

Back-up Data Loggers

As of January 1, 2018, the back-up thermometer must meet the CDC data

logger requirements. VFC providers must have at least one backup thermometer with a valid and current Certificate of Calibration readily available to ensure that temperature assessment and recordings can be performed. Backup thermometers must be readily available in case a thermometer in use is no longer working appropriately or calibration testing of the current equipment is required.

Flu Borrowing

For seasonal influenza vaccine, providers may use private-stock seasonal influenza vaccine to vaccinate VFC-eligible children if VFC seasonal influenza stock is not yet available. Those private stock doses used on VFC-eligible children can later be replaced when VFC stock becomes available. This one directional borrowing exception is unique to seasonal influenza vaccine.

CDC Webinar Series on "The Pink Book"

CDC is presenting a 15-part webinar series to provide a chapter-by-chapter overview of the 13th edition of Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (also known as "The Pink Book"). This is a live series of weekly 1-hour webinars that started June 14 and will run through October 11. Recordings of sessions will be available online within 2 weeks after each webinar. All sessions begin at 12:00 p.m. (ET). Continuing education will be available for each event. The webinar series will provide an overview of vaccines and the diseases they prevent, general recommendations for vaccines, vaccination principles, and immunization strategies for providers. Registration and more information is available on CDC's Pink Book Webinar Series web page.

All the sections of "The Pink Book" (i.e., chapters, appendices, 2017 supplement) are available to download at no charge at

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html

HPV Free CE

Physicians, registered nurses and pharmacists can earn 1 FREE CE with the completion of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Safety with The National AHEC Organization. Providers will learn strategies to give an effective HPV vaccine recommendation to adolescents, successfully communicate with adolescents and their parents about the HPV vaccine, and receive up-to-date HPV vaccine, infection, and disease information.

<http://www.cmeuniversity.com/course/disclaimer/114869>

The Vaccine Handbook: A Practical Guide for Clinicians ("The Purple Book")

A new app of The Vaccine Handbook: A Practical Guide for Clinicians ("The Purple Book") is available from the Immunization Action Coalition. The free app, which is available for Apple iPhones and iPads only, contains the complete 2017 (6th) edition of The Vaccine Handbook by Dr. Gary Marshall, professor of pediatrics and chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Louisville. "The Purple Book" is a comprehensive source of vaccine information. This user-friendly resource is for the private office, public health clinic, academic medical center, classroom, and hospital. The first section provides background on vaccine immunology, development, infrastructure, policy, standards, implementation, special circumstances, and—perhaps most importantly—addressing concerns. The second section contains details about every vaccine currently licensed in the U.S., including the burden and epidemiology of the respective disease, history of the immunization program, vaccine constituents, efficacy, safety, and recommendations.

Flu Vaccine

It is time to return last year's expired flu vaccine. Please notify the order center of any circumstances that should be considered for distribution planning for the upcoming flu season.

Vaccine Ordering Guidance

CDC recommends that providers place orders when they have a four-week supply of vaccine available, to ensure there is enough vaccine in stock to allow for any potential delays. CDC recommends smaller, more frequent orders rather than large orders to minimize the amount of vaccine loss if an incident occurs during shipment or in the vaccine storage unit.

MMWR Trumenba

The May 19, 2017, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report includes the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' updated dosing schedule recommendations for TRUMENBA® (serogroup B meningococcal vaccine).

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6619a6.htm?s_cid=mm6619a6_w

Gold Star Awards (April/May)

Exceptional Immunization Rates

The Pediatric Group, Alexandria

Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Child Adolescent Health Assoc. of NRV, Radford
Infant, Child, & Adolescent Clinic, Alexandria
Lewis Gale Christiansburg Family Med, Christiansburg
Practice of Dr. Lee, Annandale
Practice of Dr. Kumar, Woodbridge
The Pediatric Group, Alexandria

