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California Chapter 3 - San Diego and Imperial Counties

AAP-CA3 Infectious Disease Committee **Thursday, January 21, 2010** **AAP-CA3 Conference Room at 6:30PM** **Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Mark Sawyer, MD (Chair); Dean Sidelinger, MD, MEd; Eyla Boies, MD; Rich McNeal, MD; Pradeep Gidwani, MD, MPH; Meredith Kennedy, MPH; Megan Kennedy

- I. Introductions
- II. RSV season to date and RSV Immunoglobulin recommendations – Dr. Sawyer asked the committee if there was any feedback on the AAP recommendations. There was comment that it is hard to convince health plans to cover RSV. The committee reported the recommendations have not been universally accepted, some agencies are using the old recommendations. The group agreed to survey Chapter membership about their impression of the recommendations, i.e. if they're being followed, and access to RSV. The group wants to ensure John Arnold is included on the list. Meredith will share the proposal to survey the Chapter with the Executive Board.
- III. Influenza update
 - a. H1N1 disease activity – Flu activity is down since the end of November. The percent of Emergency Department visits linked to H1N1 is down.
 - b. H1N1 vaccine distribution and supply – Offices that desire the vaccine may order it through the website. There have been 5 mass vaccination events in the county where over 10,000 vaccines were administered.
 - c. Seasonal influenza activity – The peak month is February.
 - d. Seasonal influenza vaccine supply – Most everyone is out of seasonal vaccine. Next year's seasonal flu vaccine will include the H1N1 vaccine.
 - e. School-based immunization - 100 school sites have had vaccination events. Some were during the school day and others were weekend events. School based vaccinations, mass-vaccinations and county vaccinations will all be entered into the registry, though there will be a bit of lag time for data entry.
- IV. Salmonella and Shigella in day care- Public Health Dept. There was a child at a day care with a positive stool sample. Children cannot return to school or day care until they are clear from Shigella and E. coli 0157. A child exposed to Salmonella may return to school when they are asymptomatic. The committee wants to make this information available to colleagues. The

best way to share this information is through Coastal Currents – Dr. Sawyer and Dr. Sidelinger will work on the contents of this update in the form of a ‘Report from the ID Committee.’

- V. 2010 Immunization schedules/issues – The committee would like to include the updated schedule in Coastal Currents with a link to the CDC’s updated schedule and ‘catch up’ schedule.
- VI. Other issues?
- Committee members would like to work together on gathering information for parents who refuse or challenge the IZ schedule. Dr. Sawyer has a district grant to develop a curriculum for pediatric residents. Dr. Boies has a module she will share with Dr. Sawyer. The group will work to assemble a packet of information that can be used to speak with parents. Pat Cantrell is a potential resource. There was a suggestion to approach the Medical Society, Rady Children’s or UCSD to do an achievable talk, housed on their website, that addresses this topic and ways to code for vaccine counseling during a pediatric appointment.
 - There is a community forum on Feb 16 featuring Dr. Sawyer and Dr. Courchesne at Palomar Pomerado Hospital at 5:30 to discuss vaccines.
 - The group briefly discussed the increase in pertussis in the last year.
- VII. Next meeting date – April 15 at 6:30. AAP offices – 3160 Camino del Rio South, Suite 212.