



Week in Review

October 10, 2016

2016 HEALTH SUMMIT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Friday, December 9, 2016
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Gateway Conference Center
Wilmington Hospital
Registration opening soon

From the CDC:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6539a4.htm?s_cid=mm6539a4_e
MMWR Weekly, Vol. 65, No. 39; October 07, 2016

Vaccination Coverage Among Children Aged 19–35 Months — United States, 2015

Holly A. Hill, MD, PhD; Laurie D. Elam-Evans, PhD; David Yankey, MS, MPH; et al.
MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2016;65:1065–71

- Among all the states, DE ranks 3rd for MMR, DTaP and 2 doses of MMR.
- DE is also 12th for non-medical exemptions.

From nurses who vaccinate:

http://nurseswhovaccinate.blogspot.com/2016/10/in-this-modern-world-being-immunized-is_6.html

"In this modern world, being immunized is, at its heart, a social issue." Nurses Who Vaccinate (October 6, 2016) - "I've been a nurse for over two decades, I've given hundreds of vaccines and never seen a serious side effect or evidence of the development of a chronic disease related to vaccines. I've spent years studying the vaccine debate, written a website on the subject, spoken at national conferences, and yet, I am still stumped by the simplest statement made by parents: 'I'm not anti-vaccine.' For the life of me, I don't know how to respond. You see, I don't want to have an argument with you, I just want your child to be healthy and safe... I don't think your decision to not vaccinate your child implies you would intentionally disregard the welfare of those in our community who can't be vaccinated, or who need protection against preventable diseases. But actually, it does."

From the Immunization Action Coalition

<http://www.immunize.org/express/issue1268.asp>

IAC Express #1268: October 5, 2016

Top Stories:

- [CDC reports on influenza vaccination coverage of healthcare professionals in 2015–2016](#)
- [Final 2015–16 influenza vaccination coverage estimates reported in *MMWR*](#)
- [CDC reports on measles outbreak in Shelby County, Tennessee](#)
- [PAHO/WHO announces measles elimination in the Americas](#)
- [NFID releases summary of September 29 news conference about influenza and pneumococcal disease](#)

- [CDC's "Parents' Guide to Childhood Immunizations" wins a 2016 National Health Information Award](#)
- [Join the Hepatitis B Foundation as part of their Hepatitis B Storytelling Project Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services adds reimbursement for hepatitis B screening](#)

From our friends at Every Child By Two:

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/generalinfectiousdisease/60625>

"Imported Measles Still a Threat to Unvaccinated Communities" MedPage Today (October 6, 2016) - "With measles remaining endemic in most of the world and global travel a part of everyday life, unvaccinated communities in the U.S. remain at risk from the highly infectious and sometimes deadly illness, a recent analysis suggested. The report, appearing in the New England Journal of Medicine, focused on the 2014 measles outbreak affecting Amish communities in Ohio. Two members of the sect returned to Ohio after performing typhoon relief work in the Philippines, unknowingly bringing the disease with them. Ultimately, 383 people in their communities, in which vaccination rates were much lower than among non-Amish people in the same areas, came down with measles. The crude attack rate among the Amish -- about 12 per 1,000 over a 4-month period -- was much larger than the annual incidence of measles in the U.S. overall (<1 case per million people), reported Paul A. Gastañaduy, MD, MPH, of the CDC's Division of Viral Diseases, National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases, and colleagues."

<http://capitolweekly.net/california-vaccination-progress-work-remains/>

"Vaccinations: Progress, but more work needed" Capitol Weekly (CA) (October 5, 2016) - "Last year, Gov. Brown signed into law a bill that eliminated the personal belief exemption from mandatory school vaccines. The law has been on the books for just three months now, and already we have seen an uptick in student vaccination rates. The immunization rate for incoming kindergarten students has jumped this year by more than 2 percentage points-to approximately 93 percent. This is news we should all be proud of. But anyone who cares about the health of our state and the welfare of our communities should not rest on the success of SB 277 - there is still more work to be done... Earlier in the year, we saw several cases of meningitis B on the campus of Santa Clara University. And, over the summer, there was a meningitis outbreak among members of Los Angeles' gay community, causing over a dozen people to become ill. These episodes are stark reminders that getting vaccines is not just something we should just do when we are younger."

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