School District Employer Immunization Policies

GOAL: establish school district employee immunization policies and promote school-based clinics

2012 2013 2011 2014 2015 Vaccine exemptions for at least one vaccine in Utah's public and private schools combined is 4.4% for kindergarten, as compared to the national median exemption rate of 1.8% for 2013-2014. In small pockets of the state exemption rates are higher. Utah Pertussis Case Count by Year 618 **194** ytd Historically, five year cycles of high level pertussis have occurred in Utah schools. Teacher Tdap coverage typically not known before outbreak, and exclusion from school is occasionally necessary. Pertussis levels currently almost three times the national average. In January 2015 outbreak, four teachers excluded from school. Measles outbreak occurs in Utah from December Measles outbreaks occur in Utah, March to State health department and some LHDs set PPHF Coag project goals, State Health example by instituting employee immunization 2014 to February 2015, in one large county. MMR June 2011, in two counties. MMR vaccination Improvement Plan (SHIP) goals and LHD annual vaccination histories needed for adults in policies and actively monitoring coverage. histories needed for adults in schools. Some contracts work together to facilitate establishment schools. Some teachers excluded. teachers and students excluded. of school district employer immunization policies and on-site school based clinics offering adult vaccines. PPHF Coag funded school immunization project Through annual LHD contracts the state School district employee immunization policies initiated through state health department, ♦ Policy prototype developed to facilitate uptake. incentivizes LHDs not yet working with school promoted by state health department following working with LHDs and school districts to districts to encourage development of Between 2013 and 2014 policies adopted in measles outbreak. expand school based clinics that offer vaccines immunization policies. seven school districts within four local health for children and adults. districts. ♦ Four of Utah's largest counties begin ♦ MMR, varicella, hep A & B, Td/Tdap, and flu working with school districts. vaccinations recommended for all PPHF Coag funded Employer Immunization ♦ Measles outbreak and resulting teacher employees. Outreach project initiated through state health exclusions adds incentive to school districts ♦ Records mandated for recommended department, works with LHDs to promote to establish policies. vaccines for all employees. employee immunization policies and adult ♦ Policies apply immediately to new hires, vaccination through on-site employer clinics. but not all current employees are insured. Some LHDs also promote employer vaccination Through county level goal setting on employer ◆ State provides vaccines for uninsured clinics through school districts (some districts based immunizations, Utah's largest LHD UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH employees to help with transition. are already partners through school based (Salt Lake County) plans to begin working with clinics, some districts are new contacts). ♦ Project parameters mandate that clinics school districts to establish immunization offer a variety of adult vaccines, not just flu. policies and recommend school based clinics. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM