



CVP Update



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CDC RECOGNIZES NORWALK HOSPITAL NURSE AS CONNECTICUT CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION CHAMPION

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognized the contributions of Clinical Educator and Perinatal Safety Nurse Heidi Steller for her outstanding efforts to promote childhood immunization in Connecticut. Steller was named CDC’s Connecticut Childhood Immunization Champion as part of National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW). The [Childhood Immunization Champion awards](#) are given to one individual in every state who has made a substantial positive impact towards improving immunization rates in their state.

“Heidi Steller is a tremendous example of someone in the medical field who makes a real difference every day as a nurse and an educator to make sure every infant cared for in her hospital gets the maximum protection against very harmful diseases through immunization,” said DPH Commissioner Coleman-Mitchell. “Vaccinations – especially during infancy and childhood – are critical for healthy child development and avoiding crippling diseases. They should continue through adulthood. With rising rates of measles cases being seen nationwide, DPH and our immunization and healthcare partners remain dedicated to increasing all vaccination rates for Connecticut residents. Full vaccination remains the best way to protect your health from any vaccine-preventable disease.”

Nurse Heidi Steller is recognized for her leadership in promoting immunizations and the health of newborns at Norwalk Hospital. As a mentor, Ms. Steller educates the nursing staff about maternal and infant immunizations. Steller worked with hospital administration to initiate a Hepatitis B vaccine birth dose policy to ensure that newborns receive the first dose of the vaccine within 12 hours of birth, providing a protective safety net from Hepatitis B transmission. This policy has led to significant increases in the hospital's Hepatitis B birth dose rates.

If you missed any previous [CVP Communications](#), check for them on our [website!](#)

2019 State-supplied Influenza Vaccine Return Process

Flu vaccine is to remain in your storage unit as viable until the expiration on the box.

Once expired, submit a vaccine return form to the CVP program, you will then receive a UPS return label. Please review instructions on the return form.

When you receive the return label by email, package the vaccine and give the package to your UPS driver. Remember to only return the quantities reported on the vaccine return form. Never return open vials, broken vials, or syringes with needles.

For Flu vaccine ONLY, a spoilage letter is not required.



CT WiZ Update

School's out for Summer! Congratulations to all the graduates!

- ⇒ [Request a CT WiZ user account](#) to help you prepare for “back to school immunization physicals!”
 - *This will enable you to:* view previous vaccine records, view recommender of due/overdue/invalid vaccines, add vaccines given, print Official Immunization Certificates and more!
 - **For more info, visit our [website](#).** Quick Link [Healthcare Provider Login](#)
- ⇒ *Did you miss the webinar? Good news!* You can still view the April 24th [“All Aboard! Your Ticket to CT WiZ”](#)
 - You will learn the onboarding process, training plan for ALL providers (with an EHR or not) and the Help Desk assistance available to you.
- ⇒ **CT WiZ Training Materials and Technical Support are posted on our [website](#) at:**
 - Quick Link: [CT WiZ Training Materials](#)
 - Quick Link: [CT WiZ Technical Support](#)
- ⇒ **If you can't find the info you are looking for on the website:**
 - Quick Link: [CT WiZ Technical Support](#)
 - After reviewing the available training material, click on “Can't find your question or need more information?”
 - * click on submit a ticket to our Helpdesk link,
 - * fill the Help Desk Request Form (Form should be open in the Adobe viewer app),
 - * click on Submit button and you will receive a confirmation email with the ticket number.
 - * *Or Click on the left side: [Contact Us](#) and click on **Helpdesk:***
Submit a request (pdf)
- ⇒ **Congratulations** to the attached **“Honor Roll”** of pediatric and family practices with outstanding immunization rates, by age two, for CT WiZ enrolled children born in 2015!

Hepatitis A

Connecticut Department of Public Health participated with other New England states in the “Partnering to Address the Threat of Hepatitis A and Increase Vaccination Coverage Among At-Risk Adults” webinar. Due to the current increase in cases nationally and [outbreaks of Hepatitis A infection](#) occurring in other states in newly recognized at-risk populations, state and federal public health officials invited partners who work with those experiencing homelessness, have substance use disorders, have been trafficked, and/or incarcerated persons to a meeting on May 23.

Hepatitis A (HAV) usually spreads when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food, or drinks contaminated by small, undetected amounts of stool from an infected person. Hepatitis A can also spread from close personal contact with an infected person such as through sex or caring for someone who is ill.

Two New Apps for Vaccine Providers

There's an App for Pneumo

Confused about when to give pneumococcal vaccine? There's an app for that. CDC's [PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor](#) mobile app incorporates recommendations for all ages to help vaccination providers quickly and easily determine which pneumococcal vaccines a patient needs and when.

CDC Vaccine Schedules App

Healthcare providers who recommend or administer vaccines can immediately access all CDC recommended immunization schedules and footnotes using the [CDC Vaccine Schedules app](#). Optimized for tablets and useful on smartphones, the app shows child, adolescent, and adult vaccines.



*Congratulations to the Following Practices for Achieving a $\geq 90 - 94\%$
Immunization Rate on CIRTS Enrolled Children Born in 2015*

*Adade Andrews, MD
Alliance Med Grp/Greater Waterbury
Auerbach Pediatrics
Avon Pediatrics
Banack Sherry, MD
Bridgeport Hosp Primary Care
Bristol Pediatric Center
Branford Pedi & Allergy/Branford
Branford/N Branford Pedi/Branford
Bush, Spiegelman, Pemberton, Robert, MD's
Candlewood Valley Pediatrics
CHC/CLINTON
CHC/HARTFORD at CCMC
CHC/NEW BRITAIN
Child & Adolescent Health/Waterbury
Children's Med Associates
Center Advanced Pedi/Ridgefield
Center For Pedi Med/N Fairfield
CT Pedi Partners/Bay Street Pediatrics
CT Pedi Partners/Doctors Pedi/Wilton
Enfield Pediatric Associates
Fair Haven Com Health Center
First Choice Health Center/EH/Pedi
Gales Ferry Pediatrics
Gold Star Pediatrics
Greenwich Pediatrics
Greenwich Hospital Amb Pediatrics
Guilford Pediatrics
High Ridge Family Practice
Litchfield County Pediatrics
Marmer Ellen, MD
Meriden Family Practice
Meriden Pedi Associates
Middlesex Pediatric Associates
Milford Pedi Grp/Milford
New Britain Pedi Group
New England Pedi/New Canaan
Northwest Hills Pedi/Canton
Norwich Pedi/Colchester
Norwich Pedi/Norwich
Optimus Health Care/Park City
Parnes Robert, MD
Pedi & Adolescent Health Care/Ansonia
Pedi & Adolescent Med/Wallingford
Pedi Associates of CT/Southbury
Pedi Associates/Cheshire
Pedi Associates/Western CT
Pedi Care Associates/Shelton
Pedi Center/Stamford
Pedi Healthcare Associates/Shelton
Pediatrics Plus
Pedicorp/West Hartford
Personal Care Pediatrics
Peterson Mark, MD
Pond Place Pediatrics/Prospect
Primed Pediatrics/Trumbull
Prohealth Phys/Windham
Rainbow Pediatrics
Reliable Pediatrics
Shaban Sedat, MD
Smart Start Pediatrics
South Windsor Pediatrics
Southington Pedi Associates
Starling Phys/Pedi/New Britain
Vernon Pediatrics
Western CT Med Grp/Southbury
Yale New Haven Pediatric PCC*

*Congratulations to the Following Practices for Achieving a $\geq 95 - 100\%$
Immunization Rate on CIRT'S Enrolled Children Born in 2015*

<i>Adamenko Robert S., MD</i>	<i>Hill Heath Center/WH/Cornell Scott</i>	<i>Pioneer Valley Pediatrics</i>
<i>Baker Pediatrics</i>	<i>Lavoie Richard J., MD</i>	<i>Rocky Hill Pediatrics</i>
<i>Brnfd/N Brnfd Pedi/N Brnfd</i>	<i>Manchester Pediatric Assoc/Torrington</i>	<i>Sacheti Vandana, MD</i>
<i>Brookside Pediatrics</i>	<i>Mansfield Fam Practice</i>	<i>Santoro Fred E., MD</i>
<i>Central Pediatrics</i>	<i>Marlborough Pediatrics</i>	<i>Schwartz Lester, MD</i>
<i>CHC/DANBURY</i>	<i>Milford Pedi Group/Stratford</i>	<i>Shoreline Pedi/Clinton</i>
<i>CHC/MERIDEN</i>	<i>Newington Pediatrics</i>	<i>Shoreline Pedi/Madison/North</i>
<i>Child & Adls Hlth/Woodbridge</i>	<i>Newtown Center Pediatrics</i>	<i>Simsbury Pediatrics</i>
<i>Child Care Assoc/Danbury</i>	<i>Northwest Hills Pedi/Sharon</i>	<i>Somerset Fam Health Care</i>
<i>Children's Med Grp/Bloomfield</i>	<i>Optimum Medical</i>	<i>Spiesel/Butler/Davis, MD's</i>
<i>Children's Med Grp/Hamden</i>	<i>Optimus Health Care/Atlantic St</i>	<i>Stamford Pedi/Darien</i>
<i>Children's Med Grp/Rocky Hill</i>	<i>Pedi & Adolescent Med/Cheshire</i>	<i>Stamford Pedi/Stamford</i>
<i>Center Advanced Pedi/Norwalk</i>	<i>Pedi & Adolescent Med/Middletown</i>	<i>Stratford Pediatrics</i>
<i>Center For Pedi Med/Danbury</i>	<i>Pedi & Med Associates/Cheshire</i>	<i>Summer Pediatrics</i>
<i>Com Health Center/Norwalk</i>	<i>Pedi & Med Associates/New Haven</i>	<i>Sutay and Stewart Pediatrics</i>
<i>Cornerstone Pediatrics</i>	<i>Pedi Associates/Branford</i>	<i>SW/Com Health Center/Albion</i>
<i>Curi Michael, MD</i>	<i>Pedi Associates/Bristol</i>	<i>SW/Com Hlth Cntr/Fam Hlth Cntr</i>
<i>Day/Kim Med Grp/Kennedy Dr</i>	<i>Pedi Associates/New London</i>	<i>The Healthy Child</i>
<i>East Avenue Pediatrics</i>	<i>Pedi Healthcare Assoc/Bridgeport</i>	<i>TLC Pediatrics</i>
<i>East Granby Fam Practice</i>	<i>Pedi Healthcare Assoc/Fairfield Center</i>	<i>Toscano Robert, MD</i>
<i>Farmington Pedi & Adol Med</i>	<i>Pedi Healthcare Assoc/Stratford</i>	<i>Trumbull Pediatrics</i>
<i>Flanders Pediatrics</i>	<i>Pedi Healthcare Assoc/Trumbull</i>	<i>Unionville Pediatric Group</i>
<i>Galan Laurentiu, MD</i>	<i>Pedi Med/Wallingford</i>	<i>Village Pediatrics</i>
<i>Gales Ferry Pedi/Old Saybrook</i>	<i>Pediatric Partners/Bloomfield</i>	<i>West Hartford Pediatrics</i>
<i>GDCHC/South</i>	<i>Pedicorp/Windsor</i>	<i>Willows Pediatric Group</i>
<i>Hamden Pediatrics</i>	<i>Phillips Foster I., MD</i>	<i>Yale Health Plan Pedi</i>
<i>Hartford Area Pediatrics</i>		

Recognition based on the following schedule administered on or before the children's 2nd birthday

Valid 4:3:1:3:3:1:4: 4 DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hib, 3 Hep B, 1 Varicella, 4 PCV.

Rate is based on practices with ≥ 10 CT WiZ enrolled children born in 2015

