

CVP Update



National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

Communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across the lifespan. Check for [Connecticut events](#) in your area.

CT WiZ Update

- Now posted! CT Honor Roll in June 2019 issue. Congratulations for those achieving outstanding immunization rates for the 2015 birth cohort enrolled in CT WiZ.
- **Wondering what your rates are?** With direct access to CT WiZ, you can run your rates, reminder/recall reports, and check the recommended due/overdue/invalid vaccines on your patients. View your patients' immunization status, order CVP vaccines, report doses administered, and more!
- **How do you get started?** Our Website and Quick Links are your go-to source for CT WiZ info and procedures.
- We will no longer be mailing rate reports to every provider. Check CT WiZ for your rates.
- **ALL issues of the CVP Update Newsletter are now online.** Visit Our Website and keep yourself up to date!



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Safeguard your vaccine supply

On the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) website see the [IAC's Clinic Tools: Vaccine Storage and Handling](#) find a comprehensive collection of resources related to vaccine storage and handling. You can access IAC's checklist for safe vaccine storage as well as links to other helpful resources and educational materials.

Check it out!

The CDC's new redesigned [2019 Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit](#).



"How I Recommend" Videos

New [#HowIRecommend videos](#) from CDC are available for viewing. The #HowIRecommend video series features peer-to-peer advice from practicing clinicians about how to effectively recommend vaccine, as well as how to address parents' common questions. Videos with nurse practitioners, practicing pediatricians, and family physicians are on the [CDC website](#).

Prevent perinatal hepatitis B infection



Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV) spread through blood, sex and from an infected pregnant woman to her child. For all newborns, the current vaccine recommendations state that all medically stable children who weigh ≥ 2000 grams at birth should receive the first hepatitis B vaccine within 24 hours of birth.

Women who have HBV and are pregnant are required to be reported to the CT DPH with each pregnancy for appropriate case follow up and management of the newborn. Post-exposure prophylaxis is critical for children born to HBV-positive moms. Babies born to mothers who are HBV-positive should receive the first dose of Hepatitis B vaccine within 12 hours of birth as well as hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG). Without appropriate post-exposure prophylaxis, about 40% of babies born to HBV-infected mothers will develop chronic hepatitis B infection.

Hospitals should ensure that their policies are consistent with the current hepatitis B vaccine recommendations. On an annual basis, DPH calculates the hepatitis B birth dose rate for each birthing facility in the state and disseminates these rates to each hospital. Hospitals that have a rate of 90% or greater can apply to be on the Immunization Action Coalition's [Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll](#). Eight Connecticut hospitals have earned this award over the past few years.

Congratulations to **Bridgeport Hospital** to be the first Connecticut hospital this year to earn this award for their 2018 birth dose rates with a coverage rate of 94% from 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018. The other hospitals are:

- **Families Are First Birthing Center Bristol Hospital, Bristol, CT**—Reported a coverage rate of 99% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 and 91% from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017.
- **Griffin Hospital, Derby, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 95% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 and 95% from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016 and 93% from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017.
- **MidState Medical Center, Meriden, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 98% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.
- **Saint Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 99% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.
- **The Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 91% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.
- **UConn Health, Farmington, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 96% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 and 99% from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016.
- **Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, CT** - Reported a coverage rate of 91% from 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011 and 96% from 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012 and 97% from 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013 and 97% from 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 and 97% from 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015.



SAVE THE DATE! 2019 Annual Influenza Update Meeting: September 18, 2019: Woodwinds in Branford, CT.

This annual one-day conference covers the latest in adult vaccinations: influenza, pneumococcal, pertussis and other adult vaccination news. Designed for health professionals, health educators and mass immunizers, the conference focuses on the findings from the previous flu season and what's new, products, and pricing we can expect to see in the upcoming season. The conference also focuses on billing issues for health departments, new adult vaccine products, changes in ACIP recommendations for adult vaccinations and new vaccination campaigns at CDC.

Contact the American Lung Association in CT for more information or to register.

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