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### VVFC / VIIS

Effective January 1, 2017, all VVFC providers will be required to share vaccines administered

information into the 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. The VIIS vaccine ordering interface will be available in early 2016, and is expected to streamline the vaccine ordering process. Vaccine ordering through VIIS will not be a requirement. Providers who do not use VIIS will be contacted soon to begin the on-boarding process.

### Preparing for 2016

Effective 1/1/16, all vaccine orders must have a data logger report submitted with the vaccine order.

- A new ordering form has been created to include language pertaining to inventory management and vaccine restitution. Download the 2016 forms.

The order forms, agreement, and routine vaccine management template forms can be found at:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

- Download the temperature logs and review/update emergency response plans found here:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcsh.htm>

### Compliance Visits in 2016

In past years the regional VVFC field staff have been tasked to see every provider for an annual site visit to monitor compliance with the VFC program. Because CDC's requirements are becoming more and more stringent, we can no longer sustain this level of provider evaluation and will begin to reduce the number of compliance visits performed annually. Instead, the number of unannounced site visits will increase. These visits are less invasive, and do not take very long but still allow providers to have personalized attention. CDC began requiring unannounced site visits in 2013. These visits are much less involved than a compliance site visit, and we appreciate your cooperation in meeting with us briefly when we arrive unannounced.

### Influenza

Additional doses of flu vaccine are available for this flu season and can be requested by contacting the Order Center. Pre-book influenza vaccine for the 2016/2017 flu season by February 29, 2016.

### Expanded Age Indication for HPV9 for Males

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved an expanded age indication for GARDASIL®9,

Merck's 9-valent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, to now include use in males 16 through 26 years of age. This indication is a key milestone in transitioning from GARDASIL® Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent Vaccine to GARDASIL 9 in the United States.

### Continuous Temperature Monitoring

Many VVFC providers are using the Berlinger Fridge-tag 2 data logger. Take advantage of the training materials for these devices on the VVFC website. Regardless of what device you use for temperature monitoring, action should be taken when temperatures are outside recommended ranges. DO NOT ignore out of range temperatures/alerts! 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. Refrigerated vaccine is more sensitive to temperatures that are too cold! Keep refrigerator temperatures on the warmer side of the 2 – 8°C range.

### Return Labels

If a return label is not received via email, check your spam folder. UPS return labels can be e-mailed to you when you have vaccine to send back to McKesson for the federal excise tax credit. When email is used, 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 should be available by email in about 15-30 minutes after the return is entered.

### Gold Star Awards (Oct/Nov)

#### Exceptional Immunization Rates

Atlantic Community Health Center, New Church  
Bayview Community Health Center, Cheriton  
Carilion Clinic Family & OB Medicine, Christiansburg  
Carilion Family Medicine, Christiansburg  
Chincoteague Island Community Health, Chincoteague  
Olde Towne Medical Center, Williamsburg  
Onley Community Health Center, Onley  
Pediatrics at Oyster Point, Newport News  
Virginia Premier Medical Home, Roanoke



#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Capital Area Pediatrics, Falls Church  
Pediatric Center, Hampton  
Wellmont Medical Associates, Norton

#### Immunization Champion

Augusta Pediatrics in Fishersville demonstrates dedication to vaccinating all patients in their practice. They provide thorough immunization education to parents and patients and aim to ensure all patients stay up to date with vaccination schedules. Exceptional dedication is evidenced by a 100% immunization coverage rate for the 4313314 series.