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interim editions with an edition date of 2/4/2014. Neither has changed substantively from previous versions, other than to include an addition ("Problems that could happen after any vaccine") to the adverse events section of each. Because of this change, providers should begin using these new editions immediately. The new Td VIS replaces the Tdap/Td VIS, dated 1/24/12, which has been used for Td vaccine up until now.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>

Vaccine Supply

Sanofi has resumed shipping of their pertussis-containing vaccines, including Daptacel, Pentacel and Adacel. They remain on allocation.

Influenza

Additional doses of flu vaccine are available and can be requested by contacting the order center. Please advise all staff of how to store the vaccine when it arrives and inform the Division of Immunization of office closures to avoid mis-deliveries. Reserve vaccine for the 2014-15 flu season by March 28th using the flu order form:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/documents/forms/FluOrderForm.pdf>

Annual Training - Document It!

Many providers have been asking about the annual training requirement for VFC. At a minimum the primary and back-up vaccine managers are required to fulfill the requirement, but it is advised that "all key and new" staff are trained. All training must be documented. VFC compliance visits include a formal educational component and count as meeting the training requirement for the calendar year. Providers who have not received a VFC compliance visit during the calendar year must complete the training. Click on the link below for more information on annual training:

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

Updated VISs

The Hib and Td vaccine information statements have recently been updated. Both VISs are published as

Need CE Credits?

Go to CDC's You Call the Shots training at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.htm>

Teen Vaccination Coverage

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that preteens get Tdap, MCV4, and the first HPV vaccine dose during a single visit. However, the National Immunization Survey-Teen (NIS-Teen) vaccination coverage data collected in 2012 show that too many boys and girls are not being vaccinated with HPV and meningococcal vaccines when they receive Tdap vaccine. Without these life-saving vaccines, preteens and teens are at risk of infections with HPV and vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/vaccination-coverage.html#footnote1>



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Process Improvement

Carilion Medical Associates in Martinsville has implemented measures to ensure proper training and storage and handling. All relevant staff have quarterly training on storage and handling procedures. Storage units are well organized and temperatures are consistently "in range". They have new digital thermometers with min/max and alarms. The facility has a back up generator.

Carilion Medical Associates in Rocky Mount has made many improvements since last year. They have purchased all new stand alone storage units: 2 small refrigerators, 1 large fridge and 1 small freezer. They have new certified thermometers with min/max and alarms. The facility has purchased a back up generator.