more emphasis on getting adults up to date.

Erica Martinez-Lovato gave a sneak preview of the new NMSIIS, which looks good and promises to have great functionality including reports and school functions. The contractor is working diligently, and the project is on track and on time. The Immunization Program is currently scheduling training sessions for the spring, *see related article on page 4*, and anticipates rollout to happen this summer.

Lastly, the NMIC staff members, Maggie June and Debbie Muscarella gave a quick update on the School Kids Influenza Immunization Project (SKIIP). While SKIIP is moving forward and we had a record number of schools sign up, delays in the production of FluMist have created delays in schools holding their clinics, and, in some cases, schools have had to cancel their participation.

We appreciate our membership and their continuing participation in promoting immunizations and striving for increased coverage for all New Mexicans!

2016 overview calendar of events

1/14	IPAC	monthl	y meeting	g, 1:30pm
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1/21 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

2/11 IPAC monthly meeting, 1:30pm

2/24-25 ACIP Meeting, Atlanta

3/10 IPAC monthly meeting, 1:30pm 4/14 IPAC monthly meeting, 1:30pm

4/21 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

4/16-4/23 National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW)

5/6 NMIC Provider Awards Dinner, Crowne Plaza

TBD DOH Immunization Training

7/21 NMIC Steering Committee meeting, 2-4pm

7/30-8/14 "Got Shots?" statewide campaign

8/12 August NMIC meeting

12/2 NMIC December meeting

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New NMSIIS Registry Coming Soon!

Erica Martinez-Lovato

NMSIIS Program Manager



In May 2016, NMSIIS will migrate to a new Immunization Registry. If you are current registered user of NMSIIS, in order to ensure that you don't miss out on any important forthcoming information or communication, it is crucial that you contact us and provide us with your most current contact information.

Training on the new registry will occur the first four weeks of May. In order to ensure you gain access to our new registry, please ensure that you register utilizing the survey monkey link below and attend one of our trainings available in your region. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFW9DVJ

For additional details regarding registration for training and how to contact us, please visit our website! https://nmsiis.health.state.nm.us/PR/portalInfoManager.do or email felicia.martinez2@state.nm.us



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