



# Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

## PROGRAM UPDATES

11/18/09

- **McKesson Specialty Holiday Vaccine Shipping Schedule:** The holiday vaccine shipping schedule of routine VFC and seasonal flu vaccines during the upcoming holidays is as follows:

Week of November 23 (Thanksgiving Week)	
Monday, November 23	Regular Vaccine Shipping Day
Tuesday, November 24	Limited Vaccine Shipment—Only Priority and Emergency Orders
Wednesday, November 25	No Vaccine Shipment
Thursday, November 26	No Vaccine Shipment
Friday, November 27	No Vaccine Shipment
Week of December 21 (Christmas Week)	
Monday, December 21	Regular Vaccine Shipping Day
Tuesday, December 22	Regular Vaccine Shipping Day
Wednesday, December 23	Limited Vaccine Shipment—Only Priority and Emergency Orders
Thursday, December 24	No Vaccine Shipment
Friday, December 25	No Vaccine Shipment
Week of December 28 (New Year's Week)	
Monday, December 28	No Vaccine Shipment
Tuesday, December 29	No Vaccine Shipment
Wednesday, December 30	Limited Vaccine Shipment—Only Priority and Emergency Orders
Thursday, December 31	No Vaccine Shipment
Friday, January 1	No Vaccine Shipment

- **Vaccine Returns:** McKesson Specialty continues to receive used non-viable vaccine syringes with capped and uncapped needles. Under **NO** circumstances should a provider return syringes with or without needles to our vaccine distributor. This practice not only endangers the staff who process vaccine at the distribution center but it also violates both needle safety and biohazard practices that should be followed at all sites where vaccines are delivered. Providers must dispose of used syringes according to usual medical biosafety procedures. Returns should include ***only*** unserviceable or expired vaccines, in their original vials or pre-filled syringes. Providers ***should never*** return the following to McKesson Specialty:

- Used syringes, with or without needles;
- Broken vials because these products are dangerous;
- Wasted products such as a syringe that was drawn up but not used; or
- Multidose vials from which some doses have already been withdrawn;
- Wasted or expired H1N1 vaccines.

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