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Jan/Feb 2017-Vaccine  
Supply Revision

Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) for both public and private stock, within 30 days of administration. The entry of historical data will not be a requirement, but will be strongly recommended as a strategy to obtain accurate coverage rates. Providers who do not use VIIS should contact their VIIS consultant or Monalisa Mbaiti, Monalisa.mbaiti@vdh.virginia.gov to begin the on-boarding process.

### HPV 101: What YOU need to know

January, Cervical Health Awareness month, offers an opportunity to remind ourselves why the HPV vaccine is critical to cancer prevention against cervical cancer in women and oropharyngeal cancer in men. In the United States it is estimated that 79 million people are currently infected with the HPV virus and HPV virus attributes to 26,000 cancers each year! Your recommendation as a provider is the most predictive element of HPV vaccine uptake. You can prevent your patients from developing cancer! Click the link below to learn more about:

Giving a strong recommendation

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/immunize/hcp/adol/hpvvideos.html>

Addressing parents' concerns

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/for-hcp-tipsheet-hpv.pdf>

Administering the 2-dose series

<http://www.cdc.gov/hpv/downloads/9vhpv-guidance.pdf>

Fact sheet for providers

<http://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/need-to-know.pdf>

HPV resources for providers

<http://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/know-facts.html>

### New HPV VIS

CDC has released an updated VIS for Gardasil-9 <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/hpv.html>. This VIS contains information about the recently-approved 2-dose schedule. Otherwise, it is the same as the existing Gardasil-9 VIS. While this updated VIS should ideally begin to be used now, existing stocks of the current VIS may continue to be used, particularly for patients using the 3-dose schedule. Note that the VIS no longer specifies "Gardasil-9." This is because Gardasil-9 will soon be the only HPV vaccine available in the U.S., as Cervarix and Gardasil (quadrivalent HPV vaccine) will no longer be sold in the United States. The appropriate VISs should continue to be used for those two vaccines as long as unexpired doses remain available.

### Multidose Vials

A multidose vial (MDV) contains more than one dose of vaccine. Because MDVs typically contain a preservative to help prevent the growth of microorganisms, they can

### VDH Requirement

Effective January 1, 2017, all VVFC providers are required to share vaccines administered information into the

be entered or punctured more than once. Only the number of doses indicated in the manufacturer's package insert should be withdrawn from the vial. After the maximum number of doses has been withdrawn, the vial should be discarded, even if there is residual and the expiration date has not been reached. MDVs can be used until the expiration date printed on the vial unless the vaccine is contaminated or compromised in some way or there is a beyond use date (BUD) noted in the package insert.

### Holiday Preparations

Vaccine shipments from McKesson will be HELD December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Order Center will not enter direct-ship orders to avoid deliveries from Merck during this time period. However a few direct-shipments might arrive from Merck since they cannot be HELD as done with refrigerated vaccines shipped by McKesson. Providers should indicate any changes to routine hours on the order form and should order vaccine mindful of their Holiday closures.

### Influenza

GSK's FluLaval® Quadrivalent vaccine has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research to expand its age indication. With this approval, providers are now able to use the same dose of FluLaval® Quadrivalent (15ug of hemagglutinin per virus strain in 0.5 mL) to vaccinate all recommended persons aged 6 months and older.

### Flu Pre-Book

Flu Pre-books for the 2017-18 Influenza season will be delayed until available presentations are determined. Expected distribution of the updated form is March/April of 2017.

### Vaccine Supply Update

The supply situation with Pentacel has resolved. The vaccine order form has been updated to reflect that Tenivac is not available. To expedite vaccine orders, substitutions may be made for Recombivax and Vaqta presentations. Brands will not be substituted without provider approval.

### Gold Star Awards

#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Carilion Family Medicine, Christiansburg  
Richeson Drive Pediatrics, Lynchburg

#### Process Improvement

Atlantic Community Health Center, New Church  
Bayview Community Health Center, Cheriton  
Chincoteague Island Community Health, Chincoteague  
Fort Chiswell Medical Center, Max Meadows  
Franklin Community Health Center, Franktown  
Onley Community Health Center, Onley  
Surry Medical Center, Dendron  
Waverly Medical Center, Waverly

