

## New Order Form

Virginia has transitioned to the new vaccine ordering system called VTrckS. This system requires inventories to be

recorded with the vaccine order. The Order Form has been updated to help providers record their inventory with NDC and lot number. Orders on old versions of the Order Form will be delayed. Please begin using the new form immediately. The form has been sent to providers.

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/vfcForms.htm>

## Quadrivalent Flu Vaccine for 2013-14

It is time to pre-book vaccine for next flu season. There are two quadrivalent influenza virus vaccines that will be available for providers for the 2013-14 season. The quadrivalent vaccine, unlike trivalent vaccines, include antigens from two influenza virus type B strains. Trivalent formulations are available as well.

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## New Enrollment Form 2013

Each year providers are asked to re-enroll. The changes to the 2013 Enrollment Form: 1) include a checkbox to indicate completion of annual training, 2) reflect a change in the vaccine administration fee charged to non-Medicaid VFC eligible patients (uninsured, American Indian/Alaska Native, under-insured if vaccinated at FQHC/RHC) from \$14.71 to \$21.24, and 3) state that providers replace vaccine lost due to mismanagement through dose-for-dose replacement. Please begin using the new Enrollment Form immediately.

## “You Call the Shots” Web-based Training

The link to an excellent training resource - the just released You Call The Shots Web-based Training Course is:

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

The *Vaccine Storage and Handling* course addresses an important audience for immunization training: the new provider or the medical or nursing student. It is also an excellent review for a seasoned healthcare provider. It addresses the comprehensive core knowledge about immunization. The training environment offers continuing education or a certificate of attendance.

## Signature Requirement for Site Visits

VVFC must confirm through signature that certain activities aimed at ensuring program oversight, provider compliance and highlighted vaccine management requirements have been completed. All 2013 VFC Provider Compliance Site Visit Questionnaires and site visit results must be reviewed

by the VVFC coordinator and/or immunization program manager for all completed site visits. Forms must be dated and signed following review. Also, unannounced storage and handling office visits to assess and educate providers on proper storage and handling requirements must be performed during the year. Please understand that this is a new requirement and be patient with your assigned consultant as we work through this process.

## Flu Update

Contact Susan Kocen if you need more VFC flu vaccine. All formulations are available. The FluMist replacement program ended on January 31, 2013.

## Storage and Handling Project

In October 2012, the Division of Immunization was awarded funding to make vaccine storage and handling improvements. The project includes developing a continuous temperature monitoring protocol, and conducting a storage assessment survey. A pilot group of providers is needed to test/improve the initial temperature monitoring protocol. Please call the central office if you are interested in participating. Survey creation is underway and will be distributed electronically. Each provider site is asked to submit a site-specific survey.

## Continuous Temperature Monitoring Devices Save Vaccine

Recently, providers who have experienced power outages have been advised by vaccine manufacturers that vaccine was viable because they were using continuous vaccine monitors that assured its viability. Without the continuous temperature data, the vaccine would have been discarded. Sometimes believed to be cost-prohibitive, continuous monitoring devices pay for themselves in the event of a temperature excursion.

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Tidewater Children's Associates, Chesapeake  
Tidewater Pediatrics, Portsmouth  
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