# Howard L. Bost Memorial Health Policy Forum Kentucky Vaccine Policy Myths, Messengers and Messages

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#### **KYIR - Benefits**

- ► The Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) houses immunization data on Kentucky residents of all ages
- KYIR receives immunization data from hospitals, pharmacies, health departments, and clinics across the state
- ▶ It is easily accessible through a website interface
- If the electronic health system is connected to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE), KYIR can receive immunization data directly from the facility without the need of manual vaccination entry

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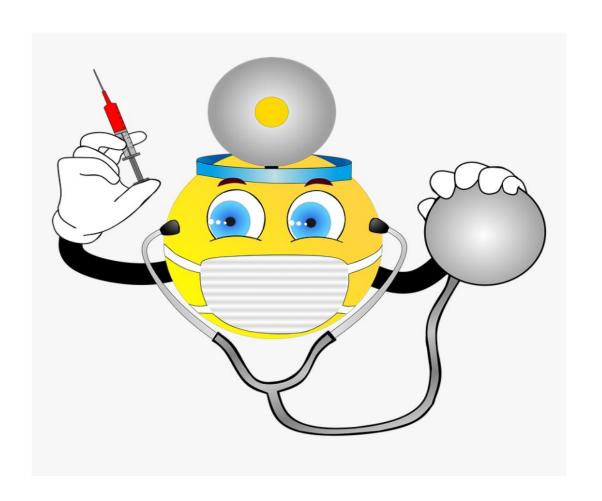
- ► Free access to a statewide immunization information system
- Researching state immunization status, including COVID-19 vaccine
- Running a Reminder/Recall report to quickly review patients coming due or past due for all recommended immunizations
- ▶ Utilizing the KYIR coverage rate report to ensure meaningful coverage and maximum protection of patients

### **KYIR - Provider Administering Immunizations**

Minimum information required to meet KYIR mandatory reporting for adult and pediatric vaccinations

- Date of administration
- Vaccine name
- Vaccine manufacturer
- Lot number
- Name and title of person administering
- ► Name and location (address) of where permanent record resides
- Vaccine Information Statement (VIS)

#### **KYIR - Challenges**



A pediatric patient whose family moved from Chicago is in clinic to establish care. The mother brings an Illinois Immunization certificate. She reports that her child is up to date with the shots. She just needs a KY Immunization Certificate for her child to start school.

- Who will review the Illinois certificate?
- ▶ Who will enter Illinois vaccination data into the KYIR?
- Would it be possible to give a KY Immunization Certificate today?

A child comes to the office with the foster parent. The foster parent has had this child only for 1 week and has no medical or vaccines records. An immunization record is needed for the child to start daycare. You or your assistant log in in the KYIR hoping that the information will be there...

- Surprise! Nothing is there...
- What we do next?
- Do we start the vaccine series over?

A child, whose family just moved from Mexico 6 months ago, is in your office because the child needs a school physical and immunization certificate to attend 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The parent brings a vaccine record that looks like this:



- What do you do next?
- Who reviews the foreign immunization certificate and translates it to English?
- Are these vaccines in accordance with recommended vaccination in US? Are intervals correct?
- ▶ Who will enter the historic data into the KYIR?

#### Recommendations

- Create a taskforce that includes pharmacists, pediatricians, adult vaccine providers, school nurses, KHIE and potentially others to review and examine the necessary administrative regulation changes needed
- Identify practices/pharmacies within the state that are not using the KYIR. Assess barriers and provide a solution tailored to the specific need
- Reduce the burden of manual data entry via technological improvements to KYIR
- Allocate funding: Grants to providers to cover costs to implement and maintain the KYIR



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