San Joaquin County Public Health Services



Spring 2015 Newsletter

Measles Outbreak: Your Role as a Provider

In the year 2000, measles was declared to be eradicated in the U.S.¹ However, in 2014 the U.S. experienced a record number of measles cases since this declaration, with 644 cases from 27 states reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The most recent of these cases stemmed from an outbreak at a California based amusement park that had extended into this year and infected over 147 people in 7 states before it was officially declared over on April 17th.¹



2015 Measles Cases in the U.S.

Even though we have yet to have a confirmed case of measles in San Joaquin

County, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) still cautions that "the recent measles cases in California highlight the need for healthcare professionals to be vigilant about measles". In order to ensure proper identification and response to a possible measles case the CDPH and CDC recommend the following :

- 1. Ensure all patients are up to date on MMR vaccine and other vaccines
- 2. Remember the diagnosis (Attachment A)
 - a. Consider measles in patients of any age who have a *fever* AND a *rash* regardless of their travel history
 - b. In measles cases there *must be some fever*, even subjective fever, and the *rash must start on the head or neck*
 - c. Patients with measles usually have 1 or 2 of the "3 C's" *cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis*
 - d. If measles testing is being considered please <u>contact your local health</u> <u>department immediately</u>
- 3. Isolate patients with acute febrile rash illness
- 4. Perform laboratory testing for suspect measles cases, including viral specimens for confirmation and genotyping
- 5. Isolate suspect measles patients and contact local health department if not already done so
- 6. Encourage immunization before patients travel abroad

For further resources on measles identification and response please visit the CDPH Health Advisory release at

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/CDPH-MeaslesHealthAdvisory2-20-2015.pdf



Reminder: The Medi-Cal Subscription Service (MCSS) is a free service that keeps you up-to-date on the latest Medi-Cal and CHDP news. **Subscribing is simple and free! To subscribe, please visit the** <u>MCSS Subscriber Form</u>.

Friendly Reminders about the PM160 Appropriately Documenting Follow-up Codes 4 & 5

If a new problem is diagnosed or suspected during a CHDP health assessment, follow-up codes should be marked under column C in the corresponding row with notes included in the Comments/Problems section of the PM 160.

Follow-up Code 4—If a return visit is scheduled for diagnosis and/or treatment and the child will be returning to your office or clinic for follow-up, the code 4 should be marked in column C in the row corresponding to the problem. Further explanation and follow-up should also be documented in the Comments/Problems section. Attachment B is a sample PM 160 utilizing follow-up code 4.

Follow-up Code 5—If the child is referred to a specialist outside of your office or clinic for diagnosis and/or treatment, the code 5 should be marked in Column C in the row corresponding to the problem. Also use follow-up code 5 if a child is diagnosed in your office or clinic, but is referred elsewhere for treatment. Further explanation and follow-up should be documented in the Comments/Problems section and the contact information (i.e. name and phone number) for the referral should be included in the "Referred to" box directly above the Comments/Problems section. Attachment C is a sample PM 160 utilizing follow-up code 5.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a training on properly completing the PM 160, please contact the local CHDP program at 468-8335.

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). *Measles Cases and Outbreaks*. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/measles/</u> <u>cases-outbreaks.html</u>. Published February 23, 2015. Accessed April 20, 2015

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Update: Lodi Tuberculosis Outbreak



San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) issued a press release on February 20th highlighting the continuing efforts to respond to a tuberculosis (TB) disease outbreak centered in Lodi. There has been a total of 21 individuals linked to this current outbreak over the past three years, with 16 of these 21 individuals being diagnosed in 2014. Some of those diagnosed are children under two years of age, and one child has suffered serious complications as a result.

While the risk to the general public of getting TB from this outbreak is very low, the surge in the number of cases does illustrate the vulnerability of certain populations within the CHDP population, such as young children and the homeless. Given this ongoing issue, San Joaquin County PHS stress the need for adequate resources for prompt, proactive, and sustained TB control efforts, and that these efforts must be continued on a regular and ongoing basis in order to prevent future outbreaks.

According to the CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines (HAG), Section 73, the CHDP program supports the recommendations of the CDPH Tuberculosis Control Branch which advises screening two groups of individuals: (1) those who are at risk of contracting TB (HAG, Table 73.2), and (2) those at increased risk of progression from Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) to active disease based on coexisting medical conditions.

For more information on TB and screening in SJC, please contact the PHS Tuberculosis and Communicable Disease Control Program at 209-468-3822 or visit the CDPH website for more information on TB.

Secondhand Smoke Exposure: Still a Concern

The rate of secondhand smoke (SHS) exposure in the U.S. has drastically declined over the past 10 years. However, from 2011-2012 the CDC estimates that 58 million nonsmokers were still exposed to SHS.² Unfortunately, many of the populations CHDP serves in SJC are among the highest in exposure rates, i.e. those who live in poverty, blacks, those in rental housing, and children.

From 2011-2012, the Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Campaign survey for SJC reported that 14.6% of residents reported smoking, while this rate for the state was 13.8% respectively.³ Also, when evaluating this same statistic for youth who smoke (grades 9-12), they found that 10.3% reported being smokers, versus 10.5% statewide.

According to the Surgeon General, there is no safe level of SHS. Each year, exposure to SHS contributes to more than 400 deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and it can also be the cause of asthma attacks and ear and



respiratory infections.² The SJC Asthma & COPD Coalition (SJCACC) reports that SJC has the highest rates of asthma symptoms, asthma-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations in California, and it is also the leading cause of school absences in the county.

According to the CHDP HAG, Section 506, the screening requirements for tobacco use and exposure include assessing exposure and use at each visit, implementing the Protocol for Anti-Tobacco Health Education (PATHE) guidelines (see Table 506.1 of HAG), and providing anticipatory guidance to patients and their guardians. Remember, CHDP providers play a vital role in the education delivered to their clients regarding the dangers of tobacco use and SHS exposure. For information on tobacco cessation resources for CHDP clients please visit the STOPP Tobacco Control Program (TCP) Cessation Resource List, and for a list of local asthma resources please view the SJCACC Asthma & COPD **Resource Guide.** (Attachment D)

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 58 million nonsmokers in US are still exposed to secondhand smoke. http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0203-secondhand-smoke.html. Published February 2015. Accessed February 25, 2015.

³ Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Campaign. San Joaquin County. <u>http://www.healthystoreshealthycommunity.com/</u> documents/counties/San%20Joaquin%20County%20Data.pdf. Published March 2014. Accessed February 27, 2015.

SJC Public Health Reports Infant Death from Pertussis



Pertussis has claimed the life of a three-week old infant in SJC. As of March 4th, 2015, this is the first death of the 23 cases reported in the county this year. In 2014, SJC had 212 pertussis cases reported, which was a dramatic increase from the 27 cases in 2013.

Pertussis is cyclical and peaks every three to five years so health officials recommend that pregnant women receive the Tdap vaccine during the third trimester of every pregnancy to protect their infant children. This way, some immunity is transferred from the mother to the infant until the first pertussis immunization can be given to the child at two months of age.

Typical symptoms in older infants and young children can include intense coughing accompanied by a whooping sound, and post-cough vomiting. For younger infants, they may not

even be able to cough but could have severe trouble, or even stop, breathing. **For more information please visit the SJC Public Health Service press release at** <u>http://</u> www.sicphs.org/assets/2015-02%20Pertussis%20News%20Release Data Fact%20Sheet.pdf "Everyone who has or will have frequent contact with an infant is urged to make sure that their pertussis vaccination is up-to-date; this is to provide a "cocoon" of protection around the infants and avoid inadvertently infecting them."

- Dr. Alvaro Garza, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer.

Alert: Depression Among Perinatal Women is Overlooked and Undertreated

Even though pregnancy increases the risk of depression in women, perinatal women enrolled in the Medi-Cal fee-forservice program are less likely to be diagnosed with depression than non-pregnant women, according to a recent study published in the November 2014 edition of CNS Spectrums. The authors analyzed three years of data from women continuously enrolled in the Medi-Cal fee-for-service program and found that even when pregnant women were diagnosed with depression, fewer than half received any treatment, versus 72% receiving treatment in a non-pregnant control group. Women suffering from postpartum depression were similarly undertreated. Specific demographic factors predicting a lower probability of depression detection and treatment included women who were of Hispanic ethnicity, under 25 years of age, and/or residing in a rural setting.

An interview with the lead author of the study, Patrick Finley, PharmD, is available on the University of California, San Francisco website at: <u>http://pharmacy.ucsf.edu/news/2014/12/study-finds-depression-pregnancy-postpartum-overlooked-and-undertreated</u>.



Breastfeeding Resources in San Joaquin County

The CDPH highly recommends babies be fed only breast milk for the first six months of life. Information and support make learning to breastfeed easier. There are many organizations in SJC that are eager to help soon-to-be moms and new moms have a wonderful breastfeeding experience. **For more information on these local resources please visit the SJC Breastfeeding Coalition Resource Guide at:** <u>http://www.breastfeedsjc.org/</u> <u>breastfeeding_help.html</u>



Photos courtesy of Breastfeeding Coalition of San Joaquin 2011 Photography Contest.

Announcements

🛧 Provider Newsletter Survey 🛧

We want to hear from **YOU!** The CHDP quarterly newsletter is meant to keep our providers, and other partners, abreast of current updates within the program, resources and events within the county and state, and current child health topics. Therefore, in order to ensure that we are reaching this goal, we have attached a brief newsletter survey.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey. Your honest responses are appreciated!

<u>Click Here</u> to take the survey.

FREE Patient Resource!

Text4baby is the first mobile information service designed to promote maternal and child health though text messaging, and it's FREE!

Women who text **BABY** (or **BEBE** for Spanish) to **511411** receive three free text messages a week, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date, through pregnancy and up until the baby's first



birthday. The messages address topics such as labor signs and symptoms, prenatal care, developmental milestones, immunizations, and much more!

For more information please visit <u>www.text4baby.org</u>



New Resource: 2-1-1 San Joaquin

2-1-1 is a free phone number and online database (<u>www.211sj.org</u>) that connects Californians quickly and effectively to existing health and human service programs, joblessness support, and disaster response information in their communities. It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and in 150 different languages.

Examples of the Types of Services People Can Access by Calling 2-1-1:

- Housing
- Health Services
- Help for Seniors and Disabled •
- Emergency and Disaster Response
- Resources for Children and Families
 - Income Support: Earned Income Tax Credit

Please inform your patients and caregivers about this free, useful resource!

New Point of Service Device for CHDP Gateway Transaction

The Gateway Transactions Overview of the CHDP Provider Manual has been revised to indicate the replacement of the VeriFone Omni 3300 Point of Service (POS) device with the VeriFone VX 520 POS device for submission of CHDP Gateway transactions.

To view the full provider update click <u>HERE</u>

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Attachment A

Fever and Rash?.....Consider Measles

Measles is highly contagious. Please protect patients, visitors, and staff!

Keep an eye out for measles symptoms:

Suspect Measles in patients with fever, rash, and who have been in the last 3 weeks:

- In contact with a person with measles or febrile rash illness
- In locations or communities with cases of measles
- Outside of the U.S. or in contact with international visitors
- Visited sites popular with international visitors (tourist attractions, airports, etc.)

Note: A history of 2 doses of MMR vaccine does not exclude a measles diagnosis.

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Prodrome

- · Mild to moderate fever
- · Cough
- · Coryza
- · Conjunctivitis

Rash onset

- Fever spikes, often as high as 104° to 105° F
- Red, maculopapular rash that may become confluent—typically starts at hairline, then face, and spreads rapidly down body
- Koplik's spots (tiny blue/white spots on the bright red background of the buccal mucosa) may be present



Act immediately if you suspect measles:

- Immediately use airborne infection control precautions. Mask and isolate patient, in a negative pressure room whenever possible.
- Permit only staff immune to measles to be near the patient. Staff should use N95 respirators, if available.
- Notify your local health department immediately; arrange for expedited PCR testing at a public health lab.

- Protect others: Ensure airborne infection control precautions during medical transport and at receiving facilities.
- Do not use any regular exam room for at least I hour after a suspected measles patient has left.

Visit www.GetImmunizedCA.org for more information

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Asthma & COPD Resource Guide

Local Resources

Agency/Organization	Contact	
Asthma Clinic	San Joaquin General Hospital (209) 468-6167 referral only	
Asthma Management Strategies (One-hour Sessions)	St. Joseph's Medical Center (209) 461-5061 for appointment	
California Better Breathers Club	St Joseph's Medical Center Pulmonary Rehabilitation Meets 3 rd Tuesday of each month , 2:30pm Laurie Hansston (209) 467-6338	
Lodi Better Breathers Club	Lodi Memorial Hospital Meets 1 st Tuesday of each month Debbie Cameron (209) 339-7445	

Online Resources

Agency/Organization	Website
Allergy and Asthma Network: Mothers of Asthmatics	www.aaaai.org
American Association for Respiratory Care	www.aarc.org
American College of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology	www.acaai.org
American Lung Association in California	www.lung.org/associations/states/california
Breathe California	www.sacbreathe.org
California Breathing	www.californiabreathing.org
Center for Disease Control and Prevention	www.cdc.gov
Central California Asthma Collaborative	www.centralcalasthma.org
COPD Foundation	www.copdfoundation.org
COPD Support, Inc.	www.copd-support.com
Environmental Protection Agency	www.epa.gov
National Heart Lung & Blood Institute	www.nhlbi.nih.gov
Regional Asthma Management & Prevention (RAMP)	www.rampasthma.org
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	<u>www.valleyair.org</u> <u>www.healthyairliving.com</u> <u>www.airelimpiovidasana.com</u>