

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE



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State Immunization Requirements Available on Line

Getting frustrated sending kids to a new school/state and not knowing “exactly” what the requirements are? Here is an excellent resource: <http://www.immunize.org/laws> . Remember it’s the losing MTF that hold the responsibilities for ensuring folks are fully immunized **prior** to departure.

Measles Outbreak in Korea

The following is an excerpt form a Public Health recommendation from the USFK Surgeon: “ *There have been no cases reported among USFK members and beneficiaries. However, as a precautionary measure, infants aged 6 to 11 months and all previously unvaccinated children are recommended to be immunized against measles, especially infants and children in contact with Korean children in schools and day care settings.*” The entire letter will be posted on the web early next week.

More Flu News

At the risk of redundancy, “*according to the FDA, Wyeth has resolved all open FDA issues and can now present lots for inspection which will be approved and released by the FDA very quickly. Wyeth had been delayed last week because of their own internal QA process.*” You should start to see Flu vaccine in earnest shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday. All the public domain updates I have will be posted on the web early next week under the FAQ’s button. <http://wwwsam.brooks.af.mil/eh/immdoc/faqs.htm>

Merck's Hepatitis A Vaccine Gets Supplemental Approval for Extended Use

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a supplemental license for Merck's hepatitis A vaccine, VAQTA. The new approval extends the age range for the pediatric dose of VAQTA an extra year--it is now approved for use from age 2 through age 18 instead of from age 2 through age 17. The new approval also extends the timing of the adult formulation booster dose of VAQTA from six months following the initial dose to an interval of six to twelve months.

In the Loop

What are the supplemental ACIP guidelines for Td during this shortage? What country do we consistently deploy to still reports wild poliovirus? Do you know what states were already reporting Influenza activity in Sept? Did you know all this information can be sent directly to you? If you’re not subscribed to the MMWR you’re not in the loop. To obtain an entire MMWR issue via e-mail, send a message to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.CDC.GOV with the following in the body of your message: GET MMWR LOG0011C

“Attention to detail is a key to success, is it on your key chain?”

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