

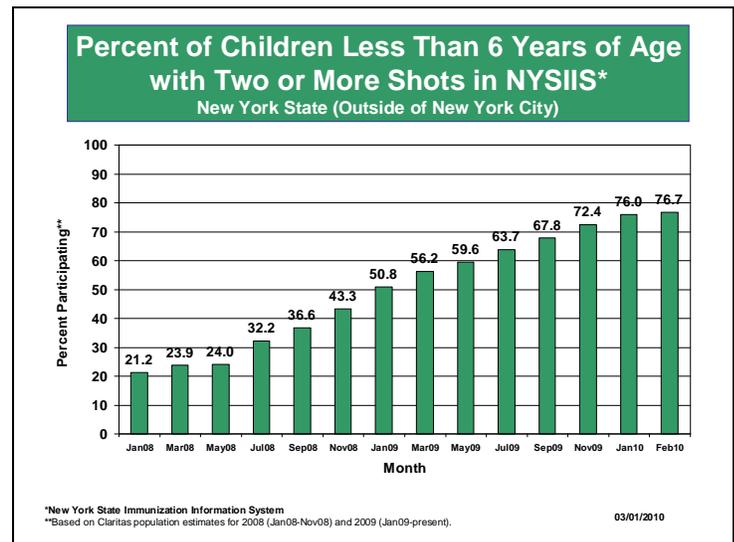


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Welcome to **NYSIIS News**. This e-newsletter provides you with updates on the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

NYSIIS – Keeping The Pace

NYSIIS continues to make a steady increase in the percentage of children less than six years of age with two or more shots in an immunization information system. As of March 1, 2010, 76.7 percent of children less than 6 years of age have two or more shots in NYSIIS. NYSIIS contains more than 2.9 million patient records and 34.3 million immunizations. Training and outreach efforts have resulted in over 3,000 health care provider organizations and 1,400 schools with active user accounts. The NYSIIS Team remains focused on identifying all remaining providers not reporting to NYSIIS, as required by Public Health Law (PHL) § 2168, and working to guide them through training and implementation.



NYSIIS and H1N1 Influenza

In October of 2009, NYSIIS received enhancements to support H1N1 information tracking efforts. Enhancements included adding the Countermeasure and Response Administration module, adding the new H1N1 vaccine CPT and CVX codes and modifying the scheduler to accommodate a 2 dose schedule, 28 days apart for children less than 10 years of age (with the grace period to accommodate the earliest acceptable second dose).

Reporting of all H1N1 doses administered and inventory reporting of doses wasted continues to be required weekly to reconcile doses ordered. **100 percent compliance with NYSIIS reporting of H1N1 vaccine doses administered to children less than 19 years of age is expected.** NYSIIS staff have matched NYSIIS organization ids to H1N1 PINs for vaccine accountability. Inventory, including doses wasted or expired, can be tracked using NYSIIS. An on-line tutorial for using the NYSIIS inventory module is available at: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/instantdemo/tutorials.html>

NYSIIS Consent Waived for Local or State Health Department Vaccination Clinics

The Governor's Executive Order 29 (currently extended through April 17, 2010) suspends paragraph a of subdivision 3 of PHL §2168 to temporarily allow inclusion of adult influenza vaccination information in NYSIIS without written consent. This only applies to local or state health department sponsored vaccination events.

County health departments have been allowed to use the county specific Clinical Data Management System (CDMS) to report vaccination information. While many counties report directly into NYSIIS, some counties have opted to use CDMS. The NYSIIS and CDMS technical staff have been able to successfully establish a data upload mechanism so that all vaccination information (children and adults) from public PODS can be transferred to NYSIIS. However, because of a backlog, all CDMS records are not expected to appear in NYSIIS until the end of March.

Post-Licensure Rapid Immunization Safety Monitoring (PRISM) Project

New York State was selected to work with three major health plans (Aetna, Cigna and Humana) to link health care services data to H1N1 immunization history using NYSIIS. The goal is to monitor rates of certain health outcomes, including Guillain-Barre Syndrome and miscarriages and ascertain if any adverse events are associated with H1N1 vaccination.

Linking with Other Health Care Plans

Access by health insurance plans to NYSIIS is authorized by PHL § 2168 for persons 18 years of age and younger and is included in the consent language for persons 19 years of age and older. While NYSIIS intended to grant access to Health Insurance Plans last Fall, H1N1 activities delayed full implementation. The technical efforts required for linking with the pilot health insurance plans in the PRISM Project have restarted the timeline for linking with other health insurance plans.

The immunization information provided to health insurance plans will only be used for HEDIS and QUARR reporting and includes information that was collected from providers directly in the past.

Current Training Opportunities

While the two year implementation period has ended, an extensive list of statewide training opportunities is still available. Classroom training sessions as well as live webinar trainings have been scheduled for February through June 2010. In addition, recorded webinar trainings and self-guided online tutorials are continuously available. NYSIIS staff will be actively contacting any provider organizations that are not in compliance with the legislative mandate. **It is imperative that any provider organization that has not yet attended training or begun reporting to NYSIIS take the necessary steps to do so by immediately reviewing and participating in one of the available training options.**

The training schedule for February through June has been widely distributed to provider organizations, local health departments, and professional medical societies. The complete training schedule is available through the NYSDOH Health Commerce System on the NYSIIS training page. Click on or copy the following link into your web browser:

https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/training_info.html

NYSIIS User Manual Revised for 2010

The revised NYSIIS user manual version 1.5, released January 2010, includes updated screen shots and instructions congruent with the current functionality. Particularly new and improved is Chapter 13 – Data Exchange. Hardcopies of the revised manual will be distributed through training sessions and user group meetings. The revised manual will also be available online in NYSIIS under the “Forms” tab and on the NYSIIS training web page on both the Health Commerce System and NYSDOH public websites (see links on page 4).

Data Quality

Patient address should be recorded in every patient record. A complete patient address improves data quality, supports the deduplication of patient records and is often essential for specific NYSIIS generated reports. Capturing “County” is an especially critical field for public health reports.

Quick Tip: adding zip code will automatically populate the city and county fields once the record is saved.

Spotlight on Data Exchange

Data exchange makes up 60 percent of the patient information in NYSIIS. There are currently 50 commercial vendor systems representing 346 practices actively participating in data exchange. An additional 46 practices are using in-house systems and 21 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 Health Commerce System at:

https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/nysiis_data_transfer_specs.html

NYSIIS Links with LeadWeb

The NYSIIS and Lead Poisoning Prevention programs have met regularly to define requirements for data upload from LeadWeb to NYSIIS. Programming has begun for the new lead user interface and merge patient modules. The data upload and modules are expected to be completed in June.

NYSIIS Announcements

Be sure to regularly check the announcements on your NYSIIS homepage. Announcements are added to provide users important information on VIS updates, vaccine distribution, system maintenance notifications, training opportunities, and new releases, etc.



The screenshot shows a sidebar navigation menu on the left with categories: Patients, Immunizations, and Reports. The main content area is titled 'announcements:' and lists several items with dates and links. A red arrow points to the 'announcements:' header.

Date	Announcement
02/25/2010	~ Potential NYSIIS Issues Early Morning Fri. Feb 26th
02/16/2010	~ Ask the Trainer: NYSIIS Noon Time Webinar!
02/05/2010	~ NYSIIS Release 1.5.1 Complete
01/25/2010	~ NYSIIS Live Webinars Schedule February - June 2010
01/15/2010	~ January Tip - MedImmune Expiration Date Adjustment
01/14/2010	~ MMR and Varicella Intergroup Conflict
12/17/2009	~ New Flu Updates to the NYSIIS Schedule
12/09/2009	~ December Tip - How To Record Hiberix in NYSIIS
11/18/2009	~ System Changes Improve Performance
11/06/2009	~ Reminder - Information on how to enter H1N1

[more announcements](#)

User Group Meetings

Fall 2009 Meeting Results:

Six regional user group meetings were held across the state this past Fall with 272 individuals attending the meetings held in Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Latham, Fishkill and Long Island.

Spring 2010 User Meetings:

Save The Date! - Venues are currently being reserved for the Spring user group meetings. Below is a list of the regional locations and dates. Complete details will be emailed to all current users in the coming weeks.

Upcoming User Group Dates:

Latham – April 27 at 9:00AM	Syracuse – May 4 at 1:00PM
Tarrytown – April 28 at 1:00PM	Buffalo – May 5 at 9:00AM
Plainview – April 29 at 9:00AM	Rochester – May 6 at 9:00AM

Where Can I Get More Information?

Websites:

NYSIIS on the Health Commerce System (Health Provider Network - HPN)

<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/nysiis.html>

NYSIIS information on the NYSDOH Public Web Site

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

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

NYSIIS Technical Help Desk

1-866-389-0371 or 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

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