

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 <u>immunization.program@ventura.org</u>

If you were unable to attend the **2016 Immunization Update** earlier this month we have posted the presentations on our Public Health website <u>www.vchca.org/ph/iz</u>

Dr. Eileen Yamada – Immunization Update Steve Vantine – Vaccine for Children (VFC) Monica Hernandez – California Immunization Registry (CAIR) 2.0

Important Update Regarding Flu Mist Availability through the VFC Program During the 2016-2017 Flu Season. CDC Press regarding this recommendation can be found at: http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0622-laiv-flu.html

Now available:

Weekly CDC webinar series on "The Pink Book" chapter topics continues through September 21; register now

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 one-hour webinars that started June 1. Recordings of sessions will be available online after each webinar. All sessions begin at 12:00 p.m. (ET). Information about receiving continuing education credit will be available for each session after it is archived. CE credit may be available for up to a year after the date it was live.

Registration and more information is available on CDC's Pink Book Webinar Series web page.

Download Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

• All the sections of "The Pink Book" (i.e., chapters, appendices) are available for download at no charge at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html

Order Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

• Order this resource from the Public Health Foundation for \$40 (plus shipping and handling)

NEW IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES AND FOOTNOTES: The 2016 Recommended Immunization Schedule

for Persons Aged 0 Through 18 Years has been approved by 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 2016 immunization schedule was published in the MMWR on February 5, 2016, 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 recommendations for high-risk persons. In keeping with your VFC provider agreement, 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. VFC providers may order print copies of the 2016 ACIP Immunization Schedule through <u>VFC's</u> <u>Material Store</u>.

Immunization Requirements for school: Visit <u>www.shotsforschool.org</u> to get up to date information on school entry requirements. Please review the following links.

- Guide to Immunization Requirements for School Entry
- No Shots? No Records? No School.
- <u>SB 792, Mendoza. Day care facilities:</u>

Vaccine News:

Updated <u>Meningococcal</u> and <u>HPV9</u> VISs are available now <u>'You Call the Shots' Tdap module now available</u> <u>'You Call the Shots' Hepatitis B module now available</u>

IMPORTANT: VIS Updates - Several VIS's have been updated. Make sure you have the correct one for your practice you can visit <u>http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html</u>

Flu Vaccine will be expiring June 30, 2016 make sure you take it out of your refrigerators and update your inventory.

CAIR Update: Bigger Better Faster! The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is in the process of being updated to a bigger, better and faster immunization information system, called CAIR 2. All existing immunization data from the regional registries in California are being combined into one system, so you will be able to access immunization information from across the state in the future. Visit the <u>CAIR 2 webpage</u> to find out:

- When your region will launch to CAIR 2
- What trainings you may need to take to use CAIR 2
- The many benefits of using CAIR 2

Continue to visit the CAIR 2 webpage for the latest updates!

And please remember to <u>update your email address through the login page</u> to receive important communications throughout the CAIR 2 transition.

VCF PROVIDERS:

- Beginning in 2017, <u>all VFC</u> will be required to use digital data loggers to monitor temps in their storage Units.
- Online Temp Log Submission
 - Online system was launched on April 14, 2016
 - Providers are automatically selected when their order is *submitted*.
 - Only <u>1</u> provider per day will be randomly selected to send their temperature logs in for review.

You will receive the following message when you press the submit order

ACTION REQUIRED:

Your account has been randomly selected to submit your temperature logs for the last 30 days for review. Your vaccine order will NOT be processed until the requested logs have been received. Logs may be: uploaded by using the 'Upload Temp Logs' button on the main page or faxed to 877-329-9832

• Email request for temperature logs will also be sent to the VC (Vaccine Coordinator) & the BVC (backup vaccine coordinator).

VFC Providers don't miss the Medi-Cal Electronic Health Records Incentive Program.

 You may qualify for substantial financial incentives to adopt, implement, upgrade, and miningfull use certified Electronic Health Records (HER) technology. More information and memo on <u>http://eziz.org/assets/docs/EZIZMemo/6_-7 - 16 Medi_-</u> <u>Cal_EHR_Incentive%20Program.pdf</u>

Pentacel® Vaccine Supply Delay –Status Update: For more information about the Pentacel® delay, please refer to the VFC Letter sent on December 23, 2015.

http://eziz.org/assets/docs/vfcletter_2015_12-

23_Temporary%20Decrease%20in%20Pentacel%20Vaccine%20Supply.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact your VFC Field Representative or the VFC Customer Service Center at 1-877-243-8832.

Vaccine Inventory: Make sure you have adequate vaccine inventory in your refrigerators to be ready for School enrollments.

Although vaccines may sometimes arrive within a few days of submitting your request, VFC recommends that you place your vaccine request with sufficient doses on hand to allow up to 3 weeks for the receipt of your vaccine shipment. In the event that your shipment takes the full 3 weeks to arrive, you will not run out of inventory while you wait for your shipment.

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

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



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