

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your comments and questions; please email us at immunization.program@ventura.org

Immunization Schedule: The [2016 Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years](#) has been approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. A summary of the updates to the 2015 immunization schedule was published in the MMWR on February 6, 2015, and the figures, footnotes, and tables are posted [on the CDC website](#). For each vaccine, the footnotes summarize the current recommendations for routine and catch-up immunizations and those for high-risk persons.

UPDATES TO THE 2016 SCHEDULE: Changes were made to the 2016 Immunization Schedule. For information on updates go to [MMWR](#)

Ensure Children and Adults are Fully Vaccinated

- Administer MMR on schedule to children. Catch-up vulnerable adults; MMR recommendations are based on age and risk.
- Ensure that you have an adequate supply of MMR vaccine, including VFC-supplied MMR for VFC-eligible patients and privately-purchased MMR (if clinic also serves non-VFC eligible patients).
- Educate parents about the dangers of measles and the benefits of timely MMR vaccinations.
- Ensure that your staff have documentation of immunity to measles (two doses of MMR or measles IgG positivity), mumps, rubella, and varicella. Also check for a Tdap vaccine and an annual flu shot.

CAIR Updates:

- CAIR Duplicate Correction Form: Use this form to submit duplicate patient records to CAIR Help Desk for Correction. <http://cairweb.org/images/docs/CAIRMultipleMergeForm0412.pdf>
- CAIR Transfer Form: Use this form to transfer an existing CAIR user from one CAIR Provider ID to another, as long as the CAIR Provider IDs are not within the same group. <http://cairweb.org/images/docs/CAIRUserTransferForm0512.pdf>
- If you are an existing site that needs to make changes to/add users and/or shot givers, please use the Account Update located at <http://accountupdate.cairweb.org>.

Please contact Monica Hernandez @ 805-981-5118, Monica.hernandez@ventura.org or CAIR Help Desk @ 805-578-7889 Fax: 888-436-8320 CAIRHelpDesk@cdph.ca.gov.

To VFC Providers:

VFC Recertification: 2016 VFC Annual recertification deadline is February 16.

Providers should follow the [recommended 2016 ACIP immunization schedule](#). We encourage providers to review the 2016 immunization schedule, complete footnotes, and catch-up schedule together with all staff, especially those who order and administer vaccines. We recommend that the 2016 schedules, including footnotes, be posted for reference in the office. For more information and updates visit www.eziz.org

Reminders and Tips:

- Key staff must complete required lessons – including the new Monitoring Storage Unit Temperatures – before the practice can recertify.
- Access the lessons on [EZIZ's training page](#).
- Organize your info before you log on to recertify.
- Review the January 14, 2016 [Recertification letter](#) for details.

If you have questions or forget your password, call the VFC Program.

Do not create a new account.

VFC Influenza Vaccine Supply

- VFC has adequate supply of flu products available for ordering through VFC's Supplemental Flu Ordering. Providers may log-in to their [MyVFCvaccines](#) account and click on the "Supplemental Flu Order" button to access supplemental flu ordering.
- Providers may continue to submit supplemental flu orders, as needed, throughout the flu season (as supply permits).

Reminders

- Clinics will be required to accurately report all doses of influenza vaccines received through the VFC Program and administered to VFC eligible patients. Ensure all VFC-administered doses are logged in either the VFC Program's Influenza Usage Log, in an Immunization Information System, or your clinic's own system.
- Your supplemental flu request will be shipped in full. Please ensure that your shipping hours are updated by logging into your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account. Please also ensure that you can properly store all of the doses that you request. Confirmed flu vaccine orders cannot be canceled.
- If you have any questions, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center at 877-243-8832.

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org

You can also view this information on <http://vchca.org/public-health/for-health-care-providers> or follow us

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