CT WiZ Announcement!

As we welcomed the change of seasons, we welcomed our new Immunization Information System (IIS) “CT WiZ” on September 17th!

Highlighting Bright Spots!

Connecticut joined 15 other states/cities using this same IIS.

This IIS meets national standards and has been used by clinics for electronic exchange with EHRs and direct access for several years.

Four EHR vendors (64 clinics) are actively in the onboarding process for electronic exchange.

Clinic Users and DPH Staff logged into CT WiZ almost 400 times – just on our first day!

Training Support

For now, healthcare provider clinic users and DPH will continue to enter CT Vaccine Program (CVP) orders in the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s Vaccine Tracking System and report doses administered in CT WiZ.

Because CT WiZ requires specific patient level information on each CVP dose of vaccine administered, in person training on CT WiZ for clinic users will be provided by DPH staff based upon readiness to exchange immunization information.

* Clinics that have established electronic data exchange between the clinic electronic health record (EHR) and CT WiZ will be trained in the first wave.
* Clinics that are in the process of upgrading or purchasing an EHR and intend to establish electronic data exchange will be trained as they move into production for data exchange with CT WiZ.
* Clinics that are not planning on using an EHR may request training on the CT WiZ secure user interface if the clinic staff performs same day data entry of patient-level information on all CVP doses administered.

To support your ongoing training needs, training materials are posted on our website and embedded in CT WiZ. See Quick Links below.

Help Desk

To support you, most questions can be answered quickly by visiting our websites:

About CT WiZ: [https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/ALL-ABOUT-CT-WIZ](https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/ALL-ABOUT-CT-WIZ)

Quick Links: Log in to CT WiZ Training Materials Technical Support EHR Data Exchange

If you can’t find the answer on our website, you can request help from our staff by completing the fillable form and clicking ‘Submit’ at:

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What’s New for the 2018-2019 Flu Season?

For the 2018-2019 Flu Season:

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**Options this season include:**

- **Standard dose flu shots.** Most are given into the muscle, usually with a needle, but two can be given to some people with a jet injector. (*Note that no intradermal flu vaccine will be available during 2018-2019*).
- **A high-dose shot for people 65 and older.**
- **A shot made with adjuvant for people 65 and older.** • A shot made with virus grown in cell culture.
- **A shot made using a vaccine production technology (recombinant vaccine) that does not require the use of flu virus or eggs.**
- **Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)** – or the nasal spray vaccine – is also an option for use in otherwise healthy persons 2 through 49 years of age who are not pregnant. (Note that there is a precaution against the use of LAIV for people with certain underlying medical conditions.)

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**What Viruses do 2018-2019 Flu Vaccines protect against?**

There are many flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated to match circulating flu viruses. Flu vaccines protect against the three or four viruses that research suggests will be most common.

For 2018-2019, three-component vaccines are recommended to contain:

- A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 A(H3N2)-like virus (updated)
- B/Colorado/06/2017-like (Victoria lineage) virus (updated)

Four component vaccines are recommended to include the same three viruses above, plus an additional B virus called B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/ Yamagata lineage).

For more information, go to www.immunize.org or www.cdc.gov/flu/
Questions? Comments? Concerns?
We'll get back to you with the information you need.
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