

VDH Requirement

As of January 1, 2018, providers are required to assess and record minimum and maximum temperatures at the

start of each clinic day. 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. Both primary and back-up data loggers for VFC vaccines must include the following features:

- Continuous temperature monitoring and the capacity to record and routinely download data.
- Temperature probe (buffering recommended).
- Active temperature display that can be easily read from the outside of the unit.

Vaccine Ordering Guidance

VVFC providers can order vaccine as often as necessary. If your last order and inventory were entered within 14 days, CDC's ordering system can approve another order without the current inventory. 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. Many providers are waiting until inventory levels are drastically low before ordering. Reports in the immunization registry or reviewing inventory levels over a month's time can be helpful in estimating the four-week re-order levels. Contact your VFC consultant or the order center for assistance.

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
- REMEMBER: Transporting using ice packs CAN FREEZE vaccine which is more damaging than warm temperatures! 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>

Holiday Shipping Schedule

Vaccine orders will take a few extra days to ship due to the Holiday shipping schedule. The normal schedule will resume after the New Year.

Flu Pre-Book

Flu Pre-books for the 2018-19 Influenza season will be solicited when available presentations are determined. Expected distribution of the updated pre-book form is January 2018.

Tdap and Flu Vaccine for Pregnant Women

All pregnant women should receive the Tdap and flu vaccines during their pregnancy. VFC vaccine can be used if the client is VFC eligible. Eligibility guidelines are as follows:

Children through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- Medicaid eligible: A child who is eligible for the Medicaid program. (Children with FAMIS insurance are not VFC eligible.)
- Uninsured: A child who has no health insurance coverage
- American Indian or Alaska Native: As defined by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)
- Underinsured and @ FQHC/RHC: A child who has health insurance, but the coverage does not include vaccines; a child whose insurance covers only selected vaccines (VFC-eligible for non-covered vaccines only). Underinsured children are eligible to receive VFC vaccine only through a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or Rural Health Clinic (RHC).

Gold Star Awards (Oct Nov 2017)

Exceptional Immunization Rates

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Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Arlington Pediatric Center, Arlington
Boulevard Center Peds, Woodbridge
Children & Adolescent Clinic, Hopewell
NOVA Kids First, Falls Church
Tidewater Children's Associates, Chesapeake
Tidewater Children's Associates, Norfolk
Town Pediatrics, Leesburg
UVA Culpeper Family Practice, Culpeper
UVA Family Care, Culpeper

Process Improvement

Practice of Dr. Richard Bennett is recognized for meeting the 2018 requirements ahead of schedule by documenting min/max on their manual temperature logs and taking the steps to meet the upcoming backup data logger requirement. The practice has excellent storage and low wastage. Their data loggers are calibrated until 2020.

