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An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)

ACIP RECOMMENDS HPV FOR MALES

On Tuesday, October 15, 2011, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend the routine vaccination of males 11 and 12* years with 3 doses of quadrivalent human papillomavirus (HPV4) vaccine (Gardasil®). ACIP also recommends the vaccination could begin as young as 9 years of age and that boys and young men 13 to 21 years of age who have not already received the vaccine should be vaccinated.

HPV4 (Gardasil®) male permissive recommendation was added to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program in October 2009. In Idaho, all state-supplied Gardasil® vaccine should be used to vaccinate VFC-only eligible males 9 through 18 years of age (generally at age 11 or 12 years of age). If a male patient is non-VFC eligible you may not use your state-supplied HPV vaccine (Gardasil®).

The general HPV vaccine (Gardasil®) for males will be reviewed in the spring of 2012 by the Vaccine Assessment Board and may be included in the assessment for universal coverage.

*The greatest impact can be had when the vaccine is given at ages 11 – 12 years where there is a better immune response compared with older ages. The vaccine is most effective when it is given before there is exposure to the virus.

HOLIDAY SHIPPING SCHEDULE

November 2011

- Vaccine orders will not be processed by the IIP beginning Monday, November 21, 2011 through Friday, November 25, 2011.
- Vaccine will not be shipped on Monday, November 22, 2011 through Friday, November 26, 2011.
- Order processing and shipping will resume on Monday, November 28, 2011.

December 2011

- Vaccine orders will not be processed by the IIP beginning Monday, December 12, 2011 through Monday, January 2, 2012.
- Vaccine will not be shipped Monday, December 19, 2011 through Friday, December 30, 2011.
- Order processing and shipping will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

January 2012

- The IIP will resume processing orders on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.
- McKesson Distribution will resume shipment of vaccine on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

November 9, 2011



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VFC PROVIDER REMINDERS

The 2011 Idaho Immunization Program Provider Enrollment Agreements have been signed and returned by most offices (remember, if your office has not signed and returned the 2011 agreement then your vaccine orders will not be processed). Are you aware of your roles and responsibilities as an Idaho VFC provider?

- Your office may not deny administration of any vaccine received from the Idaho Immunization Program to a patient due to inability to pay the administration fee.
- Your office will enter each dose of state-supplied vaccine into IRIS within 45 days of administration.
 - Entering and/or updating each patient’s VFC-eligibility
 - Entering and/or updating insurance information as necessary
 - Entering lot number, manufacturer, and expiration date
- Accountability must be submitted through IRIS.
 - Vaccine orders will not be processed if accountability is not current

SAVE THE DATE FOR IRIS TRAINING

The new Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) is scheduled to go live on Thursday, March 1, 2012. Training will be conducted at various locations throughout the state. Please mark your calendars (specific times and locations will be coming).

| Dates | Idaho Area |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| February 13 – 17, 2012 | Southwest Central South Central |
| February 21 – 24, 2012 | Southeast Eastern North |

SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE

Influenza vaccine dosing for children aged 6 months through 8 years for the 2011-2012 season.

- If the child did not receive ≥ 1 dose of the 2010-11 seasonal influenza vaccine or if the provider is not sure, then 2 doses of 2011-12 seasonal influenza vaccine should be administered a minimum of 4 weeks apart.
- If the child did receive ≥ 1 dose of the 2010-11 seasonal influenza vaccine, then 1 dose of 2011-12 seasonal influenza vaccine should be administered.

Seasonal influenza vaccine is available to order from the IIP for your pediatric population (patients 6 months through 18 years).

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