



CVP Update



National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW)

December 5-11th is NIVW, a national awareness week focused on highlighting the importance of influenza vaccination.

Happy Holidays!

The Immunization Action Council is hosting a webinar in recognition of NIVW “Fight the flu and COVID-19 too: influenza vaccination in December and beyond and practical approaches to coadministration of vaccines in adults” on 12/9 from 1p-2p. [Register](#) to learn more about CDC’s influenza surveillance tool and best practices for co-administration!

Please remind your patients that are 6 months and older that it’s not too late to receive an influenza vaccination! Review the [CDC’s Weekly National Flu Vaccination Dashboard](#) to see flu vaccination coverage nationally broken down by specific demographic groups to see where coverage remains low.

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Benefits of Influenza Vaccine

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) has created a [flyer](#) on the benefits of influenza vaccine. Influenza severity varies from year to year but always brings serious consequences. Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent flu and its complications. Only 59% of children 6 months – 17 years were vaccinated for flu in 2020-2021. Research consistently shows that a provider’s recommendation to vaccinate is the single most influential factor in parents’ decisions to vaccinate their children. You are a trusted source of information, advice, and reassurance. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) asks that you use all the tools at your disposal to help families and individuals make an informed choice about receiving vaccines. Outreach strategies include sending emails, placing outbound phone calls, and making sure that you counsel every patient and family you see during office visits or telehealth calls about the importance of getting vaccinated.

Tips for discussing flu vaccine:

- Recommend flu vaccine at every clinical encounter
- Keep it simple
- Use a presumptive approach
- Communicate why we vaccinate
- Communicate the variability and unpredictability of flu
- Acknowledge that flu vaccination is not always a perfect match with the circulating virus types
- Flu and flu related severe illness are common

Tips for ensuring correct recording of flu vaccine in the EHR and IIS:

- Electronic Health Record (EHR) Vendors can subscribe to “Get Email Updates” from [IIS | Code Sets | CVX | Vaccines | CDC](#) to ensure current code sets are updated in the clinic’s EHRs.
- Clinics can [click here for CVP Memos](#) and [click here for the Vaccines Supplied by CVP](#).

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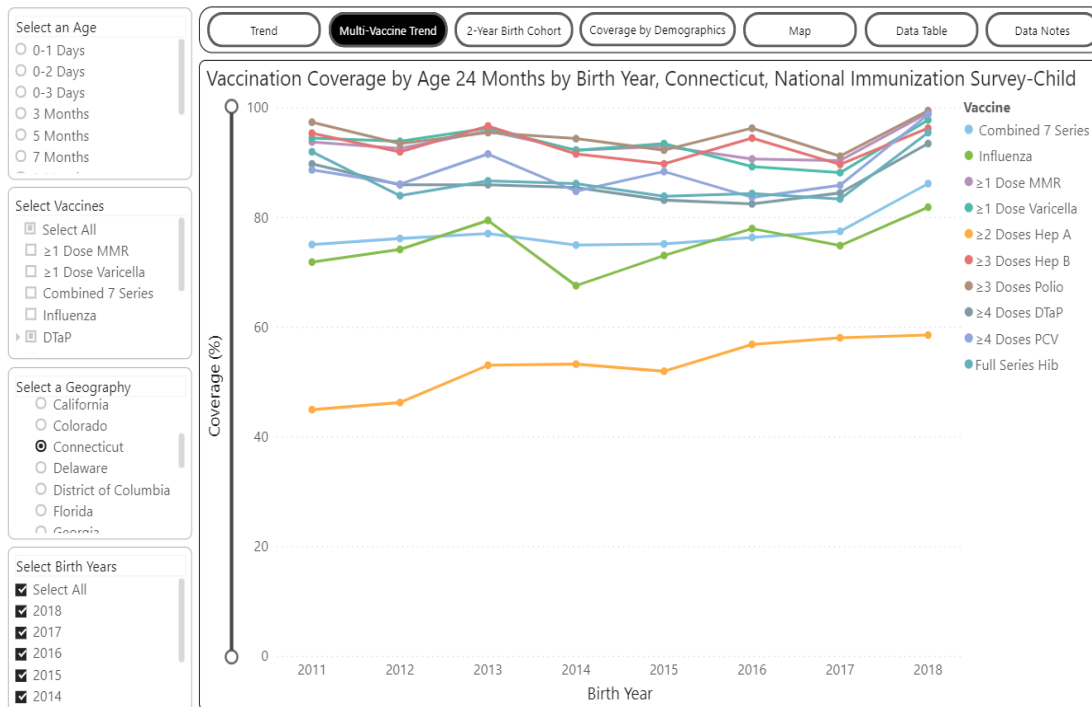
Connecticut's Childhood Vaccination Rates are #1 in the Nation!

[Congratulations to Connecticut](#) for the highest rate of childhood immunizations of any state in the nation! It is you, the healthcare providers, local health departments and school nurses who deserve credit for this accolade!

The National Immunization Survey-Child data is now available. View the MMWR for [Vaccination Coverage by Age 24 Months Among Children Born in 2017 and 2018](#). View CDC's [ChildVaxView](#) and filter the data. You can filter by a specific vaccine, state, birth year, and/or age. You can view the data for multi-vaccine trends, 2-year birth cohort, a color-coded map based on coverage, and more!



[User Quick Guide](#) | [Download Data Table](#) | [Back to ChildVaxView main page](#)



Recall on one lot of pediatric hepatitis B vaccine pre-filled syringes

GlaxoSmithKline is voluntarily recalling one lot of pediatric Engerix-B brand hepatitis B vaccine consisting of 10 pre-filled syringes per pack from Lot CP23D (expiration date: December 2023). This lot was shipped between June and August 2021. The recall is a precautionary measure because a small number of syringes were included in the packages without a syringe label. There is no quality issue with the pre-filled syringes or the vaccine. Vaccinations administered from the affected lot are valid and do not need to be repeated. For more information, call the GSK Response Center at 1-888-825-5249.

A new vaccine education video series for healthcare professionals and the public

On October 13, [YouTube announced a new video series](#) in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and the American College of Physicians (ACP). The series will help answer top questions about vaccines, share the latest science, and make information from some of the world's top vaccine experts available to everyone through YouTube.

Have you Enrolled in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program (CoVP)?

Here are the 6 steps for enrollment in CoVP to administer COVID vaccinations!

1. Complete [Pre-Registration](#)
2. Onboard to CT WiZ with your [EHR](#), or data enter in the [User-Interface](#) (if you haven't already done so)
3. [Enroll in CoVP](#) in CT WiZ (you will receive an email invitation after completing steps 1-2)
4. Register in [VaccineFinder](#) (your primary vaccine coordinator will receive an email invitation)
5. Complete [Storage and Handling](#) requirements to receive COVID-19 Vaccines (you will receive an invitation to register for a live Storage & Handling session after you complete enrollment)
6. [Prepare to administer the vaccine](#)

Employee Spotlight

Loretta Rivera, CT WiZ Data Quality Lead



Caption: Loretta in 2015, 8 months pregnant and happily working on data quality!

Back in 1999, one year after the immunization registry became a statewide system, Loretta Rivera started as a Temp and was later hired as a State employee with the CT DPH Immunization Program. She worked in many areas of the Immunization Program over the last 22 years including data entry, onboarding Electronic Health Records (EHRs), processing CVP orders in VTrckS, conducting user acceptance testing and trainings, and now as the 'Data Quality Lead' in CT WiZ. Often called the "Detective", Loretta is always investigating and conducting data analysis to ensure accurate and complete records in the system. She loves pivot tables, query manager reports and power BI analytics. In her free time, she enjoys 'simple mindless games' and spending time with her children and her family.

NEW! Data Quality (DQ) Corner

Goal

- Now that you've met our Data Quality Lead, Loretta. We ask you, "**Who is the Data Quality Lead in your clinic?**" It might be a clinical or a technical person. By ensuring you have a point person, you will be better equipped to ensure your data is accurate, complete and timely in your EHR and in CT WiZ.
- Goal: Data will be available for clinical decision support, for public health action, and for patients to access their own consolidated records.

Public Portal Tip

- As patients access their immunization records in the [CT WiZ Public Portal](#), it reduces these requests to providers. **Please ensure you verify the patient's contact information (including cell phone and email) are current at each visit.** This contact information enables patients to use the Public Portal successfully, which requires two-factor authentication.

Clinics with Electronic Health Record (EHRs) reporting

- Each month, CT WiZ provides clinics with a "**CT WiZ Production Acknowledgment Summary Report**" (for technical and clinical data quality staff.) This report can help with identifying corrections in your EHR, changes in the interface, or training needs for your staff.
- When reviewing this report, you can run **CT WiZ Data Quality Reports** to assist you with ensuring your data is complete and correct, such as the: [Patient Reminder/Recall Report](#); [Flag duplicates patients](#); [EHR-HL7 Messages tools](#)
- *If you have questions on your report, please reply to the email with your report.*

Clinics using User Interface (UI) reporting

- [Click here](#) for CT WiZ trainings in the user interface.
- [Click here](#) for a CT WiZ reports manual including data quality reports, such as Invalid Doses.
- *If you have questions on CT WiZ trainings, please [submit a helpdesk ticket](#).*

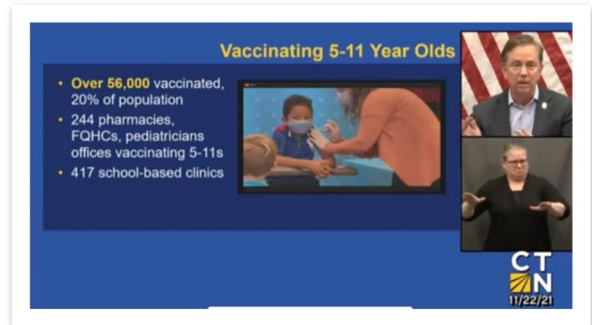
IMPORTANT Reminders

- **CVP Re-Enrollment is due by 12/15/2021!** In order to participate in the CVP, each provider is mandated to complete and submit a Provider Profile/Provider Agreement to the CVP on an annual basis. See the [memo](#) that went out on 10/21/21 for more information. Instructions on completing this in CT WiZ can be found on our [Enrollment/Re-Enrollment page](#).
- **Reminder:** If you have an existing CT WiZ username, you can [reset your own password](#).
- **New Medical Exemption Form:** Pursuant to Section 7 of [Public Act 21-6](#), this [Medical Exemption Certificate](#) should be used by healthcare providers submitting a medical exemption for a child or student attending a Connecticut child care program, elementary, middle, or high school, or higher education.
- **You Must Provide Patients with Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) – It's the Law!** Check for the [current versions and available translations of VIS!](#)

One-Year Anniversary since 1st COVID-19 Vaccines Administered!



1st COVID-19 vaccines administered in CT 12/14/2020



1st COVID-19 vaccine administered to a child in CT 11/2/2021

COVID-19 Vaccination Roll Out Milestones

We wish to express our gratitude and say **THANK YOU** to all the providers, school nurses, partners agencies, public health (local, state and community outreach) and volunteers who worked so diligently to ensure the public gets vaccinated.

December 14, 2020, our first “Shots of Hope” of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in Connecticut!

- Over 455 million doses have been administered nationwide! [Click here](#) for the Connecticut COVID-19 State Profile.
- Connecticut, with FEMA, brought COVID vaccine to communities with the [first Mobile Vaccination Unit](#) in the nation!
- Connecticut launched [Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics](#) with pop-up clinic Yellow Vans.
- Connecticut encouraged COVID-19 vaccinations through [Trusted Messengers](#) in the community.
- Connecticut partnered with Local Health Departments to promote [Vaccine Equity](#) Partnerships.
- April 1st, vaccination [eligibility opened up](#) to all individuals ages 16 and up.
- May 12th, vaccination [eligibility opened up](#) to children ages 12-15 years of age.
- October 22nd and November 19th, vaccination [eligibility opened up](#) for [booster doses](#).
- November 2nd, vaccination [eligibility opened up](#) to children ages 5-11 years of age.

November 2, 2021, our “Game Changer” with children 5-11 years being eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Please review: [Call-to-Action-for-Pediatric-COVID-19-Vaccinators.pdf](#)
- If your clinic is not administering COVID-19 vaccines, you can help your patients find answers to questions about the vaccines and find a CoVP provider by **referring them to the new website [KIDS Vaccine Portal](#)**.

Just for Fun....

This pandemic brought us NEW words. They’ve even been added to the [dictionary](#)!

Can you match up these new words with the letter of the definition below?

vaccine passport _____ long COVID _____ breakthrough medical _____ super-spreader _____

- An event or location at which a significant number of people contract the same communicable disease — often used before a noun. The term originally referred to a highly contagious person capable of passing on a disease to many others, and now can also refer to a single place or occasion where many others are infected.
- A condition that is marked by the presence of symptoms (such as fatigue, cough, shortness of breath, headache, or brain fog) which persist for an extended period of time (such as weeks or months) following a person's initial recovery from COVID-19 infection.
- A physical or digital document providing proof of vaccination against one or more infectious diseases (such as COVID-19).
- An infection occurring in someone who is fully vaccinated against an infectious agent — often used before another noun (as in “...cases” or “...infection”).