

# Vax Facts

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## Welcome!

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## What's Going On In the Immunization Branch?

### Coverage Criteria

The NCIP Coverage Criteria was recently updated. Access the [Coverage Criteria section](#) of our website to download the document. Review the entire page to find a list of recent changes to the coverage criteria - complete with the dates those changes were made and links to corresponding memos with more detailed information.

### Hallmark Greeting Cards

Did you know that Hallmark supplies free greeting cards to birthing hospitals to send to parents of newborns as part of its For America's Babies campaign? For more information or to order more cards contact Michele Burton at 919-707-5555.

### Love Them. Protect Them. Immunize Them.

[National Infant Immunization Week](#) will be held from April 21-28. The Immunization Branch website will soon have more information on how you can promote this week at your facility.

### Determining Eligibility for VFC Vaccines Flow Chart

The IB has made determining eligibility for VFC vaccines a little easier with a new [flow chart](#). The chart is also available on the [IB website](#).

### Free Immunization Resources for Clinicians!

Did you know that the Immunization Branch's website has free resources that you may view, print and order for your office? Click [here](#) to view what's available and [here](#) to view or print the order form.

## NCIR Tips

When entering a "Client Comment," it is imperative that you enter the 'Applies-To' date. This is the only way to ensure that reports will accurately reflect the patient's status.

**Note:** The Applies-To-Date, or lack of, may affect the tracking schedule recommendations for the following types of comments: immunities, restart series, medical exemptions, clinical studies exemptions and exposure to rabies. For this reason, NCIR encourages users to enter the applies-to-date, if known, for these comments.

## Online NCIR Classes

Join us for free online NCIR training sessions on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. with a repeat session at 1 p.m. There is no need to pre-register. Simply log on to the NCIR and look under the Announcements section for a link to join the sessions. You'll also need to dial in via telephone to hear the presentation, just remember to mute your phone! Each session is approximately 30 minutes.

### \*New for 2012\*

Once a quarter, the IB staff will devote the regularly scheduled monthly NCIR webinar to providers that are new to the NCIR. The first quarterly webinar will be held on March 14.

Upcoming online training sessions:

Date	Time	Title	Additional Information
March 14, 2012	9 a.m. and 1 p.m.	New NCIR Users Webinar	

## News You Can Use

**Td/Tdap Vaccine Information Statement:** The Td/Tdap Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) was updated on Jan. 24. Click [here](#) to view.

**2012 Vaccine Immunization Schedules:** The 2012 child/adolescent schedule will be published in the MMWR on Feb. 10. Once available, they will be posted on the Immunization Branch website.

**Childhood Immunization Champion Award:** Do you know an individual who makes a significant contribution towards improving public health through their work in childhood immunization? Nominate them for the CDC Childhood Immunization Champion Award. New this year, one CDC Immunization Champion from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia will be honored. Click [here](#) for more information.

**Catch-Up Immunization Scheduler:** The rules for creating a catch-up vaccination schedule are complex. Check out the [CDC's Catch-Up Immunization Scheduler](#) which uses a child's birth date and vaccination history to automatically create a personalized vaccination schedule. This tool simplifies the process, providing support for healthcare providers and parents/caregivers.

**Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents:** A variety of new resources to assist public health and health care professionals in addressing questions and concerns about vaccine-preventable diseases, vaccines and vaccine safety are now available from the CDC. The materials are available for free at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/conversations](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/conversations).

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