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Childhood coverage data published by CDC

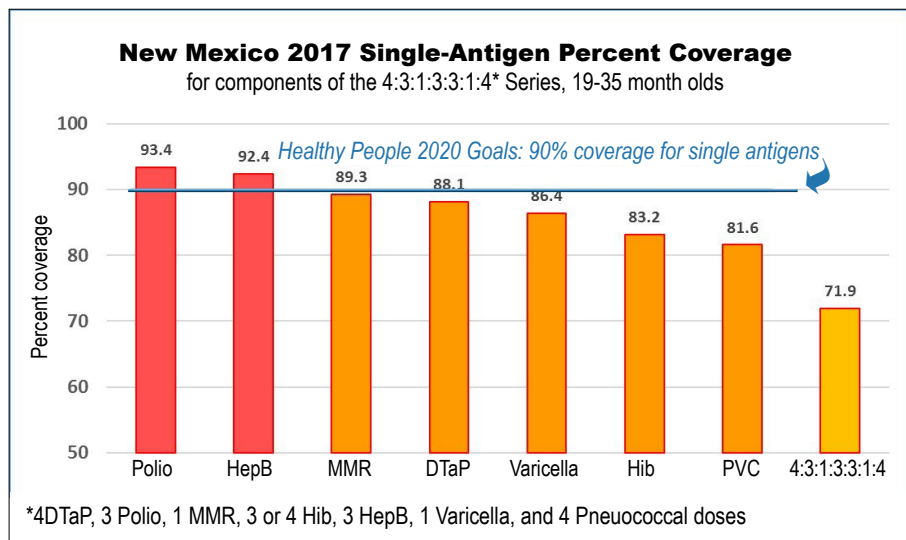
Cynthia Rawn
Epidemiologist, QI Coordinator

the 90% Healthy People 2020 targets, but rates for MMR, DTaP, Varicella, Hib and PCV fell progressively below the 90% target, see bar graph.

Visit CDC's interactive [VaxView](#) web pages for more coverage data, maps, and trends.

2017 Childhood and Kindergarten immunization coverage data were released by CDC in the October 12 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. At 71.9%, New Mexico's overall 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 (4DTaP, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 or 4 Hib depending on brand type, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella, and 4 Pneumococcal) coverage was slightly above the national average of 70.4%.

New Mexico's coverage for Polio and Hepatitis B exceeded



CDC immunization expert JoEllen Wolicki (second from left) at UNM Hospital Grand Rounds on December 6 chatting with audience members; Walter Dehority, MD (fourth) and Lisa Jacques-Carroll (fifth)



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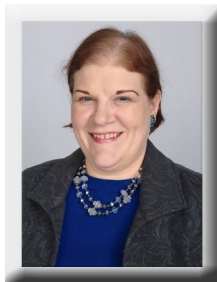
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Staff announcements

Dawn Aldridge

Dawn is the new Immunization Nurse for the NE Region in Santa Fe. She attended nursing school at Miami University in Ohio, graduating in 2001. She had been a nurse at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center on the Neuroscience Trauma Unit for the past 17 years.



Children's has been designated a Magnet Hospital three times; Dawn served as the Magnet Chair for her unit for eight years through two successful designations. Prior to that she had been a Nursing Assistant for 11 years. She also has experience working at a medical rehabilitation hospital.

Dawn began her career at UCLA Medical Center in LA as a medical transporter, then as a Certified EMT and also as a Certified Nursing Assistant where she worked in the Oncology Unit. While serving in this role, Dawn decided to pursue nursing and she has never regretted it.

Dawn fell in love with Santa Fe and New Mexico and moved here in April. She is ready to challenge herself to pursue a new

direction in nursing and feels she has landed in the right place. Public health nursing speaks to the things she is passionate about: Community, health care and illness prevention. Dawn absolutely loves her new role and the community she serves. Dawn's email is dawn.aldridge@state.nm.us

James Elrod

James joined the Public Health Division as a Nursing Coordinator for the Northeast Region in August. He earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Elmira College in 2011, and has practiced as a Registered Nurse in New York, Massachusetts, and now New Mexico!

James has an extensive background in infectious diseases, HIV/AIDS, and community health/disease prevention. He looks forward to helping develop closer relationships with community-based organizations in Santa Fe to improve health outcomes for at-risk populations, among other projects. He can be reached at 505-476-2665 or james.elrod@state.nm.us

Denise Freedman

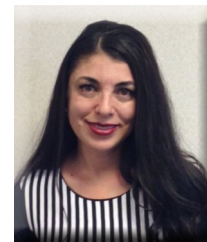
We are delighted to welcome Denise as the new nurse at the Cibola County Public Health office located in Grants, NM. This public health office serves a rural population in the NW Region. Denise can be contacted at denise.freedman@state.nm.us

Andrea Romero

Finance Manager, Andrea Romero, is currently serving as the Interim Immunization Program



Manager until the position is officially filled. Andrea has worked with the Immunization Program for five years come January 2019. She has been employed with New Mexico State Government for 16 years. The previous Immunization Program Manager, Erica Martinez-Lovato, has transferred to the Aging & Long Term Services Department. Erica is now a Deputy Director with over 20 years of experience within New Mexico State Government. We wish her all the best in her new position.



The NM Department of Health is currently recruiting for the Immunization Program Manager and Vaccine Outreach Manager.

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More noteworthy staff announcements at DOH

Susan Acosta is the new State School Consultant in the Office of School and Adolescent Health.

Rebecca Gehring has moved to the Diabetes Prevention

Program as Outreach and Education Manager. She feels fortunate to have worked alongside the New Mexico immunization community and thanks everyone for their support and feedback.

Thomas Massaro, MD, is the new Regional Health Officer in

the NE Region.

After several decades in public health service in varied roles around the state, **Winona Stoltzfus, MD**, is retiring at the end of the year. She is a true example to look for and follow. We thank her for her leadership over the years.



The CDC's annual HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention Champion Award

recognizes clinicians around the US who

go above and beyond to foster HPV vaccination among adolescents in their communities.

Indian Health Service Santa Fe Service Unit was selected as a Champion in New Mexico. Scarlett Swanson, Health Educator in the NE Region, Santa Fe, nominated this

practice for their excellence in HPV vaccination. Sophia Barker, Lauren Mukes and Michelle Lambert have worked diligently on HPV vaccination.



Sophia Barker, Lauren Mukes, Michelle Lambert

The clinic's nurses, pediatricians, and pharmacists all work together to ensure patients receive proper vaccine education. The staff focus on these key areas to attain their impressive success:

- Maintaining vaccine supply
- Using "immunizations due" letter to patients
- Proper vaccine education to patients
- Utilization of electronic health record system

Through their approach, 77% of their 13-15 y.o. patients have completed the HPV series. Congratulations to the staff at IHS Santa Fe Service Unit. [Click here](#) for full details about the award.

NMIC corner

Updates from the New Mexico Immunization Coalition

NMIC meeting & celebration

About 100 coalition members attended a full day conference at the Marriott Pyramid North Albuquerque on December 7. Anna Pentler and Andrea Romero kicked off the day with a warm welcome to all. Attendees were treated to a

keynote address by JoEllen Wolicki, Nurse Educator with the CDC. Dr. Salina Torres spoke on the recent Pertussis outbreak in our state. Anna and Maggie updated the group about SKIIP. A sobering look at patients affected by HPV oropharyngeal cancer was presented by Nicole Williams of the VA Hospital. Programmatic updates were provided by Lynne Padilla and Max Cordova. Anna ended the day with a

history of NMIC and brainstorming of ideas for NMIC's future focus.

SKIIP

This season the School Kids Influenza Immunization Program (SKIIP) has over 400 schools signed up! The Immunization Program ordered 20,000 doses of flu vaccine for schools around the state. Data about SKIIP clinics is being collected from participants via online reporting to gather feedback about how clinics went, the length of time, doses administered, and other feedback to inform decisions about future SKIIP clinics.

Immunization resources

KUNM Radio Show “Let’s Talk— Why to Get a Flu Shot”

On December 13, Dan Burke, Infectious Disease Bureau Chief and Walter Dehority, MD, UNM Hospital Pediatrician, were interviewed regarding the importance of flu vaccinations. They covered debunking common myths and answered callers' questions. [Click here](#) to access the interview.

Vaccinate Your Family

Every Child By Two has changed their name. The informative childhood immunization organization recently announced their new name, Vaccinate Your Family: The Next Generation of Every Child By Two (VYF). Visit their new website that will continue to serve as a science-based

source of information about the importance of timely vaccinations and pro-vaccine policies in the US. [Vaccinate Your Family website](#) Also checkout their newly designed [Shot of Prevention blog](#).

Flu resources for those 50+

MyShot is a campaign to educate adults 50+ about flu vaccination. MyShot [online resources](#) provides stories that educate, stats and information about who is at risk, and tips on how to talk to a doctor. MyShot is sponsored by the American Lung Association, in collaboration with Sanofi Pasteur. Contact Maggie June if you would like a pdf of the presentation “Empowering clinicians to become champions for influenza vaccination”.

Facts about Flu from CHOP

The Vaccine Education Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, CHOP, has come out with fact sheets about flu—pdf's that can be printed, and they are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

NMIC Photos

Clockwise from top: Group of attendees at UNM Hospital Grand Rounds presented by JoEllen Wolicki, CDC vaccine expert; attendees of NMIC December meeting and celebration; CDC and NMIC personnel at UNM Hospital lobby; two APS resource nurses at the NMIC meeting.



Hep A outbreak in ABQ

Lisa Jacques-Carroll
CDC Public Health Advisor for New Mexico

The New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) is investigating an outbreak of hepatitis A virus in the Albuquerque area, primarily affecting adults who inject drugs and adults who are homeless.

Those at increased risk for Hepatitis A include: persons with direct contact with a person who has hepatitis A, persons who use drugs, persons experiencing homelessness and men who have sex with men. NMDOH recommends vaccination of people in the affected area experiencing homelessness or

those who inject drugs. Handwashing, especially after using the bathroom and before preparing food, also plays an important role in preventing the spread of the virus.

NMDOH staff have been providing education and vaccination to at-risk individuals during outreach events with syringe service providers and other community partners. The City of Albuquerque has also provided sanitation services at community events that

serve this population.

For more information and resources on this outbreak, please visit <https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/hip/>



New NMSIIS regulations

Max Cordova
NMSIIS Manager

The NMDOH Immunization Program would like to share new immunization regulations about reporting all immunizations, for both children and adults, to the New Mexico State Immunization Information System (NMSIIS). These regulations went into effect on October 16, 2018.

The new regulations apply to any healthcare provider that administers vaccines, which includes but are not limited to physicians, pharmacies,

federally qualified health centers, hospitals, urgent care clinics, schools, employee health providers and long-term care facilities. Below is a summary of the regulations; [click here](#) to access the full document.

7.5.5.9 NMAC - Details the specific reporting requirements all immunization providers within the state of New Mexico must comply with.

7.5.5.16 NMAC - Details the sanctions and penalties for immunization providers who are non-compliant.

Please review, in detail, the regulations and how it may impact your immunization reporting workflow. For questions or additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunization Program at 1-833-882-6454.

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