

# NMDOH News Brief

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## Community of Practice workshop for NMSIIS action plan

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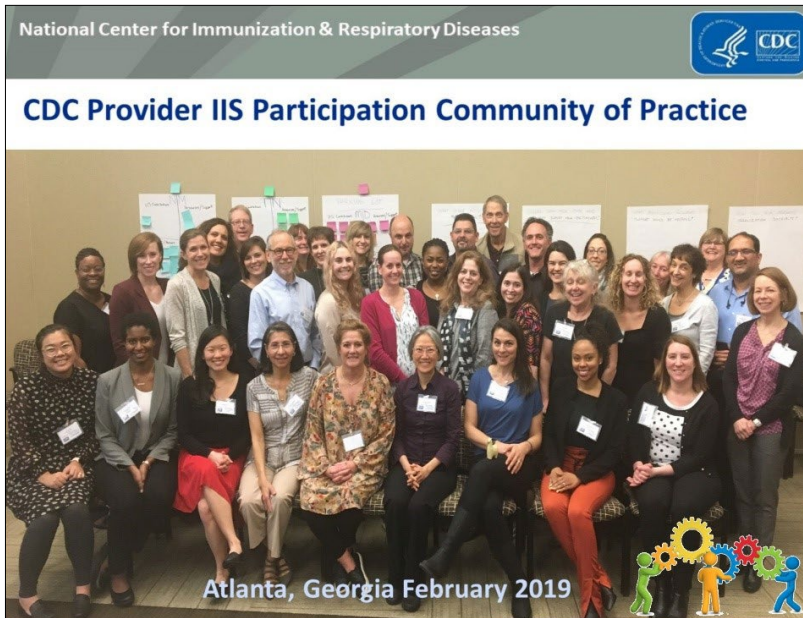
Recently, members of the NMDOH Immunization Program attended the CDC Provider IIS (Immunization Information System) Participation Community of practice workshop in Atlanta, Georgia.

New Mexico was one of seven states selected to participate in this productive in-person meeting.

Jordan Burton, CDC Public Health Advisor, and Raymond Gallegos, NMSIIS Statewide Training Coordinator, traveled to a rainy Atlanta to collaborate with the CDC and other IIS professionals. They made new connections, developed best practices, created strategies and shared available resources, to increase not only provider participation in the IIS program, but also shared ideas and steps to improve our overall performance and management of our data.

Scientific Technologies Corporation (STC), along with the CDC have partnered with the seven attending states to assist with implementation of a customized action plan for each state.

The resulting bridges of communication that were developed at this meeting will prove to be invaluable as we strive to increase our Provider participation and the accuracy of our data.



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# Immunization Program

## Staff announcements

### Max Cordova

Max Cordova has transferred from the NMDOH Immunization Program to the New Mexico State Personnel Office. Max was the NMSIIS Program Manager from April 2017 until February 2019. The Immunization Program will miss him greatly. We wish Max all the best in his continued career with New Mexico State Government.



Margaret has been a valuable asset to the Immunization Program—we are overjoyed to see her in her new role.

### Erica Martinez-Lovato

*Infectious Disease Bureau Chief*  
*Staffing announcement:* I am very pleased to announce that Erica Martinez-Lovato will be returning as Immunization Program Manager starting April 8. I have complete faith in Erica's ability to get right back in the driver seat of this key program that affects the health of most, if not all New Mexicans. Please join me in welcoming Erica back to Public Health. A million thanks to Andrea Romero and all the immunization staff who kept things moving forward during the vacancy at the manager position.



### Margaret Cunningham

Margaret Cunningham has been promoted to the Vaccine and Outreach Manager position. Margaret was formerly the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinator in the Immunization Program since February 2017.



### DOH Job Opportunities

NMDOH Immunization Program is seeking candidates for the following positions. Please send any inquiries to [andrea.romero@state.nm.us](mailto:andrea.romero@state.nm.us).

- NMSIIS Program Manager (classified as a staff manager (DOH/PHD #11181) pay band 75). This position is currently advertised.
- Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Coordinator (classified as a Health Educator-A (DOH/PHD #54897) pay band 65). Look for this job advertisement soon.

## 2018-19 Provider Training results

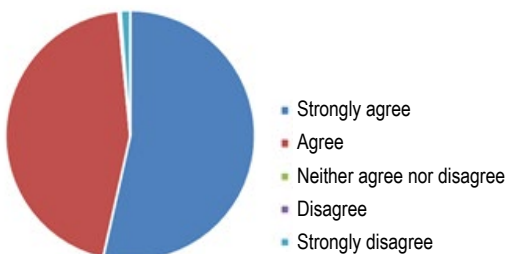
The 2018-2019 Statewide Provider Training has ended, and we would like to share what a great success it was. The VFC and NMSIIS teams completed 14 training classes at 13 locations, reaching out to every Public Health Region. It was exciting to meet with all the providers and staff that we sometimes only know by voice or login.

One thing we noticed in our travels was that each region has unique questions and needs, that we hoped our training would address. Following all classes, a Post Class Survey was sent along with certificates of attendance.

These are the results of that survey. We were pleased with the results and feedback received. We are already looking at this data to plan our 2019-2020 Provider Training.

Thank you all for your participation in the 2018-2019 Statewide Provider Training and for doing your part to make it a success.

The training provided helpful and knowledgeable content



## Immunization resources

### National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) 2019

This is the 25th year of NIIW, that will be celebrated April 27-May 4. NIIW highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases through immunization. Here's the link for more information <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html>

KOB Channel 4, UNM Health Sciences Center, and the NM Immunization Coalition are partnering to celebrate the critical

role vaccinations play during NIIW. Tune in on Thursday, April 25 from 5pm-7pm, to catch UNM's Drs. Melissa Martinez and Walter Dehority answer viewers' questions about infant immunizations.

### Hepatitis A outbreak

This was the topic of the UNM Health Hour on March 24. Dominic Rodroquez, Director of Nursing Services in Metro-NW Region, discussed the current Hepatitis A outbreak in Bernalillo County. [Click here](#) to link to the broadcast.

### SKIIP update for 2019-20

The Immunization Program has just put in place a one year provider agreement with CareDox for the 2019-20 school year. CareDox is keeping the SKIIP branding name per the provider agreement. Local nurses will be hired in the regions. The transition to CareDox has started with planning calls.

Stay tuned for more updates as this moves forward.

## Hepatitis A outbreak update

Lisa Jacques-Carroll  
CDC Public Health Advisor for New Mexico

New Mexico continues to experience an outbreak of hepatitis A virus in the Albuquerque area. The New Mexico Department of Health continues to provide education and vaccinations to at-risk individuals at various sites throughout the Albuquerque area. Providers are encouraged to screen and vaccinate high risk individuals (people with direct contact with someone who has hepatitis A, people who use drugs, people experiencing homelessness, people with liver disease, and men who have sex with men).

Vaccination and proper handwashing are the best methods to prevent the spread of this virus. For more information and resources on this outbreak, please visit the NM Department of Health website at <https://nmhealth.org/about/phd/idb/hip/> Resources and information can also be found on the CDC website, [click here](#).



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