



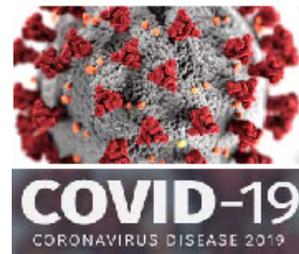
Learn the latest.



Make an Effective Vaccine Recommendation During National Immunization Awareness Month

During NIAM, DSHS Immunization Unit encourages you to ensure your patients are up to date on recommended vaccines.

Research has consistently shown that healthcare professionals are the most trusted source of vaccine information for parents and patients.



Events



Increasing Adult Influenza Vaccination Coverage in Preparation for the COVID-19 Vaccine Response

CDC recently allocated funding to DSHS for increasing adult influenza coverage in populations who may be at increased risk to contracting the flu virus as well as COVID-19.



Answers to FAQs from July 7 Adult Flu Webinar

These responses offer more details about provider recruitment as well as ordering and tracking adult flu doses.



Adult Immunization Recommendations

CDC recently updated their [AdultVaxView](#) website with state, local, and national adult vaccination coverage estimates from the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).



What's New with TVFC/ASN Programs Site Visits

In preparation for resuming site visits across the state, there have been some changes to both the compliance and IQIP site visits.



Metrix Report Coming Soon

Watch your mailbox for your 2020 Community Vaccination Needs Assessment Report (The Metrix).



Welcome Greg Leos as the New ACE Manager

Greg has worked for DSHS for seven years – five years on the Foodborne team and the last two years with the Vaccine-Preventable Disease team (all within the Emerging and Acute Infectious Disease Branch/Unit). Prior to working in Public Health, he worked as a physical therapist assistant in the Air Force and at St. David's.

He is a proud alumnus of The University of Texas and an avid fan of all UT sports.

School Compliance



School Vaccination Rules

School vaccination rules are in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. Students should be either up to date, in the process of receiving vaccines, or have a valid exemption on file when school starts in the fall. For a list of vaccine requirements for K-12, Pre-K, and child-care facilities, go to the Texas School & Child-Care Facility [webpage](#). For a list of providers who offer low-cost vaccines, go to the Texas Vaccines for Children Provider Locator [webpage](#).

School vaccination rules are in effect regardless of whether the education is received via virtual learning or on campus.

Vaccine Choice Opening August 10

Beginning Monday, August 10, providers may update vaccine choices through the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. In EVI, the "Update Choice" tab will be open at **10 a.m. on August 10** and close at **3 p.m. on August 21, 2020**.

The next opportunity for providers to update their vaccine choice(s) will be **November 2020**.

Correct Hours of Operation in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) System

As the back-to-school season brings increased vaccine ordering, ensure that provider hours of operation are correct in EVI. A provider's hours must be entered in military time and be compliant with Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) and Adult Safety Net (ASN) policy.

According to page 42 of the TVFC and ASN Provider Manual, appropriate staff must be on site and available at least one day a week other than Monday and for at least four consecutive hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Clinics with non-compliant hours risk delivery errors and extended wait times for vaccine shipments and must be resolved promptly. [Visit this website](#) for more instructions on entering hours into EVI.

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