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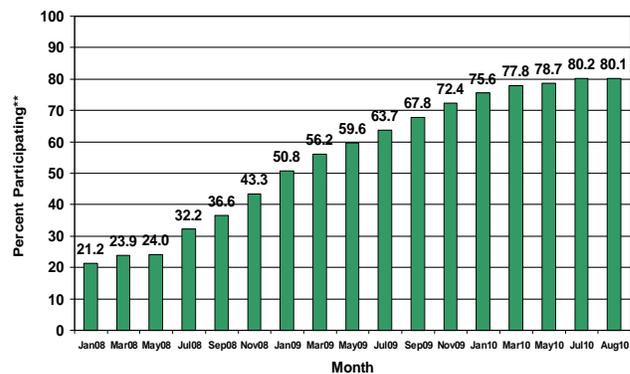
Welcome to **NYSIIS News**. This e-newsletter provides you with updates on the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

## NYSIIS – Reaches New Milestone!

As NYSIIS continues to progress, the end of June brought a new achievement in the percentage of children less than six years of age with two or more shots in an immunization information system. As of September 1, 2010, NYSIIS reached 80.1 percent of children less than 6 years of age with two or more shots in NYSIIS. At the county level, more than half of New York counties (outside of NYC) are at 85 percent or above. Of those counties, ten have reached 95 percent.

NYSIIS contains more than 3.3 million patient records and 39.0 million immunizations. Training and outreach efforts have resulted in more than 3,200 health care provider organizations and nearly 1,700 schools with active user accounts. Outreach and training efforts continue to assist providers with using NYSIIS to its fullest potential.

**Percent of Children Less Than 6 Years of Age with Two or More Shots in NYSIIS\***  
New York State (Outside of New York City)



\*New York State Immunization Information System  
\*\*Based on Claritas population estimates for 2008 (Jan-Nov08), 2009 (Jan-Nov09) and 2010 (Jan10-present).

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## System Enhancements

On June 1, 2010, NYSIIS completed Release 1.6. This clinical release added new vaccines and modified the corresponding schedules as appropriate for Hiberix, Cervarix, and Prevnar13. In addition, the HPV schedule was updated for age and spacing intervals between doses and included HPV series for males (Gardasil only).

The next enhancement is slated for September. NYSIIS Release 2.0 will integrate blood lead screening information into NYSIIS by providing a lead user interface module and a historical data upload from LeadWeb. This will allow providers to view the complete lead history of their patients. More information on this new functionality and training will be available to all NYSIIS users in the coming weeks. Complete details will be distributed via email and through the Announcements on your NYSIIS home page.

## Linking with Health Insurance Plans

Currently, 19 Health Insurance plans have query only access to NYSIIS. Of those active with NYSIIS, eight are electronically linked with NYSIIS for data query. Below is a list of the health insurance plans participating with NYSIIS:

Aetna	HealthFirst
Affinity Health Plan	Health Now NY
Americhoice by United Health Care	Hudson Health Plan
CDPHP Cigna	Humana
Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield	Independent Health
Excellus - Syracuse	Monroe Plan
Emblem Health	MVP Health Care
Excellus BCBS - Rochester	SCHC Total Care
Fidelis Care	WellCare of New York

## Data Quality – Vaccine for Children (VFC) Reporting

The NYS Vaccine Program utilizes the NYSIIS system to obtain vaccine tracking reports for each participating health care organization. Vaccine tracking reports, such as, the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Report (Doses Administered) are reviewed by the Vaccine Program to assist in making determinations regarding future vaccine shipments for participating providers. Therefore, if a health care organization is participating in the Vaccine Program, monthly reports on the usage of the publicly funded vaccines are required in order to continue to receive vaccine from the program. It is imperative that all patient data reported to NYSIIS is complete and accurate. This includes not only the vaccine information (i.e., lot number and manufacturer), but also the VFC eligibility status. It is the responsibility of each health care organization, regardless of whether they are utilizing NYSIIS through data entry or data exchange, to review their reports and ensure VFC eligibility is being recorded appropriately. Incomplete VFC reports will not be accepted by the Vaccine Program.

## Spotlight on Data Exchange

Data exchange accounts for 60 percent of the patient and immunization information coming into NYSIIS. There are currently 58 commercial vendor systems representing 664 practices actively participating in data exchange. An additional 141 practices are using in-house systems and 18 other vendors are in the testing or in progress phases.

For a list of vendors currently working with NYSIIS, the current version of data transfer specifications or data exchange testing and approval instructions, please visit our NYSIIS webpage on the NYSDOH public web site at:

[http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information\\_system/providers/](http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/providers/)

## Current Training Opportunities

The training schedule for July through December 2010 has been widely distributed to provider organizations, local health departments, and professional medical societies. The complete training schedule is available through the NYSDOH public web site on the NYSIIS training page. Click on or copy the following link into your web browser:

[http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information\\_system/status.htm](http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/status.htm)

## User Group Meetings

### New Format for the Fall 2010 User Meetings!

In an effort to highlight the practical application of NYSIIS in a health care organization's work flow, there will be a new segment entitled "NYSIIS at Work" that will demonstrate how health care organizations in each region have successfully incorporated NYSIIS into their everyday business practices. In addition, three concurrent breakout sessions will be conducted specifically for local health department users, data exchange users and health care providers who data enter directly into NYSIIS.

**Save The Date!** – Below is a list of the regional locations and dates. Complete details have recently been emailed to all current users. To attend one of the upcoming meetings, please register at: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22B22T5LB2W>

### Upcoming User Group Dates:

Albany	Tuesday, October 5 at 9:00AM
Tarrytown	Wednesday, October 6 at 1:00PM
Plainview	Thursday, October 7 at 9:00AM
Syracuse	Tuesday, October 26 at 1:00PM
Buffalo	Wednesday, October 27 at 9:00AM
Rochester	Thursday, October 28 at 9:00AM

## Where Can I Get More Information?

### **Websites:**

NYSIIS on the Health Commerce System (Health Commerce System - HCS)  
<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>

NYSIIS information on the NYSDOH Public Web Site  
[http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information\\_system/](http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/information_system/)

For general immunization information check out the **Immunize NY! Newsletter** on the NYSDOH Public Web Site  
<http://www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/immunization/providers/>

### **Phone numbers and email addresses:**

*For help with the Health Commerce System (HPN access, HPN accounts)*

Commerce Accounts Management Unit (CAMU) Help Desk

1-866-529-1890 or [hinhpn@health.state.ny.us](mailto:hinhpn@health.state.ny.us)

*For help with NYSIIS (user access, how to use the system)*

NYSIIS Technical Help Desk

1-866-389-0371 or [nysiishelpdesk@hp.com](mailto:nysiishelpdesk@hp.com)

*For general questions from parents or the public*

Growing Up Healthy Hotline

1-800-522-5006

*For all other questions*

NYSIIS staff

(518) 473-2839 or [nysiis@health.state.ny.us](mailto:nysiis@health.state.ny.us)

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