



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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VACCINE ORDERING AND SUPPLY UPDATE

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following important update.

VFC IS NO LONGER ACCEPTING FLU ORDERS FOR THE 2007-2008 FLU SEASON

- ◆ Effective February 25th, the VFC program will no longer accept and process influenza vaccine orders for the 2007-2008 Flu Season. All orders received as of the week of February 18th have been processed and vaccine delivery should be expected by March 5, 2008.
- ◆ Providers with an urgent need for additional doses of pediatric vaccines should contact the VFC Program or local VFC Field Representative.

UNAVAILABILITY OF IPV SYRINGES

- ◆ We have received notification from Sanofi that their IPV (IPOL®) in syringe presentation is currently not available. Sanofi anticipates that this presentation will be unavailable for most of 2008.
- ◆ All pending requests for IPV syringes will be substituted for IPOL® in vials.
- ◆ You may download a copy of the updated VFC Order Form at www.vfcca.org.

HIB VACCINE SHORTAGE

- ◆ We continue to receive a weekly vaccine allocation of Hib vaccine from CDC to fill provider orders.
- ◆ With a limited vaccine supply, you should expect to receive your Hib vaccine shipment approximately one to two weeks after the receipt of the rest of your vaccine order.
- ◆ All Hib vaccine requests are being processed according to historical vaccine usage and will be reduced to coincide with interim recommendations.
- ◆ Providers who fall within a bi-monthly or quarterly order frequency are asked to submit monthly Hib vaccine requests. Full vaccine inventories when placing Hib supplemental orders are not necessary.
- ◆ Please keep in mind that during this temporary Hib vaccine shortage, booster doses for *healthy* children 12-15 months of age should be deferred.