

CY2008 IISAR GRANTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

CY2008 IISAR Reporting Requirements for Immunization Program Managers and IIS Staff

Each year the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Disease (NCIRD), Immunization Information Systems Support Branch (IISB) updates the Immunization Information System (IIS) section of the Grantee Immunization Annual Progress Report. Known as the IISAR, this report is evaluated and updated annually to improve the quality of data gathered from grantees. The purpose of the Immunization Information Systems Annual Report (IISAR) is to assess grantee performance in developing, maintaining, and enhancing IIS activities for a given calendar year.

Data collected in the IISAR are increasingly being used in various programmatic, policy, and technical decision-making processes. Therefore, assuring the reporting and quality of IISAR data is a priority to CDC and the IIS community. Some IISAR data uses include:

- The primary source for an annual publication in the MMWR on IIS progress towards reaching the national objective;
- A culminating, year-end snapshot for Grantee Immunization Programs to measure progress, identify areas for improvement, and policy-level decision making;
- A tool to identify trends in IIS development across the nation;
- A resource to identify IIS national priorities and next steps by CDC;
- A data source as selection criteria for grantee participation in research projects, and a means to introduce future concepts and measures for enhancing IIS functionality and use (e.g., adolescent and adult saturation measures in IIS, pandemic flu, EMRs, outbreak management, data use, etc.).

AIRA, in conjunction with the CDC, is once again offering a series of conference calls to inform Immunization Program managers and IIS managers of the updates to the IISAR and to answer any related questions. We also strongly suggest that you solicit and obtain input from other staff members who are responsible for gathering the data reported to the IISAR. Your collective input and participation in these meetings are vital if the IISAR is to gather accurate and meaningful data.

These conference call meetings will be held on August 19 and 21, 2008. Please check below for the date and time your state is scheduled. If you or another staff member is unable to attend during your scheduled time, inform us of which time slot you can attend. **Make sure to register for this important meeting by Friday, August 8, 2008, using the following link.**

<http://www.immregistries.org/airaSurvey/index.php?sid=16>

Attached is the draft CY2008 IISAR. You can follow along with this document as the changes are reviewed during the conference call. The call in information is noted below. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. We look forward to your participation.

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Call information for all calls is the same.

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Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 10:30 am – 11:30 am Eastern (7:30 am – 8:30 am Pacific)

Alabama	Minnesota
Arkansas	Mississippi
Chicago	Missouri
Illinois	Ohio
Indiana	Puerto Rico
Iowa	Tennessee
Kentucky	Virgin Islands
Louisiana	Wisconsin
Michigan	

Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern (11:00 am – 12:00 pm Pacific)

Colorado	Oklahoma
Houston	San Antonio
Kansas	South Dakota
Montana	Texas
Nebraska	Wyoming
North Dakota	

Thursday, August 21, 2008, 10:30 am – 11:30 am Eastern (7:30 am – 8:30 am Pacific)

Connecticut	New York City
Delaware	New York State
District of Columbia	North Carolina
Florida	Pennsylvania
Georgia	Philadelphia
Maine	Rhode Island
Maryland	South Carolina
Massachusetts	Vermont
New Hampshire	Virginia
New Jersey	West Virginia

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Alaska	Nevada
Arizona	New Mexico
California	Oregon
Hawaii	Utah
Idaho	Washington