

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

Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) are information sheets produced by the CDC that explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine to vaccine recipients. Make sure your clinic is providing the most current VISs. View and download directly from CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html> or www.eziz.org. If there is not a single VIS for a combination vaccine, use the VISs for all component vaccines.

These updated Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are now available.

- Multiple Vaccines (DTaP, Hib, Hepatitis B, Polio, and PCV13)
- Pneumococcal Conjugate PCV13

Both of these VISs are now final (as opposed to interim). We encourage providers to begin using these VISs immediately. Translation of other languages will be available at a later date.

Federal law requires that healthcare staff to provide a VIS to a patient, parent, or legal representative before each dose of certain vaccinations. Healthcare providers shall make a notation in each patient's permanent medical record at the time vaccine information materials are provided, indicating:

1. the edition date of the VIS distributed, and
2. the date the VIS was provided.

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. Vaccines are especially important for people who are at high risk for complications from flu, and for people who live with or care for someone who is at high risk. For a successful Influenza vaccination season discuss and outline key strategies to achieve high influenza vaccination coverage rates of your patients and decrease missed opportunities for vaccination. These strategies may include:

1. reminding patients to come in for their annual influenza vaccination,
2. expanding hours for influenza vaccination,
3. allowing influenza vaccine-only visits, and
4. discussing mechanisms to track patients who will be due to return to the practice for a second dose.

For a community clinic near you visit our website @ <http://www.vchca.org/ph>

All adults need vaccines to protect their health against common diseases that can be serious. There are four things to consider in determining which vaccines are recommended for you:

1. Vaccines **every** adult needs
2. Your **age**
3. Your **health conditions, lifestyle, or job**
4. **International travel**

Linking to CDC's <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-schedule-easy-read.pdf>

Information for VFC Providers:

EVERY TIME you place a vaccine order, review your practice's delivery days and times.

Deliveries are made according information reflected in your "MYVFCVaccines" account. If your practice will be on vacation or unable to receive shipments, please contact the VFC Customer Service Center as soon as possible. Undeliverable shipments due to incorrect shipping hours lead to delivery delays, can result in vaccine damage, and may even lead to a negligent vaccine loss. Your practice may be held financially accountable. All staff working with immunizations should be knowledgeable about proper procedures for receiving, inspecting, and storing vaccines.

2015-2016 Influenza Vaccine Supply Update: For information on Vaccine Supply updates and Supplemental ordering visit. http://eziz.org/assets/docs/VFCFAX_Flu%20Ordering%20Update_11_04_2015.pdf

Vaccine Tips: **Your Refrigerator and Freezer Temperature Logs must be complete AND accurate.**

They are the “official records” of the temps in your storage units.

If temperatures are not recorded or are recorded incorrectly,

- your vaccines might be deemed unusable;
- your clinic might need to replace the vaccines; and
- you might need to revaccinate your patients.

Never falsify information on your temp logs. It can lead to extremely serious consequences.

Upon order submission, please allow up to 15 business days for the processing and delivery of your vaccine request. Make sure to place your vaccine request with sufficient inventory on hand (3 weeks recommended).

Vaccine Supply Update: VFC’s Supplemental Flu Ordering is now available. Please go to www.eziz.org

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



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