

Health Alert Network Update

Stark County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Project

To: Family Practice Physicians, Pediatricians and Community Clinics

From: Canton City Health Department (CCHD) Nursing Division

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Health Alert Network Update 3-2012: MOBI and AFIX Program and 2012 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules

Attached is a Health Alert Network Update regarding an opportunity for area physicians to participate in an educational presentation on vaccinations and an assessment for measuring immunization rates for children in your practice. Please refer to the CCHD website at for a clear copy of the 2012 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules (<http://www.cantonhealth.org/nursing/?pg=immunizations>). Call Tammy Stolicny with any questions.

Please distribute this information as necessary.

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Dear Immunization Provider:

The local health departments listed above, with support from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the American Academy of Pediatrics, would like to provide you and your staff with an educational presentation entitled **MOBI** (Maximizing Office Based Immunizations). **MOBI** is a power-point program developed and updated in response to studies showing that education leading to office system changes results in a sustained increase in immunization rates. This presentation includes continuing education credit.

Another service being offered to area immunization providers is **AFIX (Assessment, Feedback, Incentives and Exchange)**. **AFIX** consists of assessing the vaccination coverage levels of your pediatric clients, presenting the results of the assessment during a feedback session and recommending strategies for improvement, providing incentives to improve vaccination levels, and exchanging information about best-practices. This quality assurance strategy is a proven and reliable tool for improving vaccination coverage levels in provider offices.

AFIX is available to any provider to determine the up-to-date rates for children receiving immunizations in their practice. Vaccines for children (VFC) providers are aware of the need to participate in an **AFIX** assessment to fulfill their VFC provider enrollment contract obligation.

The **AFIX** and **MOBI** programs are available to both VFC and non-VFC providers in the Stark County area through a grant provided by the Ohio Department of Health. You will be contacted soon by a nurse from one of the health departments to offer these services.

For a color copy of the 2012 Childhood Immunization Schedule, please download at our website <http://www.cantonhealth.org/nursing/?pg=immunizations>.

Thank You.



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