

Vaccine Supply

Vaccine supply has improved. Since CDC has lifted their monthly vaccine allocations, providers are reminded to order

quarterly unless otherwise approved.

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season officially began June 1, 2014 and continues through Nov. 30, 2014. Make sure your emergency response plans are up-to-date.

Flu

Flu confirmation letters have been mailed for the 2014-15 influenza season. Please call Susan Kocen if you did not receive your confirmation letter or if you need to make an adjustment to your pre-book. Flu vaccine will be distributed as it begins to arrive in August.

Revaccination

The decision to revaccinate a child is a medical decision and ultimately the decision should be made by a medical provider. The CDC MMWR, General Recommendations and Reports / Vol. 60 / No. 2 January 28, 2011 describes ACIP recommendations on revaccination for each vaccine type.

You Call the Shots Training

CDC continues to make progress in bringing the "You Call the Shots (YCTS)" web-based training modules back online. As of June 16, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccine Storage and Handling modules were modified to work with the latest update to the CDC website. They can be found at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.htm>.

Access to the YCTS web-based training modules was disrupted in May as a result of an update to the CDC website.

Since "Keys to Storing and Handling Your Vaccine Supply" contains much of the same content as the Storage and Handling module in the YCTS web-based training, both these resources may continue to be used to meet the VFC provider annual training requirement.

New Requirements for 2015

Beginning January 1, 2015, VFC providers will be required to have at least one backup thermometer with a current certificate of calibration on hand. The backup thermometer should have a different calibration retesting date than the primary thermometer and CDC recommends that the backup thermometer be stored outside of the storage unit until needed.

Also, capturing the date, time, and the individual responsible for each temperature reading will become a requirement beginning January 1, 2015.

Easier URL for VVFC

VVFC has a new URL. It is:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/vvfc>

Links that were used before are still work.

Gold Star Awards

Exceptional Immunization Rates

Appalachian Healthcare Associates, Norton
Chase City Primary Care Center, Chase City
FDC Pratt Pediatrics, Fredericksburg
P.L. Pediatrics, Fredericksburg
Pediatric Associates of Charlottesville, Charlottesville
Preferred Pediatrics at Courthouse, Spotsylvania
Preferred Pediatrics at Lee's Hill, Fredericksburg
Preferred Pediatrics at Snowden, Fredericksburg

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Chase City Primary Care Center, Chase City
CMG Pediatrics, Kilmarnock
Colonial Heights Medical Center, Colonial Heights
Fishing Bay Family Practice, Deltaville
Halifax Primary Care, Paces
Nansemond Pediatrics, Suffolk
Orange Family Physicians, Orange
Pediatric Associates West, Charlottesville
Tanglewood Family Medicine, Bracey
Tidewater Children's Associates, Suffolk

Immunization Champion

West Piedmont Health District

Caren Rodgers, the Immunization Action Planner (IAP) for West Piedmont Health District finds time to train private providers to improve immunization activities in her community. A local doctor's office in the district was seeking information on improving the immunization program in their office. In response, Ms. Rodgers developed a resource book for them including extensive CDC handouts and information gathered from the www.immunize.org website. She prepared the book so it would be user-friendly for experienced or new staff. The in-service was well-received and the group worked together to identify ways to make improvements. The information facilitated development and growth for the provider's immunization program ensuring appropriate vaccination in accordance with ACIP recommendations. See this link for more:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/vfc/champion.htm>

