



**Monthly Immunization Update**  
**May 2015**

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](mailto:immunization.program@ventura.org)

**Vaccine Tips:**

**Vaccine error news**

On March 26, 2015, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) published an article titled “Recommendations for Practitioners to Prevent Vaccine Errors Part 2: Analysis of ISMP Vaccine Errors Reporting Program.” Access the report at <http://www.ismp.org/newsletters/acutecare/showarticle.aspx?id=104>

**Current Dates of Vaccine Information Statements (VISs)** as of April 24, 2015 7check your supply of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs, get current versions at [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis).

Adenovirus.....	6/11/14	MMR.....	4/20/12
Anthrax.....	3/10/10	MMRV.....	5/21/10
Chickenpox.....	3/13/08	Meningococcal.....	10/14/11
Hepatitis B.....	2/2/12	Multi-vaccine.....	10/22/14
HPV-Cervarix.....	5/3/11	PCV13.....	2/27/13
HPV-Gardasil.....	5/17/13	PPSV.....	4/24/15
HPV-Gardasil 9.....	4/15/15	Polio.....	11/8/11
Influenza.....	8/19/14	Rabies.....	10/6/09
Japanese enceph.....	1/24/14	Rotavirus.....	4/15/15
DTaP.....	5/17/07	Shingles.....	10/6/09
Hib.....	4/2/15	Td.....	2/24/15
Hepatitis A.....	10/25/11	Tdap.....	2/24/15
		Typhoid.....	5/29/12
		Yellow fever.....	3/30/11

**New ACIP recommendations for HPV and MenB, vaccines. Make sure you’re up to date!**

An abundance of new guidance has recently been issued for the use of vaccines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in 2015 and more will be published soon. The guidance covers the use of 9-valent human papillomavirus vaccine (9vHPV, Gardasil 9, Merck); meningococcal serotype B vaccines (MenB: Bexsero, GlaxoSmithKline; Trumenba, Pfizer); for a summary of the recent changes voted upon at the February ACIP meeting, as well as recommendations go to <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/wk/mm6411.pdf>

**Reminder to VFC providers:**

**2014 – 2015 Influenza Vaccine Update:**

As a reminder, any expired or spoiled VFC seasonal flu vaccines must be returned to McKesson Specialty to recoup the federal excise tax credit. Upon expiration, please remove expired flu vaccines from your storage units immediately and then complete and submit the VFC Return form online by logging into your MYVFCVACCINES account on eziz.org.

The California VFC Program will be launching 3 newly licensed vaccines soon, which will be integrated into the online ordering system MyVFCVaccines. VFC will send additional notification once these vaccines are ready for your practice to order.

#### **Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine (HPV9)**

- The California VFC Program is preparing to transition providers from Merck's HPV4 (Gardasil) to Merck's newly licensed 9-valent HPV vaccine (**Gardasil® 9**) by mid-June 2015.
- HPV9 offers protection against an additional 5 high risk HPV types, attributable to 14% and 5% of HPV associated cancers in females and males, respectively, as compared to the quadrivalent HPV vaccine (HPV4)<sup>1</sup>.
- To manage existing HPV vaccine inventories, VFC will begin to actively reduce HPV vaccine orders submitted to VFC prior to the HPV9 launch, limiting inventory to a 4-week supply for all providers. However, once HPV9 is launched they will allow all providers to submit a supplemental order for the new vaccine.
- Once HPV9 is introduced, HPV4 will no longer be available to VFC providers. Guidance on existing HPV4 supply once HPV9 is available will be forthcoming.
- In order to prevent any missed opportunity for immunizing adolescent patients, routine immunization of patients with existing HPV vaccines should not be interrupted.

#### **Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccines**

- 2 new vaccines will be available by late-June 2015, **Trumenba® (Pfizer)** and **Bexsero® (Novartis)**
- Both vaccines are recommended only for certain high-risk children aged 10 through 18 years, with an increased risk for meningococcal disease serogroup B.
- Since the Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccines are recommended only for certain high-risk patients, these vaccines will be available to order under our Special Order Vaccines Section and the quantity ordered will be limited.

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

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)

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

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