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update your Emergency Response Plan.

Vaccine Supply

As reported in April, new doses of Pentacel are becoming available for provider orders during the month of June, and allocations are anticipated to begin lifting in early September. June allocations for Pentacel will be approximately two and a half times the allocation amounts you were receiving in March. The Pediarix allocation continues, as well. Boostrix syringes are not available. There are sufficient doses of Boostrix vials, as well as Adacel syringes and vials to meet provider needs.

Storage and Handling Survey Underway!

In October 2012, the Division of Immunization was awarded funding to make vaccine storage and handling improvements. One component of the project was to establish a baseline of equipment currently being used by Virginia's providers. The storage and handling survey was sent to providers on April 23rd. About 70% of providers have responded, thus far. Reminders will be sent to providers who have not yet responded. You can contact Amanda Quimper by e-mail at Amanda.Quimper@vdh.virginia.gov for assistance with the survey.

You Call the Shots Training

The *You Call The Shots* web-based training environment offers continuing education or a certificate of attendance. You can subscribe to the module's email subscription service to be notified when training is updated. A quick link has been added to the VVFC website at:

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

Stock Record Available

Managing and recording vaccine inventory is detailed, tedious work. The CDC requirement to report a complete inventory with each vaccine order makes ordering vaccine more time consuming. Review the new Stock Record form to see if it is useful for meeting this requirement. It can be found on the VFC website at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

Preparedness

Hurricane season is here, so ensure your facility is prepared for severe weather events. Now is a good time to review and

Gold Star Awards

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Central Va. Community Health Center, New Canton
Pediatric Family Care Center, Galax
Tidewater Children's Associates, Suffolk

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Advanced Pediatrics, Vienna
Appalachian Healthcare Associates, Norton
Ashburn Pediatrics, Inc., Ashburn
Carilion Family Medicine, Galax
Clinch Valley Medical Center, Richlands
CMG Pediatrics, Kilmarnock
Healthworks for Northern Virginia, Loudoun
Highlands Pediatrics, Abingdon
Loudoun Pediatric Associates, Berryville
Nansemond Pediatrics, Suffolk
Orange Family Physicians, Orange
Pediatric Associates of Williamsburg, Williamsburg
Pediatric Family Care Center, Galax
Pediatric Partners of Hampton Roads, Chesapeake
Piedmont Pediatrics, Warrenton
Practice of Dr. Sebastian, Alexandria
Preferred Pediatrics at Lee's Hill, Fredericksburg
Preferred Pediatrics at Snowden, Fredericksburg
Skyline Family Practice, Front Royal
Tidewater Children's Associates, Suffolk
Tri State Rural Health Clinic, Grundy

Process Improvement Using the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS)

Academic Primary Care Associates, Blacksburg has been with the VVFC Program since 2008. They are a growing practice with about 1000 patients receiving multiple immunizations/year, entering all of their shot records into VIIS. Registry data provides Up-to-Date and Drop-off rates which are helpful for any practice to assess vaccination coverage for patients.

Immunization Champion

Pat Read, the IAP for the **Central Virginia Health District** has been instrumental in making changes to improve the district's immunization rates. She has started an immunization coalition, inviting other health care workers and members of the community such as pastors and head start workers to come together to brain storm, seeking to reach those in the area who are not immunizing their children and exploring what can be done to keep their children protected against vaccine preventable disease. Recognizing the importance of offering all of the vaccines recommended for adolescents, the district no longer supports school-based clinics during which only Tdap is provided to meet the requirement for school.

