ALASKA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATES

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Agenda

• Alaska Immunization Program Overview
• PPHF HPV Grant Overview
• Change in Vaccine Distribution
• Provider Recognition Program
• Q&A
ALASKA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM
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- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program
- VacTrAK (Immunization Information System-IIS)
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Case Management Program
- Field Operations
- Education & Training
- Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program (AVAP)
- School and Childcare Immunization Compliance Program
- Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange (AFIX)
- Field Operations
PPHF HPV GRANT
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- Awarded by the CDC
- PPHF: Prevention and Public Health Fund
- August 2014 through October 2016
- Grant has ended, but some activities are ongoing
Award Activities

1. Develop a workgroup with immunization stakeholders
Stakeholder Group

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- American Cancer Society
- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
- Arctic Investigations Program, CDC
- State of Alaska Division of Public Health
  - Cancer Prevention & Control Programs
  - Immunization Program
  - Public Information Office
  - Public Health Nursing
  - Women, Children, Family Health (Adolescent and School Nurse Program)
- Municipality of Anchorage Health Department
- American Academy of Pediatrics- AK Chapter
- Anchorage School District Health Services Div.
- Vaccinate Alaska Coalition
- Let Every Woman Know-Alaska
Award Activities

2. Implement a comprehensive communication campaign targeted to the public
Communication Strategy

Providers

Parents/Pre-teens

Public

Increased HPV Vaccination Coverage
HPV PSAs

HPV vaccine is CANCER PREVENTION.
Vaccinate your kids at 11-12

Visit epi.alaska.gov/immunize
AK HPV PSA – Doctor Recommendation

Available at https://vimeo.com/129940096
Award Activities

3. Implement immunization information system (IIS)-based reminder/recall for adolescents aged 11-18 years
VacTrAK

Welcome to VacTrAK – the Alaska Immunization Information System (IIS)

VacTrAK Documents
- Documents & Policies
- Quick Reference User Guides

VacTrAK Support
VacTrAK Support:
866-702-8725 (866-702-TRAK)
In Anchorage – (507) 269-0312
E-mail: vactrak@alaska.gov

Valuable Links
- Alaska Immunization Program

VacTrAK Providers
All health care providers are required to report administered immunizations to VacTrAK, the State of Alaska Immunization Information System, within 14 days of administration. The new reporting requirement is applicable for any vaccine administered, including state supplied and privately purchased vaccine.
7 AAC 27.850, Effective 12/29/2013

Important Notices
- What’s New in VacTrAK 1/31/17
- VacTrAK User Accounts and Password Updates 10/27/15
Adolescent Vaccination Reminder Recall

- 39,000 postcards mailed to children 11-18 years of age due for at least one dose of HPV vaccine

Adolescents need three important vaccines. One can prevent cancer.

Tdap vaccine
One dose protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Meningococcal vaccine
Two doses (one at age 11 and one at age 16) protect against four types of meningococcal (meningitis) disease. Many universities require this vaccine for admission.

Human papillomavirus vaccine
Three doses prevent many types of cancers. It works best when all three shots are given at age 11-12. Teens and young adults aged 13-26 should get the HPV vaccine if not vaccinated earlier. HPV vaccine is safe and effective in both boys and girls.

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Award Activities

4. Use Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, and eXchange (AFIX) to evaluate and improve the performance of immunization providers

5. Implement strategies targeted to immunization providers
The Process

- CDC mandates and tracks AFIX visits
- Alaska Immunization Program conducts AFIX visits
- Medical providers actively participate in the AFIX process
Coverage rate reports to providers who receive state-supplied vaccines (n=136)

- First report 1/14/15
  - All organizations administering HPV vaccine, statewide
- Second report 4/30/15
  - Featured organization-specific coverage rate data from VacTrAK
  - Toolkit
- Third report 12/29/15
  - Focused on current organization-specific HPV coverage rates compared to initial assessment data previously reported
Provider Education Materials

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HPV CANCER PREVENTION

HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION
HPV vaccines protect against HPV types that most commonly cause anal, cervical, oropharyngeal, penile, vaginal, and vulvar cancers.

1. Every year in the U.S., 27,000 people get cancer caused by HPV. That’s 1 person every 20 minutes of every day, all year long.

Most of these cancers can be prevented by HPV Vaccine.

HPV VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER TEEN VACCINES

Preteens need three vaccines at 11 or 12. They protect against whopping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and meningitis.

HPV VACCINE IS BEST AT 11-12 YEARS OLD

Preteens have a higher immune response to HPV vaccines than older teens.

Parents and healthcare professionals are the key to protecting adolescents from HPV cancers.

VACCINATE YOUR 11-12 YEAR OLD

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens

Tips and Time-savers for Talking with Parents about HPV Vaccine

CDC Research Shows:

- People who are HPV positive are more likely to get HPV-related cancers.
- HPV can cause cancers of the cervix, vagina, and vulva in women, cancer of the penis in men, and cancers of the anus and the mouth or throat in both women and men.
- About 26,000 of these cancers each year—most could be prevented with HPV vaccine.

Parents may be interested in vaccinating, yet still have questions. Taking the time to listen to parents' questions helps you save time and give an effective response. CDC research shows these straightforward messages work with parents when discussing HPV vaccine—and are easy for you or your staff to deliver.

Parents can say:

- HPV vaccine is cancer prevention.
- HPV vaccine is important because it prevents cancer. I want your child to be protected from cancer. That’s why I’m recommending that your daughter/son receive the first dose of HPV vaccine today.

Tips:

- Try saying:
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CDC has created a website about HPV vaccination just for physicians & other healthcare professionals which includes:

- Tools for Your Practice
  - A tips sheet for talking to parents
  - A customizable slide deck
  - CME courses from CDC and Medscape
  - ACIP Recommendations / Schedules

- Handouts to Give to Parents
  - VIS sheets for both HPV vaccines
  - Factsheets
  - A parent friendly schedule
  - Spanish resources
Estimated adolescent HPV vaccination rates in Alaska, NIS, 2008-2016

* Statistically significant (p<0.05) percentage point increase from 2015 among males with 1 or more doses HPV.
Estimated adolescent HPV vaccination rates among females, Alaska and US, NIS, 2013-2016
Estimated adolescent HPV vaccination rates among males, Alaska and US, NIS, 2013-2016
Estimated adolescent coverage for HPV vaccination rates, US and Alaska, NIS 2016
CHANGE IN VACCINE DISTRIBUTION
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• CDC is changing how state-supplied vaccine is distributed in Alaska

• State-supplied vaccine will be distributed to Alaska’s healthcare providers by McKesson Distributor
  • McKesson is a national vaccine distributor located in Aurora, Colorado
  • McKesson distributes all vaccine purchased through the federal bulk vaccine contract
Why Change Vaccine Distribution?

• All other states utilize McKesson for distribution of state-supplied vaccine
  • Transitioned from state depots to centralized distribution 10+ years ago
• Recent increased efficiencies in McKesson’s shipping and cold-chain management
• Increased burden on Vaccine Depot to manage shipping logistics and ensure cold-chain management
• Reallocation of limited Immunization Program staff time and resources
Benefits

- Vaccine will be delivered directly to healthcare facility
- No transport LogTag to mail back to the Depot
- Longer vaccine expiration dates
- No postage cost for vaccine returns
- More Immunization Program staff time can be devoted to quality assurance and education
PROVIDER RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Provider Recognition Program

- Starting 2018
- Healthcare providers will be recognized if clinic meets Health Alaskans (HA) 2020 goal
  - HA2020 = 75% of children age 19-35 months receive the ACIP recommended vaccination series
- Modeling program after Washington State’s Provider Recognition Program
Questions?