

## The BackPage

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### New VIS

CDC posted its updated pediatric multi-vaccine Vaccine Information Statement (VIS). This VIS may be used in place of

the individual VISs for DTaP, Hib, hepatitis B, polio, and PCV13 when two or more of these vaccines are administered to children 2 months through 6 years of age. Note that this VIS no longer includes rotavirus vaccine because its unique recommendations aren't easily harmonized with those for other infant vaccines. The individual rotavirus VIS should be used. Remaining stocks of the previous (11/16/12) edition of the multi-vaccine VIS should be discarded.

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

### What's New for 2015

VVFC Providers can expect the following changes for 2015: 1) The Borrowing Form will include more inclusive options for borrowing situations 2) New screening forms will be posted to the website in January 2015 3) VVFC providers will be required to have at least one backup thermometer with a current certificate of calibration on hand with a different calibration retesting date than the primary thermometer 4) Capturing the date, time, and the individual responsible for each temperature reading will be required for temperature logs 5) Providers will be required to have written plans for emergency and routine vaccine management that is reviewed annually 6) Thermometers (temperature probes measuring temperature) will be required to be placed in a central area of the unit, directly with the vaccines in order to properly measure the vaccine temperature.

### Flu Vaccine for 2014-15

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 Improvement Project

The Division of Immunization was awarded funding to make vaccine storage and handling improvements during 2013-14. Continuous temperature monitoring was researched and data logger pilot groups were trained on using the Berlinger Fridge-tag 2 data logger. After receiving favorable feedback from the pilots additional devices were purchased and are being used by VVFC providers. The Berlinger devices are certified for 2 years.

### 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.

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/Immunization/VFC/documents/SnH/Temperature%20Monitoring%20and%20Calibration%20Checklist.pdf>

### 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 (Aug/Sep)

#### Exceptional Immunization Rates

Augusta Pediatrics, Fishersville  
Chancellor Pediatrics, Fredericksburg  
King George Pediatrics, King George  
Potomac Pediatrics, Woodbridge



#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Capital Area Pediatrics, Herndon  
Capital Area Pediatrics, Ashburn  
Carilion Family Medicine, Christiansburg  
Chase City Family Practice, Chase City  
Cornerstone Pediatrics, Chesapeake  
Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, Fredericksburg  
Jackson River Pediatrics, Covington  
King William Medical Center, Aylett  
Mountain Region Family Medicine, Gate City  
Practice of Dr. Kumar, Stafford  
Practice of Dr. Ona, Franklin  
Sentara Pediatric Physiscians, Williamsburg  
TPMG - West Point Family Practice, West Point

#### Process Improvement

Dr. Dolly Gupta's staff have made a new Vaccine Management Plan which documents revision dates. All documentation is up-to-date. This practice also uses the Virginia Immunization Registry for inventory control. They also have implemented the use of a data logger for continuous temperature monitoring.