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State Vaccination Ranking Improves!

Oklahoma ranks 15th nationally in the proportion of 19-35 month old children completing the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series (4 doses of DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 hepatitis B, 3 Hib and 1 Varicella). Data from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) for 2007 showed 78.5% of state children were fully vaccinated for the newly adopted standard series. Oklahoma maintained its' ranking of 25th for the previous standard that excluded Varicella. According to the NIS, 80.1% of state children were up-to-date for the 4:3:1:3:3 series.

Success is attributed to the efforts of physicians, nurses, and parents to ensure that babies and toddlers are immunized on time. Use of the OK BY ONE Schedule, which emphasizes giving the 4th dose of DTaP as soon as possible, has also contributed to the success along with the work of childcare operators and their staff in enforcing immunization requirements in their facilities. Recognition should also be extended to the Oklahoma Immunization Service field staff, including the Immunization Field Consultants who have diligently visited childcare centers and physicians' offices statewide.

VFC Influenza Vaccine Still Available

Influenza vaccine for children eligible for the Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) is still available for ordering from the Immunization Service. To order additional influenza vaccine, call your Immunization Field Consultant, your Regional Immunization Coordinator, or the Immunization Service at (405) 271-4073.

Significant Changes to Immunization Requirements for Immigrants

Effective July 1, 2008, any person who seeks an immigrant visa or who seeks adjustment of visa

status to that of permanent resident in the United States must be current with vaccines recommended by Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP).

As a result the following vaccines are now required at the respective ages:

- Rotavirus vaccine for children 6 weeks through 7 months of age; No further doses after 8 months, 0 days of age.
- Hepatitis A vaccine for children 12 through 23 months of age;
- Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for persons 11 through 18 years, [Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (MPSV4) is an acceptable alternative.];
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine for girls and women 11 through 26 years;
- Zoster vaccine for persons 60 years and older;
- Hepatitis B vaccine for children from birth through 18 years;
- Influenza vaccine annually to children 6 months through 18 years of age and adults 50 years and older; and
- Tdap vaccine as a single (booster) dose for persons 10 through 64 years old.

Detailed information regarding the vaccination requirements for immigrants is available at:

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dq/civil_ti_vacc.htm.

ACIP recommended schedules may be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/>.

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