



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

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- **Important Influenza Pre-Booking:** Pre-booking influenza orders for the 2010-2011 influenza season is here! The deadline to pre-book your vaccine order has been extended until Friday, March 19, 2010. Fax your order before the deadline. The Pre-Booking Influenza Vaccine Order form is available on our website, http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/blast_fax.htm.
- **Varicella Availability:** Merck is making changes to their ordering system March 25 through April 6, 2010. Varicella orders placed after March 17, 2010, will not be processed during this time.
- **Hep B–PF:** Engerix (GlaxoSmithKine) is only offered in 10-pack single-dose syringes. The 5-pack syringe presentation is no longer available.
- **Polio Series:** The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued a change to the recommended inactivated poliovirus vaccine series. It is now recommended that the last dose in the series be administered on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose. In addition, if 4 doses are administered before 4 years old, an additional fifth dose should be administered between 4 and 6 years of age. New requirement is effective for 2011-2012 school year.
- **Hepatitis A:** Vaccination of children older than 23 months is now permitted for whom immunity against hepatitis A is desired.
- **Revaccination with Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine:** Revaccination with meningococcal conjugate vaccine is now recommended by the ACIP for children who remain at increased risk for meningococcal disease after 3 years, if the first dose was administered between 2 and 6 years of age, and after 5 years, if the first dose was administered at age 7 or older.
- **Seasonal FluMist:** All doses of seasonal FluMist (NDC 66019-0107-01) will expire on March 17, 2010. Check your inventory for expired vaccine and remember to return vaccine with a copy of the Vaccine Return and Waste form to McKesson Specialty. The Vaccine Return and Waste form is available on our website, <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm>.
- **H1N1 Influenza Vaccine:** Do not return novel H1N1 influenza vaccine that expires or becomes unserviceable to McKesson Specialty. The department will provide instructions on how to dispose of vaccine in the near future. Fax a copy of the Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Waste form to Florida SHOTS staff at (850) 412-5801. The Novel H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Waste form is available on our website, <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/files/H1N1VaccineWasteForm.pdf>.
- **VFC Program Provider Handbook:** The VFC Program Provider Handbook is available on our website, <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/manual.htm>.
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