

## Vaccine Transport

CDC discourages regular transport of vaccines. Short-dated vaccine can be transferred to other

VFC providers only under the following conditions:

- With the approval and under the direct guidance of the awardee immunization program, and
- If the cold chain can be maintained
- Documentation exists that the vaccine was properly stored and monitored for temperature excursions prior to and during the transfer

Transporting using ice packs CAN FREEZE vaccine! Use a data logger for vaccine transport. Read the transport guidance found here:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/01/VaccineInventoryManagementTransportPreparation.pdf>

## Borrowing Vaccine

VFC providers are expected to maintain an adequate inventory of vaccine for all patients served. It is the responsibility of the provider to appropriately schedule and place vaccine orders and ensure vaccine stock is properly rotated to ensure timely use of short-dated vaccine. Borrowing of vaccine between private and public inventories must be a rare, unplanned occurrence and CANNOT serve as a replacement system for a provider's privately purchased vaccine inventory. All instances of borrowing must be properly documented using the borrowing form located here:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/VFCBorrowingForm.pdf>

Some borrowing instances require post-site-visit-follow-up: Codes 3, 7, 10, and 13 if any doses are reported, and codes 5 & 12 if more than ten doses are reported, and for all other codes (1,2,4,6,8,9,11) if borrowing is routine.

## Calibration

Calibration Testing is a procedure that ensures that an instrument conforms to a known standard. The results of calibration testing can validate that an instrument is accurate and working correctly. When having a vendor provide calibration testing, the measurements should be traceable to standards maintained by NIST and not simply compared to another device while within the storage unit. Determining traceability can be done also using known thermometric fixed points (Ice Melting Point Validation) or by other means indicated on CDC's Certificate of Calibration Checklist found here:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/TemperatureMonitoringandCalibrationChecklist.pdf>

If you have any concerns about the accuracy of the temperature-measuring instrument you are using, enlist the services of an ISO17025 accredited calibration laboratory that uses traceable standards.

## Berlinger Data Loggers (Do Not Recalibrate)

Do not recalibrate the Berlinger Fridge Tags when the certificate expires. Replace them with a data logger that meets CDC's requirements.

## Eligibility: Clarification for Underinsured

Eligibility for the VFC Program as "underinsured" is rare. Unless insurance coverage for vaccines is verified by the provider prior to administration of vaccine, for the purposes of the VFC Program, these children are considered insured and are not eligible to receive vaccines at that immunization encounter. Note: Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for federally purchased vaccines, even when a claim for the cost of the vaccine and its administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan's deductible has not been met. A child verified as underinsured is VFC eligible ONLY at a Federally Qualified Health Center/Rural Health Center (FQHC/RHC). Private providers cannot use VFC vaccine on underinsured children. Health Departments provide immunizations to underinsured and insured clients using vaccine purchased with other funding (not VFC funded vaccine).

## Vaccine Supply

Sanofi's Quadracel (DTaP-IPV) is available effective May 1<sup>st</sup> through VVFC. The order form located here, <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/vvfc/forms/> has been updated to include Quadracel.

## New Td VIS

CDC has released an updated VIS for Td, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/td.html> The Td VIS has been updated to correct an error. The first bullet under the "Talk to your doctor . . ." part of Section 3 ("have seizures or another nervous system problem") has been removed. This precaution applies to Tdap vaccine, but not to Td. Providers who continue to use up existing stocks of the outgoing (2/24/2015) VIS should be aware that this is NOT a precaution for Td.

## Gold Star Awards (Feb/Mar)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

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Healthworks for Northern Virginia, Leesburg  
Lewis Gale Christiansburg Family Med., Christiansburg  
Madison Family Medicine, Vienna  
My Kid's Pediatrics, Fairfax  
Pediatric Associates West, Charlottesville  
Physicians to Children, Roanoke  
Practice of Dr. Gloti Rodriguez, Alexandria  
PW Pediatrics, Alexandria  
Riversbend-Enon Pediatrics, Chester  
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