



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Temporary Backorder for HPV Vaccine

HPV VACCINE ORDER STATUS

The VFC Program is currently experiencing a temporary delay in the fulfillment of HPV vaccine orders. If you have submitted a VFC Vaccine Order requesting HPV vaccine and have not received vaccines yet, please be advised that your vaccine request has been placed on back order. It will be shipped immediately upon receipt of our vaccine supply at GIV, our current vaccine distributor.

A partial shipment of our vaccine request is expected to be released this week by the vaccine manufacturer, with subsequent shipments released in the coming week. We anticipate that this temporary delay in the fulfillment of vaccine orders will be resolved shortly.

ORDERING TIPS

- Base your initial vaccine order on actual usage of other adolescent-recommended vaccines, such as Tdap and keep in mind that the vaccine is for girls only.
- It is likely that only **two** doses per patient will be needed to immunize patients during the recommended 2-month ordering cycle.
- Ran out of vaccine before your two-month ordering interval? Not a problem! VFC will process your supplemental vaccine request.

The HPV Vaccine series consists of 3 doses administered over a 6 month period. VFC supplied HPV vaccine is recommended for administration to VFC-eligible girls, aged 11-12 years. Catch-up vaccination is also recommended for girls, 13 through 18 years of age, who have not been previously vaccinated or may have not completed the series. HPV vaccine should be administered at the same visit when other age appropriate vaccines are provided, such as Tdap, Td or MCV4.