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### Vaccine Supply

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

remain on allocation and supply for Pentacel will be constrained over the next several months. The order center will monitor orders for appropriateness based on monthly estimates. As a precautionary measure, CDC's allocation for ActHIB continues.

### Flu Vaccine for 2013-14

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 misdeliveries. Providers who ordered FluMist will receive information regarding MedImmune's replacement program.

### Storage/Handling Survey - 97% Response Rate

The Division of Immunization was awarded funding to make vaccine storage and handling improvements. One component of the project was to establish a baseline of equipment currently being used by Virginia's providers. Thank you to the 850 providers who have responded! Providers who have not yet responded have been placed on vaccine ordering hold. The equipment profiles will be tracked over the next twelve months to measure changes in storage and handling practices.

Both groups of the data logger pilots have been trained on and are using the Berlinger Fridge-tag 2 data logger. The second group of pilot providers activated and placed the devices properly without on-site assistance.

Additional devices are being purchased by the Division of Immunization. The Berlinger devices are certified for 2 years. Anyone needing a CDC compliant certified thermometer can contact Amanda Quimper at 540-220-0366.

### CDC's Requirement for Thermometer Calibration

Calibration testing and traceability must be performed by a laboratory accredited by an ILAC

MRA signatory body OR as an alternative by a laboratory or manufacturer that provides documentation that demonstrates that calibration testing performed meets ISO/IEC 17025 international standards for calibration testing and traceability. Providers are responsible for maintaining Certificates of Traceability and Calibration Testing (also known as Report of Calibration Test).

### Holiday Preparations

Vaccine shipments from McKesson will be HELD the entire week of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. The Order Center will not enter direct-ship orders to avoid deliveries from Merck during these same time periods, however a few direct-shipments might arrive. Providers should indicate any changes to routine hours on the order form and should order vaccine mindful of their Holiday closures.

### Emergency Plans

VVFC has implemented a vaccine replacement policy. Avoid costly mistakes by taking time to ensure each staff member is aware of what to do when vaccine arrives and when inclement weather is forecasted.

### Gold Star Awards

#### Exceptional Immunization Rates

Carilion Clinic Adolescent Health, Roanoke

#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Boulevard Center Pediatrics, Inc., Woodbridge

Capital Area Pediatrics, Herndon

Carilion Family Medicine, Christiansburg

Carilion Pediatric Clinic, Roanoke

C-Health, St. Paul

Children & Adolescent Pediatric Services, Leesburg

Franconia Pediatrics & Adolescent, Alexandria

Leesburg/Sterling Family Practice, Leesburg

Manassas Pediatrics, Manassas

Minnie A. Stiff Pediatrics, Hampton

Munif Pediatrics, Bluefield

New River Valley Pediatrics, Blacksburg

Pediatric Healthcare, Sterling

Practice of Dr. C. Frayna-Manlapaz, Falls Church

Practice of Dr. Hoang, Springfield

Practice of Dr. Sapa, Norton

Rustburg Family Practice, Rustburg

The Children's Clinic, Newport News

