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VVFC Restructure
Virginia has five consultants who are responsible for assessing provider compliance with the VFC program. There

are three telecommuters that cover the far North, Southwest, and Southeast regions, and two centrally assigned consultants that cover interior I95 and I64 corridors. Adjustments are being made to the VVFC regions to more equitably distribute the number of providers assigned to these five field staff. These changes will become effective on January 1, 2015.

Preparing for 2015 - To Do List

- Download the 2015 forms. The agreement, borrowing, screening, and routine vaccine management template forms are new and can be found at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>
- Check thermometers/temperature probes! They must be placed in a central area of the unit, directly with the vaccines.
- Purchase at least one backup thermometer with a current certificate of calibration with a different calibration retesting date than the primary thermometer.
- Download the temperature logs and review/update emergency response plans found here: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcsh.htm>
 - Begin using temperature logs capturing the date, time, and the individual responsible for each temperature reading.
 - Prepare a written plan for emergency and routine vaccine management which includes reviewer documentation!

Flu Vaccine for 2014-15

Additional doses of flu vaccine are available and can be requested by contacting the Order Center.

Continuous Temperature Monitoring

Many VVFC providers are using the Berlinger Fridge-tag 2 data logger. Regardless of what device is being used for temperature monitoring, action should be taken when temperatures are outside recommended ranges. DO NOT ignore out of range temperatures/alarms on these devices! If you experience temperature excursions, quarantine the vaccine at appropriate temperatures and call your assigned consultant or the central office. The vaccine manufacturers must be called in the event of an excursion to ensure vaccine viability.

CDC Annual Training Requirement for VFC

At minimum, the VFC coordinator and back-up coordinator at each VFC provider office must participate

in and document a VFC related training annually. Participation in the VFC compliance visit counts as meeting this requirement. Providers that did not receive a VFC compliance visit during the calendar year must complete the *You Call the Shots* training online and provide the certificates of completion for: 1) CDC VFC Requirements and 2) CDC Storage and Handling.

Gold Star Awards (Oct/Nov)

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Chesapeake Pediatrics-Oakbrooke, Chesapeake Pratt Pediatrics, King George
Rockbridge Pediatrics, Lexington



Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Capital Area Pediatrics-Vienna, Annandale
Capital Area Pediatrics-Countryside, Fairfax
Chesapeake Pediatrics-Oakbrooke, Chesapeake
Hopewell Childrens Clinic, Hopewell
Norfolk Pediatrics, Norfolk
Practice of Dr. Octain, Annandale
Pine Grove Pediatrics, Manassas
Rockbridge Pediatrics, Lexington
Sentara Pediatric Physicians-Camelot, Virginia Beach
Sentara Pediatric Physicians-General Booth, Va. Beach

Process Improvement

Pediatrics at Oyster Point, Newport News made many proactive improvements in immunization management including: creating a very detailed vaccine management plan, requiring all staff to complete CDC's online training, conducting monthly inventories to prevent vaccine overstock.

Immunization Champion-Crozet Family Medicine

When assessed in 2014, Crozet Family Medicine's completion rate for three doses of HPV vaccine for girls aged 13-17 years was 64%. Based on National Immunization Survey (NIS)-Teen data, the HPV national completion rate for three doses of HPV in 2013 was 37.6%. The practitioners at Crozet Family Medicine attribute their success with HPV vaccine series completion to the education they provide during Well Child Checks. "We always hand out the VIS sheets for parents to review before they make their decision on getting the immunization for their child. Also, once the decision is made to immunize, we give them a card to put in their wallet with the dates as to when they are due to have the next two shots. We also encourage all parents to schedule nurse visits for the upcoming shots. That way they get a reminder call & a letter if they miss their future appointment," says Ms. Garrison, LPN. Nationally, progress with HPV vaccination is occurring, but at a slow pace. Strong physician recommendations like those provided at Crozet Family Medicine will ensure that more young men and women are protected from HPV associated cancer. Follow this link for more: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vfc/champion.htm>