



Summer is here! Thank you for your continued participation in the VFC program.

*****VFC Orders*****

As program staff are reviewing VFC and 317 orders, we are finding that more vaccine is being ordered than what should be ordered. VFC providers can order vaccine once a month and should order only what is needed to maintain a four to six-week supply.

If providers have an increase in immunizations (i.e. a new clinician has started or back to school clinics), providers must make a comment in the 'Clinic Comment' section of the online order form to explain the need for the increase. Orders without a comment may be rejected and can cause the order to be delayed in processing.

All VFC pediatric orders should be completed with 'pediatric' in the 'intent' field. Please ensure you are selecting 'pediatric' in the drop down field of the online order form to avoid rejection and possible processing delays.

*****LPHA 317 Orders*****

When placing an order for Adult 317 vaccine(s), you will now need to complete a separate order. Do not include VFC pediatric orders with an Adult 317 order. LPHAs can order Adult 317 vaccine once a month and should only order what is needed to maintain a four to six-week supply.

*****Wastage and Adjustments*****

Providers should refer to the Adjustment and Wastage guide in ShowMeVax under 'Reports', 'Missouri Forms and Documents', then 'Adjustment and Wastage' on the proper method of completing adjustments in ShowMeVax. An incorrect wastage reason causes additional work for program and provider staff.

*****Returns*****

The VFC Replacement Policy requires VFC providers to attempt transfer of VFC or Adult 317 vaccine to a minimum of three (3) VFC providers at least 90 days prior to vaccine expiration. Providers must document the name of the VFC provider contacted and the date of contact in the 'Clinic Comments' when submitting a return. A return may be rejected without the three contacts in the 'Clinic Comments'. A rejected return must be corrected and resubmitted. Return shipping labels will be emailed to the Primary VFC Contact in ShowMeVax within 24 to 48 hours from the time the 'Submitted to Vtrcks' date has been entered. If you are expecting a return label and have not received the email, please make sure the email is not in your 'Junk' inbox. Make sure the VFC Primary Contact is up-to-date prior to completing a return.

*****DDLs*****

The Bureau of Immunizations has a supply of Digital Data Logger (DDL) thermometers for VFC providers. If the clinic DDL has an expired calibration end date, a new DDL can be shipped to the clinic. Please email your VFC Consultant with the number of DDLs that are needed. You can find your VFC Consultant on the [map](#) found on our website. Each storage unit, including temporary storage, needs a DDL and each clinic must have one back-up DDL.

Training Opportunity

CDC is offering a series of weekly one-hour web-on-demand videos that will provide an overview of vaccination principles, general best practices, immunization strategies, and specific information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them. Each video will include updated information from recent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meetings and votes. The series will start on July 5, 2022, and a new video presentation will be released every Tuesday through November 1, 2022.

There is no registration process to view this presentation. Questions about the material presented can be submitted to nipinfo@cdc.gov.

Please continue to visit the [Pink Book Series](#) webpage for updates on the 2022 release schedule and additional information. Continuing Education will be available for this event.

Menactra/MenQuadfi

Providers must use existing stock of Menactra prior to ordering MenQuadfi. Providers should ensure that a four to six-week supply is on hand.

As of August 1, 2022 Menactra will no longer be available to order. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MenQuadfi is indicated for use in children two (2) years of age and older. Beginning August 1, 2022 provider orders for MCV4 vaccine to be used in children less than two (2) years of age should be placed for Menveo.

Healthcare Sharing Programs

Healthcare Sharing Programs, for example Medi-Share, are not considered insurance in the state of Missouri. Patients with healthcare sharing programs are considered uninsured in the state of Missouri and are eligible for VFC vaccine.

Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Updates

ACIP met on June 17, 18, 22 and 23 voting on various new or updated recommendations for immunization providers. Below are the following updates:

- PCV15 has been approved for pediatric use and can be interchanged with PCV13.
 - If a child has completed the PCV13 series then an additional dose of PVC15 is **not recommended**
- Priorix is a live GSK vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella that has been recommended for individuals twelve (12) months of age and older. It is recommended at twelve (12) – fifteen (15) months of age with another dose at four (4) to six (6) years of age. Please see below for spacing and storage and handling guidelines:
 - Two (2) doses spaced at least four (4) weeks apart
 - Must be stored in the refrigerator at 2°-8° Celsius (36°-46° Fahrenheit)
 - Must be reconstituted with the accompanying diluent
- Influenza vaccine for 2022-2023
 - Vaccine will contain Influenza A(H3N2) and Influenza B/Victoria

July 2022 Updates

- All standard-dose unadjuvanted Inactivated Influenza Vaccines Quadrivalent (4) are now approved for individuals six (6) months of age and older
- ACIP is recommending that individuals 65 years of age and older receive either
 - High-Dose Quadrivalent (4) Inactivated Vaccine (HD-IIV4)
 - Recombinant Influenza Vaccine Quadrivalent (RIV4)
 - Adjuvanted Inactivated Influenza Vaccine Quadrivalent (aIIV4)
 - If these are not available, any other age appropriate influenza vaccine should be used

PCV15, Priorix and Influenza vaccines are not currently available for VFC ordering. Once available, communication will go out to all providers.

COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccine is now available for individuals beginning at six (6) months of age. DHSS and CDC believe that the best place for children to be vaccinated is their medical home. To offer and administer COVID-19 vaccines you must be an enrolled COVID-19 provider. If you are interested in enrolling in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, please visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider enrollment](#).

- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for children six (6) months through seventeen (17) years of age. Each age group will need a series of two (2) doses spaced at least four (4) – eight (8) weeks apart. If the child/adolescent is moderately to severely immune compromised they will need three (3) doses with dose 1 and 2 spaced four (4) weeks apart and dose 2 and 3 spaced four (4) weeks apart. See below for the correct dosage.
 - 6 months through 5 years dose is 25mcg/0.5mL
 - 6 through 11 years of age dose is 50mcg/0.5mL
 - 12 through 17 years of age dose is 100mcg/0.5mL
- Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for children six (6) months through four (4) years of age
 - 3 doses in the series
 - Dose 1 and 2 spaced 3 to 8 weeks apart
 - Dose 2 and 3 spaced 8 weeks apart
 - Children need all 3 doses to ensure full protection

Reminder for providers currently enrolled in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program we are not accepting COVID-19 vaccine orders through ShowMeVax. Orders must be placed online at <https://health.mo.gov/COVIDVaccineOrders>. Providers have until Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. to place vaccine orders for delivery the following week. Orders placed after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday will be processed with the next week's orders.

*****QUALITY IMPROVEMENT /Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)*****

Routine vaccinations declined over the past 2 years due to the pandemic. Now is the time to get your patients back on track with vaccinations. The IQIP program offers providers educational opportunities to increase vaccine uptake by choosing two of the following four strategies:

1. Schedule the next visit before patient leaves the office
2. Leverage the IIS(ShowMeVax) to improve immunization practice
3. Give strong vaccine recommendations
4. Strengthen vaccine communication

The IQIP cycle consists of one in-person visit and three follow-up virtual meetings. IQIP Consultants educate providers on the current immunization rates, how to use ShowMeVax, and provide education and resources to your clinic staff at no cost. If you are interested in an IQIP visit, please contact ana.hudanick@health.mo.gov.

*****Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)*****

Any COVID-19 vaccine error, except for administering a dose after the recommended time frame, must be entered in the VAERS system. All VAERS reports can be entered online or you may download a pdf, complete and submit to VAERS via email. No faxed or mailed written reports will be accepted. Please make sure to provide as much information as possible. To report an error visit <https://vaers.hhs.gov/reportevent.html>. If you have questions please contact ana.hudanick@health.mo.gov.