

CIR News

THE CITYWIDE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

New Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH-205)

The city has introduced a new form, the CH-205, to make it easier to record child health examinations. The new form replaces the 211S School Form, the 318KA Day Care and 318KA-1 Follow-Up Medical Record Forms and the DRC7 Day Camp/After School/Youth Center Form.

Every child must have a health examination to attend a NYC school (public or private), day care service, early intervention program or day camp. The Online Registry now allows you to print patient CH-205 forms, with immunizations already entered.

All forms will be accepted through the end of the year. Starting **January 1, 2009**, providers should *only* use the CH-205.

Online Registry Use on the Rise

Providers say they're using the Online Registry more often because of recent enhancements. In addition to offering printouts of the new universal Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH-205), the Registry allows you to add new patients as well as use advanced search features to search by medical record number, Medicaid number and parents' name.

The Online Registry makes it faster and easier to report, helps ensure immunizations are up to date and helps providers meet the Vaccines for Children's (VFC's) 90% reporting requirement, guaranteeing full shipment of future VFC vaccines.

NYC providers who report on paper have until **January 1, 2009**, to set up electronic reporting to the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR).

Providers can report electronically by:

- Using the Online Registry, or
- Sending electronic files extracted from billing, encounter or clinical information systems.

To set up online access, call **(212) 676-2323**.

New CIR Vaccine Codes

Vaccine	CIR Code
DTaP-IPV/Hib (Pentacel®)	120
DTaP-IPV (Kinrix™)	130
Rotarix™ (RV1)	119

For the complete CPT-CIR vaccine code list, visit nyc.gov/health/cir.

Key Messages for 2008-2009 Influenza Season

- Flu shots are *now* recommended for *all* children six months through 18 years of age. Last year, only 18% of children six months to 59 months of age received all of their recommended shots.
- Children younger than nine years of age who are getting their first flu shot should receive two doses (administered at least four weeks apart); those who received only one dose of flu vaccine in their first flu season should get two doses in their second year of vaccination. Recent data shows that vaccine effectiveness is higher in children who received two doses in their first flu season.
- All health care workers should be vaccinated every year; make sure you and your staff get a flu shot early in the season.
- Flu vaccine is plentiful this season. Continue vaccinating throughout the influenza season.

To Order Vaccine

- For VFC-eligible patients, call the VFC program at **(212) 447-8175**.
- For non-VFC eligible patients, call your distributor or the manufacturer. For a list of flu vaccine distributors and manufacturers, visit nyc.gov/health.



CIR Honor Roll

The Bureau of Immunization is pleased to honor the following providers who have improved their CIR coverage and met or exceeded the 90% coverage rate for two-year-olds for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series by chart review.

Qurrath Ain, MD
Indo American Pediatrics
Elmhurst, NY

Freya Da Silva, MD
Halsey and Lewis Medical
Brooklyn, NY

Arthur Fierman, MD
Bellevue Hospital
New York, NY

Camelia Ganea, MD
Our Neighborhood Medical, P.C.
Sunnyside, NY

Dinesh Giliyar, MD
Bronx, NY

Tulio Gomez, MD
Brooklyn, NY

Helen Lau, MD
New York, NY

Lee Chiyin, MD
Smith Communicare Health Center
New York, NY

Victor Peralta, MD
Pediatric Specialties of Queens, P.C.
Corona, NY

Camille Taylor-Mullings, MD
Brownsville Multi-Service
Family Health Center @ Genesis
Brooklyn, NY

Hanna Zielnick, MD
Ridgewood, NY


CIR Best Practices

The Online Registry: An Important Tool



MediKids
Bronx, NY

"People in our community tend to move and change doctors a lot," says Marcial Jimenez, MD, the sole pediatrician for MediKids' 3,000 patient practice in the Bronx. "The Online Registry helps ensure that all of our patients, many of whom have been vaccinated by several providers, are up to date on immunizations."

Dr. Jimenez and his staff use the Online Registry to track and report immunizations administered to more than 30 patients every day. Ninety percent (90%) of MediKids' patients are covered by Medicaid and are eligible for the 6,000 doses the practice receives from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

"The Registry is an important part of our office routine," continues Rafael Taveras, MediKids' patient coordinator. Rafael pioneered MediKids' switch from paper to online reporting five years ago. He taught himself how to use the Online Registry and can easily rattle off the child immunization schedule for the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series.

Rafael greets parents of patients with his computer logged on to the Online Registry. The Registry lets him pull up patients' immunization records quickly to see which shots are due. After asking for the patients 'yellow card,' he enters any new vaccinations. "It's so easy with the 'Add History' function. I can update a patient's immunization history in one fell swoop," adds Rafael.

He continues, "The new search enhancements are fantastic. If I can't find a patient, I just enter the mother's maiden name and date of birth and there's the patient." Many children who visit the office are new patients who recently arrived from the Dominican Republic. Rafael uses the Registry to ensure that all new patients are entered and up to date on immunizations.

Dr. Jimenez and his staff received positive results from the chart review conducted by the Bureau of Immunization's Assessment Unit in October 2007. The review showed that 96% of MediKids' two-year-olds received the 4:3:1:3:3:1 series.

In addition, MediKids' CIR coverage rate averaged 82% from August 2006 to August 2008. Dr. Jimenez attributes his office's high CIR coverage rate to the Online Registry. According to Dr. Jimenez, "Reporting patients' immunization histories saves a lot of money on extra vaccines."

By consistently reporting past and current immunizations through the Online Registry (including 90% of the VFC doses it receives), MediKids has maintained its eligibility for full shipment of VFC vaccines throughout 2008.



From left to right: Rafael Taveras, Patient Coordinator, Lourdes Toribio, Office Manager and Marcial Jimenez, MD.

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