



## Immunizations

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# Central District Health Department

## THE SHOT LINE

### Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) upcoming four-part **Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Disease 2006** satellite broadcast series is being aired from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at CDHD on four consecutive Thursdays, beginning February 9, 2006. Topics for each session are as follows:

[Thursday, February 9, 2006](#) Principles of vaccination, general recommendations on immunizations, vaccine storage, handling, and administration

[Thursday, February 16, 2006](#) Pertussis, pneumococcal disease (childhood), polio, Hib

[Thursday, February 23, 2006](#) Measles, rubella, varicella, and meningococcal disease

[Thursday, March 2, 2006](#) Hepatitis B, hepatitis A, influenza, and pneumococcal disease (adult)

All immunization providers, particularly new medical staff, are strongly encouraged to view these broadcasts. Don't miss this opportunity to receive the most current information available in the constantly changing field of immunization.



### Shot Smarts 2006 will be held in Boise on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Shot Smarts is a one-day immunization workshop presented by the Idaho Immunization Program. It is aimed at addressing current key issues within the Idaho Vaccines for Children Program, and the world of immunizations in general.

The keynote speaker for this annual event will be Dr. William Atkinson, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Epidemiologist, National Immunization Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Details will be announced as they become available, but mark your calendar now so you do not miss out on this educational opportunity!

## National Infant Immunization Week

Plan now to celebrate National Infant Immunization Week  
 April 22 through April 29, 2006!

On Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Central District Health Department will be holding their annual free immunization clinic for children birth through eighteen years of age. This event helps promote the importance of immunizations in the prevention of disease in all children and young adults. A variety of activities and health information will be provided. For more information, please call the Immunization Clinic at 327-7450.



## Whom To Contact:

For medical questions about vaccines for children (VFC) (schedules, updates, vaccine storage and handling, etc. please contact:

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## Pertussis Cases Soar | New Booster Vaccine May Curb Cases

The Central District Health Department (CDHD) experienced a nearly three-fold increase in the number of reported pertussis (whooping cough) cases in 2005. The alarming rise in the number of cases of the highly contagious disease is in part linked to waning immunity among adolescents and adults. New vaccines could help reduce the number of new infections. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is now recommending that children ages 11 – 18 and adults ages 19 – 64 receive the newly licensed Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccination boosters. The new vaccines help protect adolescents and adults from pertussis, while also reducing the risk of the disease being transmitted to infants, who are the most vulnerable to serious and sometimes fatal effects of pertussis. “The new Tdap vaccines, Adacel and Boostrix, offer effective tools in reducing the number of new infections,” said Cindy Trail CDHD Deputy Director. “We strongly encourage physicians to recommend these new boosters to their teenage and adult patients.”

## Teresa's Corner

With the start of a fresh New Year, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank the people who have dedicated themselves to protecting our children and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases. Your hard work is paying off. Kudos to ALL!

The New Year is also a good time to check your Vaccine Information Statements (VIS). Please make sure you are using the most current edition of the VIS. Updated VIS are available from the State Immunization Program at 334-6524.



Teresa Phillips

## Three (3) Dose HIB schedule

During recent childcare immunization inspections, we have identified numerous records that indicate facilities are still giving four doses of Haemophilus Influenza Type B (HIB) vaccine. Currently in the State of Idaho only a three (3) dose HIB vaccine is available—Pedvax HIB or Comvax. The administration schedule for these vaccines is at 2 months, 4 months, and 12-18 months of age. Because it is only a three dose series, children do not need a dose at 6 months of age. Keep in mind, if the third dose is given prior to one year of age, a fourth dose is required. If you have further questions please call the SHOT LINE at 321-BABY.

## Childcare/ School Issues

The recent law changes regarding the implementation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP) and 2<sup>nd</sup> Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) for school and childcare entry has brought on much frustration for school nurses, childcare providers, and healthcare professionals alike. Let's see if we cannot simplify the problem a bit...

Any **child 4 years of age or older** entering school or a publicly funded preschool (i.e. Head Start) will be required to have the 5<sup>th</sup> DTaP and 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR in order to start school. (Note: If a child receives the 4<sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP on or after their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, a 5<sup>th</sup> dose is not required).

Children 4 to 6 years of age in privately run preschools have until they turn 6 years old or enter public school (whichever comes first) to get their kindergarten boosters (5<sup>th</sup> DTaP and 2<sup>nd</sup> MMR). Please, please, please remember, **no child under the age of 4 years old should receive their kindergarten boosters**. If you need further clarification please call the SHOT LINE at 321-BABY (2229).

## Administration Fees

During recent Quality Assurance Review (QAR) visits it was discovered that some facilities are unclear regarding appropriate administration fees for state supplied vaccines. As outlined in our *Memorandum of Understanding* with the Idaho Immunization Program and the Vaccines for Children Program, there are no allowable charges for the cost of vaccines themselves. Additionally, the maximum vaccine administration fee charged cannot exceed \$14.34 per dose. (A combination vaccine administered through a single syringe is considered a single dose). The Provider Enrollment Agreement also requires that no child can be denied vaccines due to inability of the child's parent or guardian to pay the vaccine administration fee.

## Leanna's Corner



Leanna Davis

At the start of this New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our many community partners for your ongoing efforts toward maintaining and improving IRIS. As you know, the primary goal of IRIS is to increase immunization coverage among Idaho's children. By working together to gain parental consent, enroll children, and provide accurate and timely immunization data, we can all help to improve the health of Idaho children.

### Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) upgrade

An upgrade was completed January 18, 2006 and includes the following changes:

- Collapsible menu
- Favorites
- "Report Duplicates" button
- "Allergies Field"
- "IRMS/Facility Where Documented"
- "Lot Numbers"
- "Chickenpox History"
- "Back" buttons
- Reason for Invalid Immunization (**Red X**) -

on the vaccination detail screen, double click on a shot date, and the reason for a shot being marked as outside of ACIP recommendation will be displayed. (See attached IRIS screen print)



#### Vaccination Detail

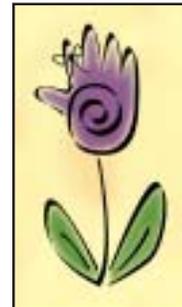
Vaccine:	MMR
Date Administered:	01/01/2005
Invalid Vaccination:	Invalid MMR: Minimum age for this dose not met.
Historical:	Yes
Manufacturer:	
Lot Number:	
Lot Facility:	
Publicly Supplied:	No
Vaccinator:	
IRMS where documented:	4 - DISTRICT 4
Facility where documented:	
Anatomical Site:	
VFC Status:	
Revaccination Reason:	
Adverse Reaction:	
District/Region:	4
Dates of VIS Publications:	
Date VIS Form Given:	
Comments:	

Cancel

Edit Record

Delete Record

Add/Edit Adverse Reactions



For IRIS access, questions, or technical assistance, please email me at [ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov](mailto:ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov) or give me a call at 869-9118. Thank you!



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### Expanded Registry Access

There is a new function in IRIS that allows connection to the Washington and Louisiana Immunization Registry (children’s profiles only). The function allows the user to access the child’s immunization record and automatically download the information into Idaho’s Immunization Registry without any additional data entry. If you are serving children displaced by Hurricane Katrina, you may find this function useful to help access their immunization records. The State Immunization Program is working on having access to more states added later, especially our surrounding states. For assistance with this expanded access or IRIS technical assistance in general, please contact Leanna Davis at [ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov](mailto:ldavis@cdhd.idaho.gov) or call 869-9118.



### Got Questions? Call The Shot Line

**Call 321-BABY** to get answers!!!  
This service provides physicians, nursing personnel, childcare providers, and school nurses a direct line to an immunization nurse who will provide immediate answers to your immunization questions (i.e. scheduling, timing, storage and handling, vaccine errors, etc.)  
You can access this line by dialing **321-BABY (321-2229)**. This line will be answered during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Excluding State Holidays)