



Kings Quarterly

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Message from the Deputy Director

Hello! I think we are all grateful to have successfully made it through the challenges of 2020, and even most of 2021. We are all equipped with a heightened awareness of infection prevention measures, and hopefully most of us have followed the guidance, and incorporated new processes to combat the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases where we live and work. Please continue with these simple measures, even as more people are vaccinated, in order to protect the vulnerable populations around us.

Many programs, including CHDP, were forced to come up with new, virtual systems for doing the work that has been in-person for so many years, and is so vital to the children we all serve. While some of these virtual systems are still in place, Crystal has also returned to performing modified, in-person visits to our CHDP provider offices for site and medical record reviews. She is providing hybrid trainings, as well, that incorporate both virtual and in-person components. These trainings must be prioritized for the providers who see the most fee-for-service CHDP clients, as well as for school nurses and Head Start staff, but Crystal does try to accommodate all training requests, whenever space is available. She is enthusiastic to work with each of you, and has included some great information in this issue to help you get the CHDP population ready for the new school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria at the number at the bottom of this page. Stay cool this summer, everyone!

Marjorie

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Bright Future Periodicity Updates

- ◇ **Screening for Hepatitis C virus infection** has been added to be administered at least once between the ages of 18 and 79 years (to be consistent with recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force and enters for Disease Control and Prevention). For additional guidance, please read the details of the current and previous year's summary of changes. The updated March 2021 AAP is available on-line. Download the latest recommendations for preventive pediatric health care. <https://bit.ly/3bj5X6N>
- ◇ **Autism Spectrum Disorder** Footnote 12 has been updated to read as follows: "Screening should occur per 'Identification, Evaluation, and Management of Children With Autism Spectrum Disorder'." <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/145/1/e20193447>
- ◇ **Summary of Changes made to ACIP Vaccination Schedule:** Vaccine specific changes include updates to influenza, meningococcal serogroups (A,C,W,Y) and COVID-19 vaccines. Clarifications of the recommendations have been made for the following vaccines: DTaP, Hib, HepA, HepB, HPV, PCV13 and PPSV23), MMR, Tdap, and VAR. Please refer to the link below for the complete list/details of changes: 2021 Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7006a1.htm>

References:

American Academy of Pediatrics . (2021). *Periodicity Schedule*. AAP.org. <https://www.aap.org/en-us/professional-resources/practice-transformation/managing-patients/Pages/Periodicity-Schedule.aspx>.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, February 11). Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger - United States, 2021. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7006a1.htm>.

1st Grade Physicals

- ◇ Providers, CHDP would like to remind you to inform parents that a health examination must be completed any time between 18 months before entering first grade through 90 days after entry into first grade for their child. Please remind parents the health examination should be done, or a signed waiver should be collected, no later than December of child's first grade year. For any reason if a child comes into your office that falls between 5-7 years of age, parents should be asked if a health examination is completed for their child and the right steps should be taken. Health examination forms can always be printed out on the CHDP Website. The link is located just below.

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpus/forms/Pages/CHDPForms.aspx>

COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccine appointments are now available 7 days a week. To book an appointment at Kings County Public Health click here:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

Transportation to your vaccine appointment is available by KART!

- ◇ Please call (559)852-2776 to request transportation to your vaccine appointment. To enroll as a vaccine provider:

<https://mycavax.cdph.ca.gov/s/>

- ◇ For support with the enrollment process, send a message to:

kingscovidinfo@countyofkings.com



Kings County Maternal Wellness Coalition

- ◇ Meetings occur the second Thursday of every month from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
- ◇ We want to expand our resources to include anyone that is able to help with the maternal population in Kings County. If interested in helping with maternal wellness please contact: *Alexandra Addo-Boateng*, EdD, Director of Perinatal Mental Health at : (530)520-0928 or email **AAddo-Boateng@healthcollaborative.org** for further questions.

<http://www.kpfp.org/tiles/index/display?id=179568958256725363>

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

- ◇ ACEs Aware offers "Becoming ACEs Aware in California," a free, two-hour online training that certifies eligible clinicians to receive Medi-Cal payment for ACE screenings. Clinicians and clinical team members will receive 2.0 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits and 2.0 Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credits upon completion.

<https://www.acesaware.org/learn-about-screening/training/>

Suicide Prevention

Life was challenging before the pandemic hit. Since then the challenges have only gotten worse. With difficult times there can come feelings of being overwhelmed, helpless and hopeless. Thoughts of suicide can arise from such negative emotions. If you or someone you know has had or is having such emotions and thoughts; please consult the below mentioned resources Kings County has to offer.

<http://www.kcbh.org/suicide-prevention.html>



The Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) County of Kings Department of Public Health

- ◇ Need help finding a Dentist who takes Medi-Cal?
This website will take you to the Medi-Cal Dental website to assist with finding a local Dentist.
<https://smilecalifornia.org/find-a-dentist/>
- ◇ What is the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment Form (KOHA)?
Tooth decay is the number one childhood disease, more than asthma or obesity. The state of California passed a law in 2006 (AB 1433) that requires kindergarteners to receive a dental check up. This helps schools identify children who have untreated dental disease and assists parents in establish a dental home for their children. The KOHA form is given to parents of kindergarten children during the school year, once completed the form is returned to the child's school. The school staff in turn inputs the data on the System for California Oral Health Reporting (SCOHR) database. This past school year 2020-2021, Kings County had a 37% input response. If your school staff/nurses would like to partner to increase awareness on the KOHA, contact [Araceli Gómez at Araceli.gomez@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:Araceli.gomez@co.kings.ca.us).
- ◇ Calling all Dental offices: The Local Oral Health Program (LOHP) at the Kings County Department of Public Health is planning on having its first meeting in September 2021. LOHP is looking to engage with local dental offices and provide resources to families in Kings County. To join this meeting or for more information contact Araceli Gómez at 852-4981.

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Safety Recalls

Fisher-Price Recalls 4-in-1 Rock 'n Glide

"Infants who are placed unrestrained in the product and later found on their stomach are at risk of suffocation."

<https://cpsc.gov/Recalls/2021/Fisher-Price-Recalls-4-in-1-Rock-n-Glide-Soothers-After-Four-Infant-Deaths-2-in-1-Soothe-n-Play-Gliders-Also-Recalled>

For this recall and more visit: <https://www.safekids.org/product-recalls>

