

VVFC News Alert

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March/April 2010

Merck Software Update

From Thursday,
March 25 to
Tuesday, April 6,

2010, Merck will be implementing a major software update to their commercial systems. During this time, Merck will be unable to process orders. It is important to determine whether you have sufficient product to last through the transition. Order enough Direct Ship vaccine to meet needs through mid-April.

PCV13 and HPV2 Available Soon

A new Pneumococcal Vaccine (PCV13) replacing Prevnar (PCV7) will be available in late March or early April 2010. Monitor your inventory of Prevnar (PCV7) to minimize waste. Substitution of the new vaccine will be made for you once it is available to order through VFC. Cervarix (HPV2) will be added to the VVFC Order Form when it becomes available. A "fax notice" will be sent to you when the Order Form changes. The Order form can be found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

Shortages

Merck is returning to the market with Pedvax Hib. With multiple hib vaccine products now available, allocations should soon be ending, likely by the end of March.

Thank you!

The Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program and VVFC would like to thank Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital for their help conducting paired mother/baby medical record reviews. These record reviews will be conducted throughout the state in the coming year. As the first site to complete this review process, your assistance and suggestions are very much appreciated.

Changes to Regulations for the Immunization of School Children

The final amendments to the *Regulations for the Immunization of School Children* were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on February 1, 2010 (Volume: 26; Issue:11). The updated regulations are effective March 3, 2010. The changes are reflected on the School Requirements document found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/requirements.htm>

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 09/10

VVFC Influenza vaccine for this flu season is still available. Contact Susan Kocen if you need flu vaccine for your VFC eligible population.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 10/11

The VVFC Flu pre-book form for next year's flu season is due March 31st.

Gold Star Awards

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Tidewater Children's Associates,
Chesapeake
Wellmont Lonesome Pine Hospital,
Big Stone Gap



Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Aylett Medical Center, Aylett
Blue Ridge Pediatrics, Staunton
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El-Mawan Medical Center, Woodbridge
F. Read Hopkins Pediatric Assoc., Lynchburg
Hillendale Medical Care, Woodbridge
Hispanic American Association, Alexandria
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