



Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

PROGRAM UPDATES

March 2011

- **ProQuad®:** ProQuad is no longer available. Providers who used ProQuad will be supplemented with additional MMRII® and Varivax® depending upon the provider's ProQuad usage. Providers will be notified if this vaccine becomes available once again.
- **Kinrix®:** Kinrix syringes are unavailable. Providers who request Kinrix will receive the vaccine in the vial presentation.
- **Prebooking for 2011-2012 Influenza Season:** The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program has begun prebooking for the 2011-2012 Influenza Season. Prebooking order forms can be found on our web site in the blast fax archive located here: http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/blast_fax/Flu_Prebook_02-08-2011.pdf. Prebooking orders need to be submitted with the amount of **doses** you need to facilitate the processing of your request. The current deadline for the 2011-2012 seasonal flu prebook is **Friday, March 11, 2011**. Providers will be notified of any extensions through blast fax.
- **2010-2011 Influenza Vaccine:** 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine is still available for ordering. Be sure to use the *Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Order Form 2010-2011 Season* available here: http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/blast_fax/Flu_Reminder_12-28-2010.pdf. This will ensure your current order is not mistaken for a prebook request.
- **Vaccine Reporting Forms:** The VFC Program updated our Vaccine Report Forms in December 2010. These forms have all the available presentations and vaccines we offer. In addition, we've included the ordering schedule on the top of the form so that you can easily see when your next order is due. If you need to provide us with information that affects your vaccine orders, such as a change of delivery hours, requests for specific vaccines or presentations, use the *Vaccine Report Form Additional Page*. Both reports are found on the VFC Program web site here: <http://www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/forms.htm> under the Vaccine Reporting Forms section.
- **Taking Care of Your Vaccine Storage Unit:** Regular monthly maintenance of your vaccine storage unit can go a long way to ensure the longer life and proper function of the storage unit and the viability of your vaccine.
 - **Clean the inside of the unit.** Vaccine can stay in the unit as you clean. Just move the trays as you clean. **Do not unplug the unit.**
 - **Check the door seals.** If a seal does not seal completely, cold air can escape causing temperatures to fluctuate in the unit.
 - Locate the seals.
 - They should not be torn or brittle.
 - There should be no gaps between the seals and the body of the unit.
 - **Clean the coils.** Use a duster to remove any visible dust.
- **VFC Contact Information:**
 - Telephone: (800) 483-2543
 - Fax: (850) 245-4734
 - Email: FloridaVFC@doh.state.fl.us
 - Fraud and Abuse Hotline: (866) 373-0644
 - Website: www.ImmunizeFlorida.org/vfc/index.html

