

School Health NEWS

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New hepatitis A and meningitis vaccine ad hocs now available

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, all students are required to have a series of two hepatitis A vaccines, spaced six months apart. Also, all students ages 16 and older are required to receive a meningitis booster vaccine. The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has developed two ad hoc reports in Infinite Campus to help identify students who have not had at least one dose of the hepatitis A vaccine or the meningitis booster vaccine. The reports, named “Health Students without Hep A Vaccine” and “Student 16 Year Old without Meningitis Booster,” can be found in the

ad hoc reporting State Published folder.

If you do not already have access to the State Published folder, please contact your district Infinite Campus KSIS contact. A list of KSIS contacts is available on the [KDE website](#).

For questions regarding immunization compliance, email [Margaret Jones](#) with the Kentucky Department of Public Health. For questions regarding the Kentucky Immunization Registry (KYIR) or annual immunization survey, email the [KYIR help desk](#) or call (502) 564-0038.

Basic school health requirements for 2018-19 posted online

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) student health services team has posted the [basic school health requirements for the 2018-19 school year](#) on the KDE student health services webpage in the District Health Coordinators’ Briefcase. This document also contains the grades required for immunization certificate reviews as required by the revised Kentucky Department of Public Health immunization regulation [902 KAR 2:060](#). This document can be of great benefit to both district health coordinators and school nurses as they plan their school year.

Flu activity in Kentucky reaches epidemic levels

The Kentucky Department of Public Health reports that flu activity across the state has become epidemic.

This year’s strains of influenza can be extremely serious to those at highest risk, including the elderly, small children and those with underlying health conditions.

Flu and flu-like illnesses should be tracked by school health staff, administrators or district health coordinators to determine if the district flu plan should be implemented.

During times with increased flu and flu-like activity, more frequent cleaning of frequently used items such as water fountains, sinks, and door knobs, computer key-

boards, et cetera should be performed. The use of shared items also should be avoided.

Students should be taught good hand-washing practices, as well as how to cover coughs.

Parents should be encouraged to take their children for medical evaluation when flu symptoms develop and to keep children at home until the child is fever free without fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.

More information on influenza can be found at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

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Regional district health coordinator boot camps planned for April

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) school health services team will host a series of regional training sessions to familiarize district health coordinators with their role in coordinating school health programs for their school districts. The trainings are free, and Effective Instructional Leadership Act hours as well as nursing continuing education units will be offered.

The agenda will include:

- New Infinite Campus reports to help nurses meet the new DPH immunization requirements
- The role and duties of the district health coordinator
- Coordinating policies and health services with state and federal law
- Data collection requirements
- End-of-year reporting

The trainings will be held at these dates and locations from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. local time:

April 17

Wayne County Schools
Turner Cafeteria
350 Cardinal Way, Monticello

April 18

Lake Barkley State Resort Park
3500 State Park Road, Cadiz

April 24

Kentucky Educational Development Corporation
904 W. Rose Road, Ashland

April 25

Central Kentucky Educational Cooperative
2331 Fortune Drive, Lexington

There is a limit of 25 registrants per location. If you are interested in attending and need district approval to attend, please register to hold your spot. You can cancel your registration later if needed. An announcement with the link to register will be posted on the district health coordinator and school nurse listservs and on the KDE school health services webpage in mid-March.

American Red Cross launches first aid app

The American Red Cross has developed an app to provide step-by-step instructions for responding to common medical emergencies including seizures, burns, asthma attacks and more. The free app, which is available at both the iTunes and Google Play stores, follows American Red Cross guidelines for first aid treatment. The app also contains tests for users to test their knowledge of first aid as well as directions to the nearest hospital.

This app is a great tool for unlicensed school personnel who will perform first aid care for students in your districts. However, use of this app should not take place of annual training for all unlicensed school personnel performing health services to students.

Conference announcements SAVE THE DATE!

Kentucky School Nurses Association Conference 2018

The Kentucky School Nurses Association (KSNA) will host the annual school nurses conference July 16-18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington.

KSNA strives to provide interesting and relevant speakers. Continuing education hours will be provided.

Registration and lodging information will be available this spring. Watch the [KSNA website](#) or the school nurse and district health coordinator listservs for more information.



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For more information on School Health Services, please visit:
<http://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/default.aspx>

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