Good evening,

We are excited to announce that starting today, COVID-19 patient vaccination records previously only in CVMS are now visible in NCIR. Vaccination records from the federal pharmacy program will be coming to NCIR later this month.

**What does this mean for you now?**
Connecting CVMS and NCIR enables you to continue doing what you already do – just with the addition of COVID-19 vaccination information. You can utilize NCIR to query vaccination status for all routine vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccine, and assess who in your patient population may be due for immunizations. NCIR can help you to:

- Conduct proactive outreach and reminder notifications to your patients around the COVID-19 vaccine in tandem with reminders for other routine vaccinations
- Screen and counsel patients in your office on COVID-19 vaccine recommendations (did you know there are Counseling Codes to support reimbursement for this time?)
- Consolidate immunization records for your patients
- **Help us close the gap!** We know the remaining unvaccinated population is more likely to place trust in their health care provider and the conversations shared during office visits

**If you have an existing EHR integration with NCIR**, you will now be able to view COVID-19 immunization information for patients who received COVID-19 vaccine(s). Effective immediately you will receive COVID-19 vaccine information as part of the immunization history. At this time, sending COVID-19 vaccine information is not yet enabled in NCIR, but it is coming soon along with additional guidance.

**Training and Support Resources**
There are resources available to you as the integration between CVMS and NCIR takes place. Information related to live demos, office hours, and updated user guides is below.

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What’s Next?
The ability to record and manage COVID-19 vaccinations directly in NCIR!
This functionality is not yet available but is scheduled for later in Fall 2021. We hope this enables our providers currently vaccinating children and adolescents to more easily add COVID-19 vaccines to their day-to-day workflow. **We need your support to increase our adolescent rate of vaccination** (only 44.2% with at least one dose as of 10/4), **keep our kids in schools**, and **prepare for vaccines for our younger kids** with anticipated expansion of ages 5-11 this fall.

If you have any questions, please reach out to these support resources:

**Regional Immunization Program Consultant (RIC)**

The RIC Coverage Map with contact information is located on the Immunization Branch website: [https://www.immunize.nc.gov/contacts.htm](https://www.immunize.nc.gov/contacts.htm)

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Thank you for your continued support,
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