

Data Logger Requirement

Beginning January 1, 2016 all VVFC providers will be required to use data loggers for VFC

vaccine temperature monitoring. A data logger report will be required with every order. Your consultant can assist you with your questions and concerns related to these new requirements.

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Please refer to job aids located on the VVFC website for assistance with the Berlinger FridgeTag2 data logger:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/immunization/VFC/datalogger/starting.htm> Do not ignore the alarms on these devices. Call your consultant if you have a temperature excursion or need assistance with any storage and handling issue.

Fax Issues

Many providers have had difficulty faxing documents to VVFC. A roll-over system has been implemented recently to improve fax communications. If you continue to experience problems, please notify the VVFC program. An alternative is to scan your documents and attach them to an e-mail. E-mail orders and inventory data to Susan.Kocen@vdh.virginia.gov. E-mail Provider Agreements to Crista.Sullivan@vdh.virginia.gov.

Flu Update

VFC flu vaccine is available. Please contact Susan Kocen regarding flu distribution.

MCV4

Meningococcal disease is not very common in the United States, but can be devastating and often—and unexpectedly—strikes otherwise healthy people. There are licensed vaccines to help prevent the most common serogroups ("strains") of meningococcal disease in the United States. Meningococcal conjugate vaccine is routinely recommended for all 11 through 18 year olds. Preteens should get the first dose of this vaccine at their 11–12 year old check-up. Teenagers are recommended to get a second dose at age 16.

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.

Temperature Excursion Guidance

State immunization programs follow CDC and manufacturer guidance in determining waste of vaccines due to improper storage temperatures. Obtain the manufacturer information for each of the individual vaccines lost during the temperature excursion as documentation of their guidance. In order to prevent administration of any vaccine that manufacturers would advise not be used, the VFC Program requires immediate notification of temperature excursions involving federal vaccines and suspension of use of those vaccines until their usability can be verified.

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Process Improvement

Sentara Family Medicine in Carrollton utilized tools provided through Sentara and the VFC website to vastly improve vaccine management. They use an EMR with inventory lot manager and inventory stock control sheets which greatly increased vaccine accountability. They use a data logging system to monitor vaccine temperatures in pharmaceutical grade storage units. They are accountable, reliable, competent and keep excellent records.