

Important Notice

All Houston area immunization providers should forward any Immunization History Questionnaire requests from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Immunization Survey (NIS) immediately to **the Health Department's Immunization Bureau's** Registry Coordinator Maureen Moore, at 713-794-9262. The National Immunization Survey selects participants at random and is conducted quarterly and annually by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Requests from CDC will be mailed to your clinic periodically throughout the year. Please be on the lookout for them and get them to me as soon as possible.

If your **clinic** receives an Immunization History Questionnaire, please fill out the form to the best of your ability, attach the survey with the requested patient's immunization history and contact Ms. Moore's office at 713-794-9262. Attached please find copies of the National Immunization Survey Questionnaire that you will receive. These questionnaires are used to verify immunization histories provided by parents to CDC during the telephone survey.

Houston has low immunization coverage rates for children 19-35 months old as measured by the National Immunization Survey (NIS). Currently, the rate is 65% for 4:3:1:3:3 immunization series. However, we are also aware that many immunization records are fragmented between providers resulting in over/under immunized children which contributes to lower reported coverage rates.

Our staff will check with other local and state sources in order to report the most accurate and complete information for that child. Please share this information request with all staff who may receive these questionnaires such as Medical Records.

Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please call Maureen Moore at 713-794-9262.

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National Immunization Survey

Instruction Sheet for Immunization History Questionnaire

All VFC providers are asked to follow the instructions below when a NIS Immunization History Questionnaire is received. The completion of this survey is very important to the immunization coverage levels that are reported on a quarterly and annual basis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Immunization Program. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

- When you receive the survey or surveys, please call VFC at **713-558-3535**
- Look up the immunization history you have on the child or children on the survey/surveys received and **make a copy of the immunization history for each child.**
- Make sure the following information is correct or attached:
 - Child's Name**
 - Date of Birth**
 - Current Address**
 - Copy of Child's Immunization History**
- If we discover more information, a completed copy of the survey and/or immunization history will be mailed to your office for the child's or children's chart.

Remember, please do not mail surveys back to the NIS without talking to VFC first. If you have any questions about these instructions, please call Darlene Robinson at 713-558-3535 or Maureen Moore at 713-794-9262.

For Your Information...

Average Coverage rate for 4:3:1:3:3 by 19-35 months of age*

■ Houston	69.2%
■ National Avg.	79.4%
■ National Goal	90.0%

*Source: National Immunization Survey 2003

