

Immunization Initiatives

2016 Annual Report

January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population and Public Health (PPH) collaborated with Saskatoon Community Clinic (SCC) and members of the Saskatoon Refugee Health Collaborative group to initiate a multi-disciplinary Syrian Refugee Clinic located at Saskatoon Community Clinic.
February 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPH-SHR continues to participate in the Panorama Mass Imms pilot. Provincial roll-out is being planned for fall, 2016. Provincial workshop in Regina planned for early March for one designate from each region to map out current and future states. Corrective Action updated for 2 year 2 dose Measles coverage. Immunization targets will be set for 2016-17. Preliminary data for fiscal year end indicates there will be a decrease in coverage rates in SHR: significant contributing factors are the lack of reminder system for 6 months due to Panorama reporting functions not functional x 6 months, and to the change from SIMS to Panorama provincial electronic immunization management data base, which measures the denominator differently. Rates may be artificially low. Immunization Department presented recommended CHC appointment times based upon most recent Panorama timings report, learnings at Syrian Refugee clinics, and provincial CHC guidelines. A review of the Immunization error reporting coding system began.
March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPH participation in future Refugee Clinic planning with Saskatoon Community Clinic and members of the Saskatoon Refugee Health Collaborative group. Proposal is for ½ day per week of PHN time. Revised Refugee PHN binders and Work Standards for distribution to urban Health Centre's as the initial wave of Syrian Refugees will begin to arrive for 3rd visits at home health centres. These will be presented at Nursing In-service by PHN lead for New Comer Health. Corrective Action Plan for coverage rates for 1 and 2 doses measles for 1 year olds in SHR reviewed and revised; action implementation ongoing. Immunization Clinician School focus attended MoH Mass Imms planning and is lead for SHR on the provincial ad hoc working group.
April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting held with Community Program Builder's to distribute unassigned neighborhoods in the Done by Two Reminder program. Corrective action developed for 2 dose 7 year coverage rates. Syrian Refugee clinics report completed Plans to operationalize Panorama Mass Imms functionality developed and shared with Site Supervisor's and staff. Many details required for development of training materials will be learned at the Train the Trainer session for Clinicians in August. Collating data and PHN focus group information on drop-in clinics for meeting in early May that will focus on PHN's selecting top 5 "just do it" ideas for improving safety and efficiency for drop-in CHC's.
May 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Department childhood polices and Work Standards updated. Annual Immunization and Anaphylaxis review held for SHR immunizers. Focus group with PHN's and Supervisors held regarding drop-in CHC's.
June 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Department drafted new Adult Immunization Polices and Work Standards to address the increasing number of adults attending Childhood Health Clinics (CHC's) and drop-in CHC's.

June 2016 con't	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduling tools created for Site Supervisors and PHN's using formulas to assist planning time required/school/PHN to complete Panorama mass imms preparations and grade 6 round one immunization in fall. Immunization Dept. involved in Panorama Mass imms provincial working group participation, testing and planning for Implementation in September, 2016.
July 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued with Policy reviews/updates; focus on School immunization, Influenza planning policy and adult policies. Influenza planning including GIS mapping used to determine location of closest pharmacies or other providers to each site.
August 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Immunization Clinicians attended Panorama Mass Imms Train the Trainer in Regina. District PHN's for SHR scheduled in to 1 day of Mass Imms training, which includes a review of provincial and regional school policies, and new Work Standards. Adult Immunization Policy and Work Standard completed and distributed. School Immunization Policy revised, to include Panorama Mass imms process; work standards for PHN's and Program Assistants developed, along with PAN forms to support Ministry training materials.
September 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza Implementation Policy completed. Influenza Staff Guide reviewed and work commenced to change format to Work Standards for every role designated in policy and guide. Mass Imms training for all Panorama users occurred over the course of 1 week, including mentored support for each nursing team with first live grade 6 immunization event using the functionality. A small team of PHN mentors were trained prior to PHN and PA training. PPH Medical Directives for the management of anaphylaxis in the community setting and the administration of publicly funded and non-publicly funded biological products (#026,030,031) were completed, approved by SHR, and circulated to staff. Implementation of New CHC wait time targets for urban CHC's. New staff orientation commenced. Immunization of Special Populations PHN role created to centralize process and accommodate increased demands for this service at ITC office.
October 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 round one immunizations continued using the new Panorama functionality, mass imms. The MoH will coordinate feedback for evaluation in the form of a survey. The results will be used for process improvements for the 2017-18 school year. Influenza Implementation policy, Work Standards, and staff self-study training modules were completed and circulated to PPH staff and external providers.
November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenza program commenced October 31, 2016 SHR Translation, MCIS, and interpretation policy incorporated in to Immunization polices and Work Standards. Childhood and Adult immunization policies revised to incorporate the referrals of special population program.
December 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four Provincial Panorama policies: Reminder recall, changing jOrg, updating client status (inactivation), and Bulletins 0052 and 0053 were incorporated in to Immunization policies and Standard Work. Consultation and recommendations re: new Canadian Immunization programs and clinics for SHR occurred. Feedback provided to MoH.