

VVFC News Alert

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Vaccine Supply Update

Merck Software Update

Merck is implementing a major software

update to their commercial systems and is unable to process orders at this time. Merck anticipates being able to resume business on April 6, 2010 at which time the Order Center will be able to send Direct Ship vaccine orders for Varicella and Zoster.

PCV13

Place orders for the new Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV13) which replaces Prevnar (PCV7). Substitution of the new vaccine will be made if you are using an old order form. Once you have PCV13 available for your patients, STOP administering PCV7 and return it to the distributor as non-viable vaccine. Supplemental PCV 13 is recommended for children completely vaccinated with PCV7 to protect against 6 additional serotypes. Refer to MMWR March 12, 2010: http://www.mass.gov/Eoohs2/docs/dph/cdc/immunization/alerts_pc_v13_acip_recommendations.pdf

Returns Process

Send the return form to the Order Center. Place a copy of the form in the box with the non-viable vaccine. Once the form is received by the Order Center, a pick-up will be arranged. Have the box ready for the UPS driver. Link to the VVFC Vaccine Return Form: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

Hib Shortage over! On to Rota!

With multiple Hib vaccine products now available, allocations for Hib have ended. Please resume ordering Hib according to your established order schedule.

Due to the temporary suspension of the use of ROTARIX recommended by FDA last week, Rotateq will be allocated monthly

beginning April 1, 2010. Your monthly Rotateq orders will be reviewed for appropriateness. Continue to store ROTARIX appropriately during the temporary FDA suspension.

New Contract

A few vaccine formulations are no longer available on this year's CDC contract. When inventory has been depleted at McKesson, these three presentations will no longer be available:

IPOL® (E-IPV) NDC: 49281-0860-55, 10 pack single dose syringe

INFANRIX® (DTaP) NDC: 58160-0810-46, 5 pack single dose syringe

PEDIARIX® (DTaP/HepB/IPV) NDC: 58160-0811-11, 10 pack single dose vial

Substitutions will be made as necessary.

Cervarix and Menveo Available Soon

Cervarix (HPV2) and Menveo (MenACWY-CRM) will be available through VVFC soon. A "fax notice" will be sent to you when these products become available.

Vaccine Information Statements-VIS

The VIS web page has been updated with 2 new HPV Vaccine Information Statements (one for each vaccine--Cervarix and Gardasil.) Watch for the updated VIS for Prevnar 13. The latest VISs can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/default.htm#hpv>

ProQuad

A limited supply of ProQuad will be available in the coming months. The Order Center is gathering orders for ProQuad that we will hold until we are notified by CDC that we can place the orders. Availability is limited. Please request ProQuad by faxing this BackPage with the following information to the Order Center:

VVFC PIN _____ Proquad doses _____

1-800-568-1929

email: wfc@vdh.virginia.gov

www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vfc/index.htm