

### 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)

**Recent ACIP HPV 2-dose Vaccine Recommendation:** During its October 19, 2016 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend that adolescents 11 to 12 years old receive two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine, with the second dose administered 6 to 12 months after the first dose, rather than the previously - recommended three doses. This recommendation makes it easier for parents to protect their children against cancers caused by HPV infections by reducing the number of shots and trips to the doctor.

**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.htm> or [www.eziz.org](http://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 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. [Supplemental order](#)

**2017 VFC Recertification is COMING SOON!** Start planning now. The VFC Program will be launching 2017 Recertification in December 2016. As in previous years, once the system is available, providers will have 30 days to complete the process. The following information will help your practice get a head start and collect required information ahead of time.

**2017 VFC EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT**

To access the online **2017 VFC Recertification page**, key practice staff must first complete the federal educational requirement lessons available on our website [www.EZIZ.org](http://www.EZIZ.org). You may begin taking the required lessons and receive credit for completion starting December 1, 2016.

**IMPORTANT: If you complete the lessons before December 2016, you will not receive credit for 2017 Recertification.**

**VFC (Vaccine for Children Program):** VFC recently launched an online temperature excursion system, "Storage and Handling Online Triage System" (SHOTS). SHOTS is accessed through your [MyVFCvaccines](#) account. Please download and review with your staff this easy -to-follow SHOTS guide (IMM-1224). It outlines all the steps to document temperature excursions in SHOTS.

As a reminder, VFC providers are required to monitor and document their vaccine storage unit temperatures twice daily on VFC-supplied temperature logs.

- Store refrigerated vaccines between 35.0°F and 46.0°F(2.0°C and 8.0°C)
- Store frozen vaccines between -58.0°F and 5.0°F(-50.0°C and -15.0°C)

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



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