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Manager's Corner

By Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Program Manager

If you have received an email from the Immunization Program recently, you may have noticed something a little different. The Department of Health has transitioned to a secure email as an added measure to ensure protected health information (PHI) is not transmitted in a non-secure manner. Therefore, you will need to take a couple of additional steps when

reading emails from some of our staff members.

When you open the email, you will be asked to click a link to register with Google Message Encryption. Click on the link and set up an account if you do not have one. You will only need to complete this step once. When you receive an email from our staff members, you will log in to this account and will be able

to view the email in a secure manner.

We don't want you to miss the important information that is sent from our office, so please be sure to complete these steps and open the emails. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Immunization Program at 307-777-7952.

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VFC/WyVIP Provider Enrollment

By Jude Alden, VFC Coordinator

As we have previously reported, there was a delay in the release of the 2014 Provider Agreement due to several changes implemented by CDC. We are happy to announce that we are expected to release the Provider Agreement in July with a very quick turnaround.

The enrollment/re-enrollment process will look very different this year as the Provider Agreement will be emailed directly to the Primary Physician/Practitioner

listed on the Provider Profile you completed earlier this year. Along with the Provider Agreement, your Physician/Practitioner will get detailed instructions on how to complete and submit the agreement. This year's agreement is a pdf form that the Physician/Practitioner will need to complete and return via email to the VFC Coordinator. **Under no circumstances should the agreement be printed, signed, and submitted.** Vaccine Coordinators will receive an email notifying

them when the Provider Agreement has been sent to the Physician/Practitioner, as well as the date the agreement is due back to the program to prevent order restrictions. As in past years, it will be up to the Vaccine Coordinators to motivate the Physician/Practitioner to locate and complete the agreement. As with all emails, there is a chance the agreement could end up in the SPAM folder, so be sure to ask them to look there if the agreement cannot be

located. If there has been a change in your Primary Physician/Practitioner or his/her email address please contact lachel.may@wyo.gov as soon as possible to prevent delays in enrollment.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please contact me at jude.alden@wyo.gov or 307-777-2413.





Vaccine Coordinator Training Program (VCTP)

By Jude Alden, VFC Coordinator

We are very excited to announce that the Vaccine Coordinator Training Program (VCTP) is right on schedule for full release of all training topics in webinar format on July 1, 2014! The following trainings are included in the VCTP:

1. VFC/WyVIP Program Overview
2. Vaccine Storage & Handling
3. VOMS+
4. Basic Immunization Education
5. A d v a n c e d

Immunization Education—coming soon.

Completion of training topics 1-3 will be required for Vaccine Coordinators new to the VFC/WyVIP Program as of January 1, 2014. Modules 4 and 5 may be required based on Vaccine Coordinator role and credentials. Regardless of experience, it is highly recommended that all Vaccine Coordinators and other clinic staff involved in program activities complete each

training session.

Each training session will also be converted to an online training module to give providers flexibility and convenience. The release date for the online modules is yet to be determined but is expected to be complete sometime in August 2014.

Following the completion of each training session, participants will be sent a survey to evaluate the quality of the training. Completion of

these surveys is essential to our ability to improve educational resources and meet provider needs.

Due to a wide variation of use, Providers who would like training on the Wyoming Immunization Registry (WyIR) should contact john.anderson@wyo.gov or call 307-777-5773. Please contact me at jude.alden@wyo.gov for any questions on the VCTP.



NEW! LogTag® Data Logger Resources

By Kristy Westfall, Compliance Specialist

In response to the high volume of comments, questions, and concerns regarding the LogTag® Data Logger thermometers, the Immunization Program has put together a comprehensive **LogTag® Data Logger How-To-Guide** to assist providers with the proper use of LogTag® data loggers in their facility.

Providers are highly encouraged to go through each section of this guide to ensure the LogTag® data loggers are set-up and being used properly, regardless of whether they are already set-up and being used, or if they are still in the box waiting to be set up.

This step-by-step guide goes through setting up data loggers that are not yet set up, verifying the configuration settings of data loggers that were set up previously, as well as how to use the data loggers on a daily basis. **Providers should use the guide in electronic form to more quickly access the information specific to their circumstances.**

It is important that the alarm settings on the LogTag® devices are set up based on the Immunization Program's recommendations as these settings were defined by the Immunization Program's Clinical staff. Proper alarm

settings are important for determining when a cold chain event has occurred versus an out of range temperature that may not have compromised the vaccine (only an Immunization Program Clinical Specialist can make this determination). Because of this, it is imperative that every provider that is using a LogTag® data logger thermometer go through this guide step-by-step to ensure proper configuration of the devices.

The **LogTag® Quick Tips** document is a resource that can be posted on the storage unit with the LogTag® device to remind

staff how to check minimum and maximum temperatures as well as what to do when it is time to complete weekly download of data.

These resources are available on the Immunization Program website, Vaccine Storage and Handling webpage at www.immunizewyoming.com. If you have any questions regarding this document or the LogTag® data loggers, please contact Kristy Westfall, Compliance Specialist at: 307-777-6519 or kristy.westfall1@wyo.gov.



VACCINE TRIVIA: What was the first laboratory-produced vaccine? (Answer on Page 3)



Storage & Handling Webpage Facelift

By Kristy Westfall, Compliance Specialist

The **Vaccine Storage and Handling** webpage of the Immunization Program website has been redesigned to be more user friendly and to provide the most up to date vaccine storage and handling resources available.

There is a new **Vaccine Storage Units: Types and Recommendations** document that will assist providers with the changing CDC requirements and recommendations for vaccine storage units.

templates are now located on the Storage and Handling webpage along with the **NEW** CDC Storage and Handling Toolkit. Check out the new page and take advantage of all the great resources today!



The Vaccine Management Plan and Emergency Plan



WyIR Updates

By John Anderson, MA, WyIR Coordinator

WyIR Enrollment for Immunization Providers for 2014

Finally, we have received approval for the "new and improved" WyIR Enrollment process for Immunization Providers. This is separate from the VFC/WyVIP Provider enrollment. The changes to the process include:

- **Minor name changes:**

The old "Provider /Organization" now is now listed as just the "Organization." This should assist in clarifying what information should be listed in the field. The WyIR Agreements are entered into by an organization. The old "WyIR Primary Contact" is now listed as simply the "WyIR Contact."

- **Form changes:**

Only one facility is presented on each

enrollment agreement. This change should assist the Organization in assigning the responsibility for adding/removing WyIR users at each facility, as presented on the updated forms.

- **Role Changes:**

For the new enrollment period, we have shifted the responsibility to add/remove users from one person in an Organization to now at the Facility, rather than the Organizational level. The WyIR Contact will coordinate the submission of WyIR Enrollment Agreement. The Facility Contact will coordinate the submission of the WyIR Access Level Form and WyIR Remove User Form for their facility users.

- **No Digital ID!**

From the feedback survey undertaken after the initial rollout in 2013, users consistently reported the digital ID process as the most troublesome process for the electronic enrollment. New to this enrollment, the digital ID is no longer required.

Request For Proposal Process completed for our Registry Vendor

As you may be aware, the WyIR team recently coordinated the selection of a registry vendor with the evaluation committee. The evaluation committee was comprised of subject matter experts that use the WyIR on a daily basis, as well as administration staff that are familiar with the IT environment at the State. After a thorough process, the evaluation committee

proposed the selection of a registry vendor, which was approved by Senior Management at the State of Wyoming Department of Health.

We are pleased to report that Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC), our current registry vendor, was selected as the best solution for our needs. Many thanks are afforded to the evaluation committee members that participated in the process. We look forward to an improved relationship with our vendor going forward, and welcome user feedback on how to improve the current functionality of the WyIR.



VACCINE TRIVIA ANSWER: *The vaccine for Chicken Cholera (Pasteurella multocida) was the first laboratory-developed vaccine produced by Louis Pasteur in 1879, (<http://www.historyofvaccines.org/content/timelines/all>).*



Site Visit Surveys

By Diana Martin, RN, Clinical and Compliance Specialist

To help promote improvement in the site visit process for Compliance Visits, AFIX Visits, and Unannounced Storage & Handling Visits, the Immunization Program is asking for your

feedback in the form of a site visit survey. The site visit survey link will be forwarded to provider staff who participated in the site visit, within 30 days of the visit. Completion of the

survey is an important way in which providers can contribute to improving the site visit process, by providing valuable feedback. The survey will only take approximately 3

to 5 minutes to complete. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the Compliance Specialist assigned to your region.



Just Say NO to Acetaminophen

By Val Knepp, RN, AFIX and Clinical Specialist

Did you know? Fever is a part of the body's natural inflammatory response to viruses, bacteria AND shots?

Did you know? There is data to support **not** administering acetaminophen-containing pain relievers such as Tylenol® before or after immunizations?

Acetaminophen-containing medications are great to use in a lot of different circumstances; teething, ear infections, and minor

injuries are all perfect times to use it. But prior to shots, or afterward, is not. A study published in The Lancet shows that babies who receive acetaminophen-containing medications have a reduced immune response. The study found that antibody concentrations were significantly lower in babies who received medication compared to those who didn't. Vaccines are given to trigger the immune system to remember a particular antigen. If the child's

immune system doesn't respond and develop antibodies to the vaccine, the vaccine is not as effective. Post-vaccination fevers show that the vaccines given are working! Researchers aren't sure whether other fever-reducing medications, such as ibuprofen, have the same effect. They do advise to avoid using acetaminophen, ibuprofen, or other fever-reducing medications to prevent vaccine related fever. And remember, aspirin should never be

given to a child with a fever.

Acetaminophen-containing medications will help prevent fever in some children, but can also prevent the desired immune response. It's okay for kids to get a fever after receiving vaccinations.

So, just say **NO** to acetaminophen! And, make sure that the parents whose children you are vaccinating are educated on doing the same.



2014 Regional Training

By Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Program Manager

Thank you to all of the providers who attended the 2014 Regional Training. The Immunization Program staff enjoyed traveling

around the various locations in Wyoming and having an opportunity to meet with all of you. We appreciate your feedback

and are already busy looking forward to next year's event!



*Make sure to check out the Immunization webpage regularly for more training opportunities:
www.immunizewyoming.com*



Immunization Staff Changes

By Lisa Wordeman, Immunization Program Manager

The Immunization Program is saying goodbye to two staff members as they move on to new and exciting things.

Kathy Strang was responsible for processing religious and medical exemptions and providing support to WyIR users.

For exemption information, please contact Karoleigh Cassel at 307-777-7621 or karoleigh.cassel@wyo.gov.

Diana Martin, our Clinical & Compliance Specialist, is also leaving the Immunization Program. After July 11, all clinical

calls should be referred to Val Knepp at 307-777-8981 or val.knepp@wyo.gov. We wish them both much happiness in their next adventure.



Mark Your Calendars!



Bi-Monthly Teleconference for all VFC/WYVIP Providers:

July 16, 2014 @ 12:15p.m.
877-278-8686 (toll-free)
Pass code: 309491

VCTP Webinars:

DATE	TRAINING SESSION	TIME	REGISTER
7/14/14	VFC/WyVIP Program Overview	12:30-1-30	Click Here
7/17/14	Vaccine Storage and Handling	12:00-1:00	Click Here
7/23/14	VFC/WyVIP Program Overview	12:00-1:00	Click Here
7/24/14	Basic Immunization Education	3:00-4:00	Click Here
7/29/14	VOMS+	11:00-12:00	Click Here
7/30/14	VOMS+	2:00-3:00	Click Here
7/31/14	Vaccine Storage and Handling	2:00-3:00	Click Here

Pre-registration is required for all VCTP webinars. Click the appropriate links above to register. After completion of the registration, an email will be sent to the participant with the link to join the event.

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