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Congratulations Five Oaks Medical Group - Pediatrics

Congratulations to Five Oaks Medical Group – Pediatrics in Chickasha for reaching an immunization level of 83% of children 19 through 35 months of age up-to-date with the primary series of vaccines. This clinic reached this level by employing multiple strategies including:

- Scheduling the child’s next vaccination visit before the parent and child leave the office,
- Using a reminder/recall system,
- Offering walk-in immunization visits, and
- Physician-provided immunization education to parents.

Congratulations to Mercy Hospital Ardmore!

Mercy Hospital Ardmore has been added to the Immunization Action Coalition's Hepatitis B Birth Dose Honor Roll with a reported HepB vaccination rate of 94% of babies born at the hospital. This is the 4th institution to apply and qualify for the Honor Roll from Oklahoma.

The [Birth Dose Honor Roll](http://www.immunize.org/honor-roll/birthdose/) recognizes hospitals and birthing centers that report a HepB vaccine birth dose coverage rate of 90% or greater (including infants whose parents refuse vaccination) and have implemented written policies to ensure all newborns receive HepB vaccine prior to hospital discharge. The honor roll is described at: <http://www.immunize.org/honor-roll/birthdose/>.

Congratulations to OU Physicians Family Medicine

OU Physicians Family Medicine in Oklahoma City has been added to the Immunization Action Coalition’s [Influenza Vaccination Honor Roll](#). The honor roll represents the vaccine champions who have taken the lead in mandating influenza vaccination within their organization or institution. To be included in this honor roll, an organization’s mandate must require influenza vaccination for employees and must include serious measures to prevent transmission of influenza from unvaccinated workers to patients.

Since 2011, OU Physicians Family Medicine Center has required all healthcare workers and volunteers, as well as clerical, dietary, janitorial, and laboratory staff, to receive influenza vaccine. Exemption to immunization is

allowed for medical contraindications, religious beliefs, and personal reasons, but employees covered by this policy will be required to wear a mask while at work during influenza season or be reassigned to non-patient-care duties. The honor roll is described at:

<http://www.immunize.org/honor-roll/influenza-mandates/>.

13th Edition of the *Pink Book* Available

CDC has announced the publication of the 13th edition of “Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases.” The *Pink Book*, as it is commonly known, provides public health and healthcare professionals with the most comprehensive and up-to-date information on vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases. Copies can be ordered online through the [Public Health Foundation](#). Also the complete book is available online at the [CDC website](#).

New information in the 13th edition *Pink Book* includes:

- New chapter on vaccine administration,
- New recommendations regarding selection of storage units and temperature monitoring tools,
- New recommendations for vaccine transport,
- Updated information on available influenza vaccine products,
- Updates on use of Tdap in pregnancy and in persons 65 years of age or older,
- Use of PCV13 and PPSV23 in adults with immunocompromising conditions, and
- New licensure information for varicella-zoster immune globulin.

Starting Wednesday July 8 at noon, CDC will hold a series of web-based trainings every Wednesday to support the release of the Pink Book, including a discussion about the new information included in this version. We will provide you with additional details regarding these trainings in the “July Oklahoma Immunization Update”.

VFC Influenza Vaccine 2015-16 Season

Beginning June 1st, Immunization Field Consultants will be contacting all VFC providers to take orders for VFC flu vaccine for the 2015-16 influenza season.

Back to School Vaccines

[Vaccines Required in Oklahoma](#)

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