



Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

Important Information

VFC Update – Data Loggers

As a reminder, starting January 1, 2018, the federal VFC program will require VFC enrolled providers to have at least one data logger as a backup thermometer with a valid and current Certificate of Calibration readily available. You are not required to use a MicroDAQ branded LogTag as a backup; however, the data logger you choose to use as your backup thermometer must meet VFC program requirements and must be able to upload into FL SHOTS. A compiled list of data loggers that meet VFC program requirements and are currently compatible for use with FL SHOTS can be viewed at <http://flshotsusers.com/resources/temperature-data-loggers>.

As a result of the new requirement, you will be responsible for securing data loggers as your backup thermometers and assume any costs associated with calibration and maintenance of your primary and backup data loggers. This means over the next couple of months or so, the Immunization Section will phase out of supplying and maintaining data loggers to VFC providers. The Immunization Section will continue to support the upload of temperature data into FL SHOTS.

If you have a state provided LogTag expiring within the next 90 days, 30 to 60 days prior to the expiration date, follow our guidance for sending those LogTags to MicroDAQ for recalibration. Unable to pinpoint this guidance? View the document at https://flshotsusers.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/FLSHOTS-RecalibrationFAQ-Jan2017_0.pdf. If you need help troubleshooting your LogTag? View the video posted to FL SHOTS at <http://flshotsusers.com/sites/default/files/media/log-tag-troubleshooting/>.

To assist you with the transition of securing calibration services for your LogTags, the Immunization Section will soon share a list of several manufacturers you may choose from to use for calibration services. Please note, the list provided will not be an all-inclusive list and will not serve as endorsement of any vendor included on the list.

If you have questions about the requirement involving data loggers as your backup thermometer or Immunization Section support as a result of the requirement, please contact Tracey Andrews at tracey.andrews@flhealth.gov.

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Reminder - December Vaccine Shipping and Ordering

For optimal processing and to ensure receipt of VFC Program vaccines during the month of December, the VFC Program is recommending providers that normally order during the second half of December submit orders *no later than December 8, 2017*. Ordering schedules for providers that order in the first half of the month should also place their order by December 8th.



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McKesson will stop filling orders at 12:00pm on December 13, 2017. Vaccine will be shipped up to December 18, 2017, but will *not* be shipped from December 19, 2017-January 1, 2018. Regular vaccine shipments will resume on January 2, 2018.

Some offices may be closed or have limited office hours, so please make certain someone will be available to receive the vaccine shipment when you place your order.

Contact the VFC Program via email at FloridaVFC@FLHealth.gov or via phone at 1-877-888-7468 Option 1.

General VFC Program information and forms can be found on our website at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/immunization/vaccines-for-children/index.html>

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