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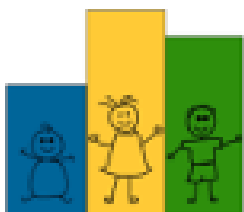
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**After a snowy week  
in April, I am  
looking forward to  
the May flowers.**

### The New, New Hampshire Vaccine Registry

The NH Chapter is very excited about the roll out of the new **NH vaccine registry**. This has been a long time coming and a result of some fantastic advocacy work by many, including chapter representatives over the years, public health experts, and our colleagues in the NH medical society. This is a great opportunity to improve the care for kids across the state. As with any new process there are kinks along the way and the implementation is a work in progress. We are working closely with the state in conjunction with the NH medical society to advocate on behalf of primary care pediatric practices. Likely by the time of the posting of this newsletter the HL7 messaging code and instructions will have been released by the state. This relates to the technical process that creates the electronic interfaces between the state system and our electronic medical records. This electronic interface is critical to helping make this vaccine registry truly functional. A separate email address is being created to handle questions on this process at [HL7.support@dhhs.org](mailto:HL7.support@dhhs.org). Other resource documents such as the opt-out form in multiple languages will be forthcoming. Email [nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:nhiis.support@dhhs.nh.gov) to request being on their distribution list and weekly newsletter.



## NHPIP Health Equity

Do you want to learn more about **health equity** in the context of your medical office? Want to learn with your peers using a provider perspective? All providers in NH are welcome to take part in a free 3-part lunch-time learning series on health equity. This learning series is specifically designed for providers in clinical settings. This series will take place on three **Wednesdays (May 5, 12, and 26) during the lunch hour (12:00 – 1:00)** and offer CME/CNE/CE credit. This opportunity is offered by 3 trainers, Trinidad Tellez, MD, Marie Ramas, MD, and Emerald Anderson-Ford through funding and organization from HRSA, NH DHHS, UNH IHPP, SNHAHEC, and the NH Pediatric Improvement Partnership.

**To register for this series, use the Eventbrite link below:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-water-we-swim-in-embracing-equity-in-medical-practice-tickets-146822127937>**

## Child Prevention Month

A video series has been created from the New Hampshire Children's Trust's BE PREVENTION for April Prevention Month in four parts (each about 1 minute long) to highlight protective factors against Child Abuse.

Resilience: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4-3Y6TawmU>

Connection: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ed\\_8oqEoivg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ed_8oqEoivg)

Support: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IeqX\\_DAC7uI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IeqX_DAC7uI)

Mindfulness: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI\\_cOAnN3Ms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI_cOAnN3Ms)

## Remote Instruction with Return to In-Person Learning in Schools

After the recent NH AAP Executive Committee meeting, NH Family Voices reached out for information from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education in an effort to let pediatricians know why they may receive requests for assistance from families who wish their children to remain in remote learning. Below is what was learned.

Under EO#89 schools are *permitted* to offer a remote instructional option to *any* student, not only to those students with IEPs/504's. However, schools are not *required* to offer a remote option to any students, unless a particular student is unable to access a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in an in-person environment (for example, for medical reasons). This has been the case all year, as schools have not been required to offer remote learning since Emergency Order #64 was issued on August 13, 2020.

Schools retain the option that they have had all school year to offer any combination of in-person, remote, or hybrid instruction that they choose—the only difference now is an added requirement that one option *must* be full in-person instruction for those that elect it.

The documentation students will have to provide to access remote learning will vary by school. Some schools will continue to offer a remote model to anyone who wants it, in which case parents only need to elect the option. For schools not offering a remote model, the student would need to contact the school to determine what documentation is required to demonstrate that they cannot receive a FAPE through in-person instruction and a note from a physician may be required.

## Planning for Return to School Visits and Vaccines

The CDC and other health organizations have shown that children are behind in receiving their routine vaccinations and well care visits in the past year during the time of COVID. With planning for return to school in fall, there may be a crush of students needing care and vaccines. A complicating factor is that the CDC recommends not administering other vaccines for the period from 2 weeks before a COVID vaccine and

ending 2 weeks after the final COVID vaccine. This will affect teenagers especially. Attached are several handouts about this issue. [Back to School, Childhood Vaccines, CDC Vaccines](#)

## Inflammatory Brain Disorders Conference

Foundation for Children with Neuroimmune Disorders is sponsoring this virtual conference free on May 13-14, 2021. The focus is on pediatric patients. CME credit is available to all live attendees. A recording will be available as well. Topics covered include:

several sessions on PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) which includes PANDAS and Sydenham's Chorea, Neuropsychiatric presentation of COVID, Metabolic and Mitochondrial Considerations in Neuropsychiatric Deteriorations Autoantibody Discovery in Psychotic Spectrum Disorders Rheumatological Diseases That Have Psychiatric Co- Morbidities and others. Registration is available on the Foundation for Children with Neuroimmune Disorders [website](#) Scroll below the photos for free registration.

**Opportunities Available:** This is a new section of the newsletter to highlight opportunities to get involved or for help needed. If you have something you want listed, please contact [Catrina.Watson@nhms.org](mailto:Catrina.Watson@nhms.org)

**NHAAP** is looking for chapter members who would like to be part of a chapter interest group on diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI). This would be an informal group that aims to highlight issues in this area for pediatricians. Please respond to [catrina.watson@nhms.org](mailto:catrina.watson@nhms.org).

## Announcements:

**Commercial Milk Formula Marketing, International Contexts and Tools**, webinar by Laurence Grummer-Strawn PhD of the WHO. Monday, May 3, 2021, 12-1:30 p.m. ET, free Link to Register [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UWzYFQH5QDWXS7zx2VKbmQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UWzYFQH5QDWXS7zx2VKbmQ)

**Healthy Lifestyles for Children and Youth with Developmental Disabilities: Food, Family, & Fitness**, Topics discussed include prevalence and risk of obesity in children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and ways to promote physical activity and enjoyable, nutritional meals. Monday May 17, 8:45-3:30, virtual, cost \$25. For more information, register and pay at <https://ce.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/Activity/7258253/Detail.aspx>

## NNEPQIN Spring Conference

The free Northern New England Perinatal Quality Improvement Network Spring Conference will be held virtually on June 10. Topics covered include Marijuana Use During Pregnancy and Breastfeeding, Maternity Unit Closures in New England, and breakout sessions on Obstetric, Neonatal and Substance Abuse Issues. [NNEPQIN](#)

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## NH AAP meetings

2021 Meetings will be June 9, September 8 and December 8. Board Meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

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