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Vaccine Supply
Sanofi Pasteur's manufacturing delay affecting Pentacel vaccine supply will be extending into the second half of 2016.

New NDC for ActHIB

ActHIB vaccine will now be manufactured in a new facility and will include a latex-free rubber stopper for the diluent vial. This change will result in a change to the NDC number on the diluent vial as well as on the unit of sale (carton), which is the NDC number used by CDC to submit orders, supporting documents, and returns.

Current NDC: 49281-0545-05

New NDC: 49281-0545-03

While private providers will begin to see the new NDC arriving in shipments sent out in early June, providers receiving vaccine from CDC will see the new NDC later in the month of June. In addition, providers receiving vaccine from CDC are likely to see both NDCs through the summer/early fall.

Temperature Excursions

DO NOT ignore out of range temperatures/alarms.

Follow the troubleshooting guidance on page 55 in CDC's storage and handling toolkit found here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/toolkit/default.htm>

For any temperature excursion you must quarantine (bag) and label the vaccine, and call the vaccine manufacturers to determine vaccine viability. Store the vaccine under correct temperature storage conditions until vaccine viability is determined. Do not assume that the outcome for one excursion can be applied to other excursions.

Did You Know?

Many refrigerator manufacturers set the thermostat at 3°C. When you purchase a new refrigerator you will need to adjust the thermostat to be closer to 5°C, the middle of the recommended temperature range for vaccine storage.

Transporting Refrigerated Vaccine

Transporting refrigerated vaccine takes skill and time. Use "conditioned" coolant packs or "conditioned" frozen water bottles. "Condition" them by leaving them at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours until edges have defrosted and are "sweating". While exposure to any inappropriate conditions can affect potency of refrigerated vaccines, a single exposure to freezing temperatures will destroy some. Place an insulating barrier around the vaccine as described in CDC's guidance located here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/admin/storage/toolkit/storage-handling-toolkit.pdf#page=69> Always ensure there is no direct contact between conditioned coolant packs/water bottles and vaccines. Continuously monitor vaccine

temperature. Note: CDC's guidance for transport of frozen vaccine is also included in the Storage and Handling Toolkit.

Monitoring Vaccine Waste

CDC's expectation is that vaccine waste rates remain under 5%. Waste is being closely monitored and providers are being contacted when it is excessive. Most waste is due to over-ordering vaccine, and improper stock rotation. Providers with very small VFC eligible populations often cannot use an entire box of vaccine before it expires, and may need to work with near-by VFC-enrolled providers to prevent wasting vaccine. It is the provider's responsibility to take the steps necessary to ensure federally funded vaccine is administered, and not wasted. When you have vaccine you cannot use, contact VVFC for assistance, three months before it expires.

Flu Vaccine

Injectable flu vaccine will be expiring at the end of June and can be returned for excise tax credit after it expires. Providers should receive letters confirming their pre-booked flu vaccine for the upcoming flu season by the end of June.

Email Return Label "Tip"

UPS return labels can be emailed to providers when they have vaccine to send back to McKesson for the federal excise tax credit. When emailed, a unique UPS return label will be emailed from McKesson Specialty Care [mailto:pkginfo@ups.com] to the contact email address. The subject of the email with the return label will be titled "UPS Label Delivery, <Label tracking Number>." Return labels may be available by email in about 15-30 minutes after the return is entered. If a return label is not received via email check your spam folder. Adding the email address pkginfo@ups.com to your address book will prevent the label from going to your spam folder.

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Colonial Heights Pediatrics, South Chesterfield
Pediatric Associates of Alexandria, Alexandria



Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Carilion Family Medicine, Pearisburg
Christiansburg Family Medicine, Christiansburg
CMG Nansemond Pediatrics, Suffolk
CMG Suffolk Pediatrics, Suffolk
Family Care Pediatrics, Galax
Infant, Child & Adolescent Clinic, Alexandria
James River Pediatrics, Midlothian
Johnson Health Center, Lynchburg
Litton Family Medicine, Pennington Gap
New River Valley Pediatrics, Radford
Pediatric Associates of Alexandria, Alexandria
Sentara East Rockingham Health Center, Elkton
Tidewater Children's Associates, Suffolk