

The SUNY side...



...of NYSIIS

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Best Practices for Post-Secondary Institutions Regarding Student Compliance with Public Health law Section 2165

- ▶ Use NYSIIS for students outside of NYC to look up MMR's
- ▶ Use the Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) for students from NYC
- ▶ Provide easy access for vaccine administration

Benefits to the SUNY
New Paltz Student Health
Service of using the New
York State Immunization
Information System
(NYSIIS)

MMR compliance

We can look up students who have not submitted proof of MMR vaccines in NYSIIS. If NYSIIS can confirm that they have received the required vaccines, we can make them compliant with the Public Health Law 2165.

With the help of NYSIIS, we have had 2 consecutive perfect audits in 2014 and 2018!

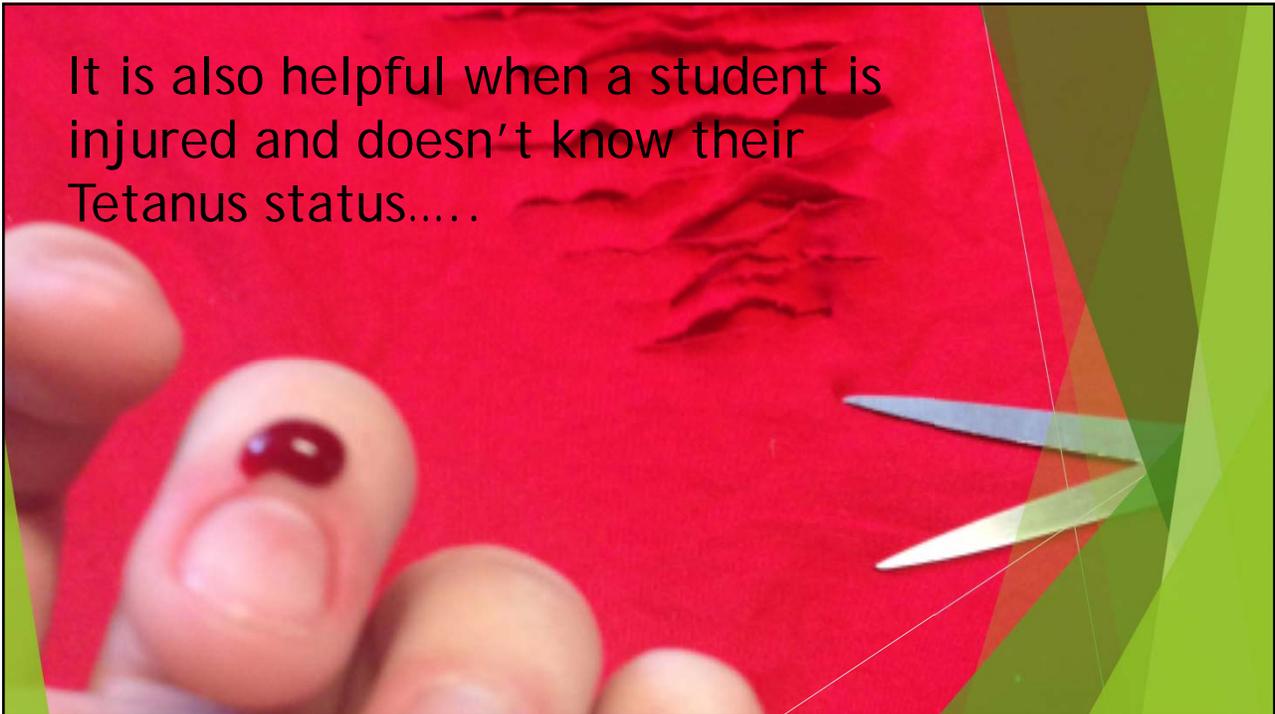
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- ▶ All staff have access to look up students in NYSIIS.
- ▶ For all students not yet in compliance with PHL 2165, our staff was able to look them up in NYSIIS.
- ▶ All students were found to be compliant.
- ▶ The only students that had to leave campus were the religious and medically exempt.

It is also helpful when a student is injured and doesn't know their Tetanus status.....



NYSIIS and Our Budget

- ▶ We are able to continue to participate in the VFC/VFA programs to provide free vaccines to our students that qualify.
- ▶ It tracks our vaccine usage. Therefore, predicting how much to order and reducing waste due to expiration.
- ▶ Temperature tracking is required in the storage unit to reduce wasted vaccines due to temperature excursions.

Benefits to our Students



Prevents Unnecessary Vaccination to Students

- ▶ If a student's vaccine history is in NYSIIS, it prevents extra work and stress for the students.
- ▶ Many students, especially adult returning students, would rather take an extra vaccine instead of trying to track down their own vaccine records.
- ▶ This will be especially helpful going forward when the law no longer allows a 30 day grace period.

Easy Access to Vaccines

In the past our students had to find a way to get to Kingston to the Health Department or clinics to get their MMR. Often taking a costly taxi. This was difficult for them. Especially the international students that were new to the college and English was a second language.

VFC/VFA programs

- ▶ VFC and VFA programs allow us to be able to provide the students with the MMR vaccine at our Health Service at their convenience.



How We Use NYSIIS

Storage Unit Temperatures

- ▶ We use the temperature log provided by the Immunization Action Coalition
- ▶ The twice daily temperature and the min/max temperature readings are entered regularly into our VFC account in NYSIIS
- ▶ Weekly we download the Fridge-Tag 2L Vaccine Monitor Data Logger and review for temperature excursions.

Entering MMR's into NYSIIS

- ▶ We have an account for VFC and VFA, with different pin numbers for each
- ▶ We developed separate logs for the VFC and VFA. The nurses sign out the MMR and then they get entered into NYSIIS at a later date.
- ▶ For the students 19 and older we use the DOH form "Consent for Participation in NYSIIS"
- ▶ Weekly we enter the vaccines we gave into NYSIIS
- ▶ The only vaccine we order from the VFC/VFA are MMR's. They are the only vaccine that we are required to enter into NYSIIS, but we enter all vaccines given at the Health Service.

Ordering Vaccines

- ▶ It is much easier to order the vaccines through NYSIIS.
- ▶ It helps predict usage and helps with ordering.
- ▶ If you find that more vaccine is needed than what is usually allotted, there is a comment section that a note can be entered explaining the situation.

Benefits of NYSIIS to Providers

- ▶ Maintaining a database of patient vaccine history that can be accessed anywhere
- ▶ Ability to participate in the VFA/VFC programs
- ▶ Management of vaccine supply, reduction of wastage, and cost reduction
- ▶ Prevention of duplicate vaccines given to patients.