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### FluMist Packaging

Starting with the shipments of the 2015-2016 product, FluMist Quadrivalent cartons will now ship as a single 10-dose

tray instead of two stacked 5-dose trays. This is the first packaging change since 2003 and provides multiple benefits including:

- More convenient access to the sprayers
- FluMist Quadrivalent's age indication is now listed on the carton allowing for easier identification of this important information
- The new packaging material is environmentally friendly
- Reduced carton size

Consistent with storage and handling guidance, please keep sprayers in original packaging to ensure proper handling and protection from light.

### Merck's New, Smaller Frozen Shipping Container

Merck warehouses have begun using a new, smaller frozen shipping container for direct ship vaccines. This new container is qualified for 2 days in transit. The older, larger frozen shipping container is still being used to ship vaccine and is qualified for 4 days in transit. Should you need to call about a Varivax/Zostavax shipment, it is important that you check the shipper insert supplied in the box. It will be the 2-day or 4-day shipper insert. The insert provides information how long the product is good for based on the shipment date shown on the packing list.

#### Varivax/Zostavax

- Orders of 40 doses or less will be shipped in the small 2 day box, unless those 40 doses are shipped on a Thursday or Friday in the large 4 day box for delivery on a Monday or Tuesday.
- Orders of 40 doses or more will ship in the large 4 day box.

#### ProQuad

- Orders are viable for 1 day regardless of shipping container size.

### VIS Dates

The Influenza and MenB VISs are now available. They may be used immediately. Important Note: You won't see the flu season dates (i.e., 2015-16) at the top of the Influenza VISs. These VISs may be used for this and future years, until there is a significant change in flu recommendations that will require changing them.

DTaP (5/17/07)

Hepatitis A (10/25/11)

Hepatitis B (2/2/12)

Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type b) (4/2/15)

HPV - Cervarix (5/3/11)

HPV4 - Gardasil (5/17/13)

HPV9 - Gardasil (4/15/15)

Influenza - (8/7/15)

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) (4/20/12)

Measles/Mumps/Rubella & Varicella (MMRV) (5/21/10)

Meningococcal (10/14/2011)

Serogroup B Meningococcal (Men B) (8/14/15)

Multi-vaccine (10/22/14)

Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13) (2/27/13)

Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) (4/24/15)

Polio (11/08/11)

Rotavirus (4/15/15)

Shingles (Herpes Zoster) (10/06/09)

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (2/24/15)

Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria) (2/24/15)

Varicella (Chickenpox) (3/13/08)

Print the VIS you need from <http://www.immunize.org/vis>

### Flu Vaccine

VFC flu vaccine is starting to arrive and will be shipped as it becomes available. As part of your signed VFC contract, you are required to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines, which includes influenza. Providers who reserved flu vaccine were mailed confirmation letters in June. All VVFC flu formulations are quadrivalent. Report any unused doses from last season to the VFC office.

### Data Logger Requirement for 2016

Over the last two years providers implemented the use of data loggers for vaccine temperature monitoring. In fact, 67% of Virginia's VFC providers currently use data loggers. Beginning January 1, 2016 all VVFC providers will be required to use data loggers for VFC vaccine temperature monitoring.

### Gold Star Awards

#### Exceptional Immunization Rates

CMG Nansemond Pediatrics, Suffolk



#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Advanced Pediatrics, Vienna

CHKD General Academic Peds, Norfolk

Highlands Pediatrics, Abingdon

Johnston Memorial Hospital, Abingdon

Madison Primary Care, Madison

Magnolia Family Medicine, Abingdon

Partners in Pediatric Care, Virginia Beach

Pediatric Assoc. of Charlottesville, Charlottesville

Pediatric Diagnostic Center, Norfolk

Pediatric Healthcare, Sterling

Piedmont Pediatrics, Warrenton

Port Warwick Pediatrics, Newport News

Practice of Sameera Nasser Rentia, Falls Church

Skyline Family Practice, Front Royal

UVA Primary Care-Wilderness Medical, Locust Grove