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ImmuNews

Season's Greetings—and a vaccine gift for you

Welcome to Immu-News, the Immunization Initiatives listserv, a monthly resource for the community of participants in this project. We hope the listserv will truly be of service to you as each of you searches for ways to improve your ability to record and access immunization data, to increase immunizations provided to your clients, and thus to improve the health of your community.

First of all, this month we offer some reminders for resources that are available to help you navigate, with your clients, between immunization requirements in the US and those from neighboring Mexico.

Second, we guide you to a link on the World Health Organization website where you can check other countries' immunization requirements and schedules. This may give you a starting point for understanding your migrant clients' immunization histories.

Third, we offer a sample bi-lingual parent-held pediatric vaccine record. Remember, "the most reliable source of vaccine information on any particular individual is that individual! Contrary to popular belief, parents DO carry portable vaccination records when given them. This is particularly true for immigrant families, who are used to carrying important documents and who realize the potential of revaccination if records are unavailable to the local provider." Jennie McLaurin, MD

Finally, in the season of giving, our gift offer to the clinics participating in Immunization Initiatives send us the English patient-held vaccine record you use for your clients, and we will translate it into Spanish. We offer this first to the clinics participating in Immunization Initiatives, and to the first six clinics who contact us. Email the listserv administrator to make arrangements at kath@healthletter.com

To subscribe or unsubscribe to the Listserv, please see the information at the bottom of the page, and pass the word to other staff in your clinic. Immu-News is available online at the Migrant Clinician Network's website. Go to <http://www.migrantclinician.org/immunizations.html>



I. Guide to Recommended Vaccines for Recent Immigrants from Mexico.

This is an excellent guide from MCN. Click on the attachment above or go to the link at: http://www.migrantclinician.org/clinical_topics/immunizations.html

