September 26, 2016

2016 HEALTH SUMMIT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
Friday, December 9, 2016
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Gateway Conference Center
Wilmington Hospital
Registration opening soon

From the Immunization Action Coalition:
http://www.immunize.org/express/issue1266.asp
IAC Express: Issue 1266: September 21, 2016

TOP STORIES
* Vaccine Education Center posts article on presidential candidates’ beliefs on vaccination
* "Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic" now available to screen with a free public viewing license in six states

From our friends at Every Child By Two:

"Mumps outbreak adds fuel to vaccination debate" The Norman Transcript (OK) (September 21, 2016) - "The Oklahoma Department of Health has confirmed 13 cases of mumps in Garfield County, one in Kay County and is investigating 10 others. While Oklahoma Department of Health Public Information Officer Corey Robertson said there is no need to panic, the outbreak has brought light to the ongoing vaccination debate. Norman pediatrician and Vaccinate Oklahoma spokesperson Dr. Thomas Kuhls will speak at noon today at Variety Care Lafayette in Oklahoma City about the future of the debate regarding vaccines. He's hoping to see it come to an end... Kuhls and the newly launched Vaccinate Oklahoma campaign are pushing to see exemptions removed at the state level.... 'Every other state is trying to strengthen the law. Only 18 states allow personal exemptions. We're one of those. You have national organizations that are charged with the health care of children saying we should not be allowing personal exemptions.'"


“Preventing Shingles Today and the Promise of New Vaccines Tomorrow” Shot of prevention (September 22, 2016) - "The timing could not have been worse. It was the holiday season and many family members were traveling great distances to converge on 'Mom's House.' To complicate matters even more, one family member was temporarily living with her mom as a
result of being on bed rest for the duration of her high risk pregnancy. Her mother, who was a fairly active woman in her mid-70 without any health problems, was complaining about back pain. She believed she had strained a muscle but couldn't seem to get relief. When the rash appeared a few days later, it became clear that she had shingles. It really shouldn't have come as much of a surprise... So with one mom down with shingles, her daughter grew concerned over the arrival of her new baby. Would it be possible for her newborn to contract the virus? Fortunately, people don't catch shingles from other people. Rather, shingles (also called herpes zoster) is caused by a reawakening of the Varicella zoster virus (VZV) that causes chickenpox."

From CDC:  

CDC Medscape Special Report: Immunization Recommendations for the 2016-2017 Flu Season

Flu season is almost here and it’s time to get flu shots for your family, friends and self. What products are available? Who should get which one? And what should be done for those with egg allergies? It’s all here from Medscape, made in collaboration with the CDC.

Flu Vaccine for People With Egg Allergies

Based on the new recommendations:
*People with egg allergies no longer need to be observed for an allergic reaction for 30 minutes after receiving a flu vaccine.
*People with a history of severe allergic reaction to egg (i.e. any symptom other than hives) can now be vaccinated in a medical setting, under the supervision of a healthcare provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html

You Call the Shots

You Call the Shots is an interactive, web-based immunization training course. It consists of a series of modules that discuss vaccine-preventable diseases and explain the latest recommendations for vaccine use. Each module provides learning opportunities, self-test practice questions, reference and resource materials, and an extensive glossary.

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