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VIS Updates

These updated Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are now available:

[Meningococcal ACWY \(MenACWY](#)

and MPSV4) and [HPV9](#). Both of these VISs are now final (as opposed to interim). While we encourage providers to begin using these VISs immediately, stocks of the previous editions may be used until depleted.

Vaccine Supply

[HPV-HPV2 \(Cervarix\)](#) and [HPV4 \(Gardasil\)](#) are no longer available for ordering. [Pentacel-Sanofi Pasteur's](#) manufacturing delay affecting Pentacel vaccine supply continues. As a result, Sanofi Pasteur is not able to meet all of the Pentacel vaccine demand throughout the first half of 2016. Vaccine orders will be adjusted to ensure that providers have equitable access to Sanofi Pasteur's pertussis-containing vaccines and related products.

Data Logger Recalibration

Many providers are using the Berlinger Fridge Tags for vaccine temperature monitoring. These devices are not meant to be recalibrated. They are meant to be replaced. Your VVFC consultant can help you with questions about vaccine storage and handling:

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Providers are reminded that data logger reports are required with each vaccine order.

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. The vaccine manufacturer will need to know the current storage unit temperature along with the minimum and maximum temperatures, and the room temperature. Check min/max temperatures each day to read all excursions whether the logger alarmed or not.

Vaccine Ordering Guidance

CDC recommends that providers place orders when they have a four-week supply of vaccine available, to ensure there is enough vaccine in stock to allow for any potential delays. CDC recommends smaller, more frequent orders rather than large orders to minimize the amount of vaccine loss if an incident occurs during shipment or in the vaccine storage unit.

Returning VVFC Vaccine for Excise Tax Credit

Notify the central office when vaccine expires or spoils by filling out the vaccine return form. Send the form to the Order Center before you send the vaccine to McKesson to prevent duplicated reporting. Open multi-dose vials and/or broken vials are hazardous and should be reported, but not returned. Never send needles! A new feature allows UPS return labels to be e-mailed to providers when they have vaccine to send back to McKesson for the federal excise tax credit. Due to the efficiency and speed of having return labels delivered electronically, email is the recommended option for the delivery of return labels. When email is selected, a unique UPS return label will be emailed from McKesson Specialty Care Dist [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.

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Exceptional Immunization Rates

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Pediatric Center, Henrico
Pediatric Center, Richmond
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Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Bayside Pediatrics, Virginia Beach
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Centra Medical Group, Altavista
Children's Health, P.C., Fredericksburg
CVFP-Liberty Mountain Medical Group, Lynchburg
Pediatric Center, Henrico
Pediatric Center, Richmond
Pediatric Center, Glen Allen
Rockbridge Pediatrics, Lexington
Rustburg Family Practice, Rustburg
Shenandoah Pediatrics, Woodstock

Process Improvement

SEVHS Stoneybrook Physicians has stand alone vaccine storage units that are performing optimally. They are ordering in accordance with CDC's recommendations and are experiencing better control of their inventory. Sibyl McGlone has downsized to control waste and worked exclusively with executives to upgrade the storage. She personally trains all new personnel. Stoneybrook Physicians uses VIIS, Virginia's immunization registry as a tool to manage inventory, as well.