



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

December 2010/January 2011

Vaccine Update

- **DTaP-IPV** (Kinrix®) syringes are available. It now comes in packs of 10 single-dose syringes.
- **Tdap** (Boostrix®) now comes in packs of 10 single-dose syringes.

Seasonal Flu

- **MedImmune FluMist® Replacement Program:** MedImmune is running a voluntary FluMist Replacement Program for FluMist vaccine that expires on or before January 31, 2011. Please read the VFC blast fax (http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/vfc/blast_fax/2010-11_Influenza_Vaccine_Available_9-20-10.pdf) for details.

Merck Holiday Shipping Schedule—Merck will not be shipping direct ship vaccines (Varivax® and ProQuad®) December 22, 2010—January 3, 2011. Orders submitted to the VFC Program in December will be sent to Merck but may be held due to the holiday closure.

Stay on Schedule—Now that the holidays are over, submit your vaccine reports to the VFC Program according to your assigned ordering schedule. Schedules are online and can be searched by VFC Program PIN at http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_manual/EOQbyPIN.pdf and check the appropriate *Vaccine Report Form* for the appropriate ordering dates. If you are running out of vaccine, completed full orders can be submitted between scheduled ordering times for review by the VFC Program staff.

Have you moved?—If your office is planning a move, the VFC Program needs to receive a recertification form (http://www.immunizeFlorida.org/vfc/provider_recertification_form.htm) and two weeks of temperature logs for your vaccine storage units at the new location before vaccine orders can be delivered. The temperature logs allow the VFC Program and you to ensure that your vaccine storage unit is still functioning properly after the move and that the electrical system in your new office is working as well. By keeping the VFC Program updated, you will avoid any gap in vaccine delivery as you transition your patients to the new location.

It's That Time of Year—VFC Program providers are required to recertify their VFC account every year. If it's been more than one year or you can't remember the last time a recertification was submitted, use our online recertification form (see link above). It's fast and easy to complete.

VFC Program Storage Tip—Keep vaccine away from the sides and vents in your vaccine storage unit. Vents can blow cold air directly on the vaccine causing damage even if proper temperatures are maintained. Remember to "Aim for 40° F" to keep vaccines in the comfort zone.

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