

## **Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS) Monthly Report May 2007**

**COE:** USIIS staff continued to work with other Department of Health and University of Utah staff on the CDC-funded Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics joint projects to improve data processing procedures. **Contact Sandra Schulthies at 801-538-9452 or [sandys1@utah.gov](mailto:sandys1@utah.gov).**

**New Project Manager:** On May 29<sup>th</sup>, USIIS will welcome the new project manager, Nancy McConnell. Nancy comes from the State of Utah, Department of Technology Services. **Contact George Delavan at 801-538-6901 or [gdelavan@utah.gov](mailto:gdelavan@utah.gov).**

**Provider Enrollment:** There were five schools and one provider office enrolled in May: Tuacahn High School, Fossil Ridge Intermediate School, Desert Hills Middle School, Tonaquint Intermediate School, In Tech Collegiate High School and Gunnison Family Medicine. Additionally, 12 providers received re-training. **Contact Janel Jorgenson at 801-538-9991 or [janeljorgenson@utah.gov](mailto:janeljorgenson@utah.gov).**

**USIIS User Tip:** Here is quick review about the “Patient Info.” screen. Most of the time, you can find a patient in USIIS with the search and then affiliate that person with your clinic. However, the “Patient Info.” screen is usually skipped over with barely a glance. If you have to add a patient to the USIIS database, this screen requires a few fields: First Name, Patient\_id, Birth Date, Gender, and Mother’s Maiden name. The other fields are not there for extra time-consuming things that make reports look better. Rather, these fields have many other uses. All of the non-required fields in the “Patient Info.” screen are editable as long as you replace a null field with information, or change the information to something else other than null. Filling out information on the mother, father and/or guardian helps resolve possible and duplicate records in the USIIS database. Filling out the address information or updating an old address is not only better for the report, but helps to resolve possible and duplicate records. It also provides an accurate way to map areas in our state that need a concentrated effort in increasing vaccinations for the protection of our children. For more information on this tip, **contact J.C. Alexander at 801-538-6827 or [jcalexaner@utah.gov](mailto:jcalexaner@utah.gov).**

**New Load:** Preliminary testing results show that the new load will reduce possible duplicate patient records by 80 to 82%. **Contact Chris Pratt at 801-209-1041 or [cpratt@utah.gov](mailto:cpratt@utah.gov).**

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