

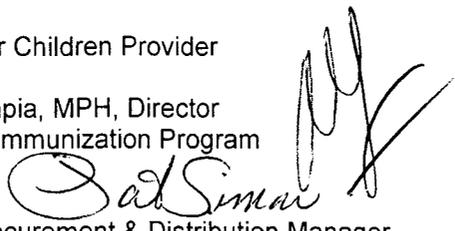


State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Immunization Program

DATE: May 3, 2010

TO: Vaccines for Children Provider

FROM: Ruben A Tapia, MPH, Director
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Pat Simon 
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SUBJECT: Vaccine Ordering Schedule

Please read this letter—it contains important information regarding your VFC vaccine orders.

Recently, we sent you a letter letting you know that we were “tweaking” the existing vaccine ordering schedule for ordering VFC vaccines. Changes have been made and some providers will be asked to order their VFC vaccines during a certain two-week order window during the month (first or second half of a specific month). Order frequencies and two-week order windows are part of a quality improvement initiative called Economic Order Quantity (EOQ). EOQ is a best practice method used to manage vaccine orders and distribution more effectively.

When we say “two-week order window” we are generally talking about either the first two weeks or the second two weeks of a specific month. If your order frequency is monthly, we will give you a specific half of the month to place your vaccine order. If your order frequency is bimonthly or quarterly, we will give you a specific month and a specific two week window during that month (first or second half of that specific month) to place your vaccine order. Some of you will not receive a calendar because you have a low volume usage (less than 300 doses total in a year). You are asked to order as needed.

Enclosed is your calendar with your two week ordering window highlighted in yellow. Please place your order during this two week period. We suggest that you display this calendar near your refrigerator for quick reference.

We will implement this change upon receipt of this letter. If you have storage capacity limitations we will work with you to make any needed adjustments. We also understand that maintaining a sufficient supply of VFC vaccine is critical to make sure no VFC eligible child in your practice experience a missed opportunity to be fully immunized. We need you to look at your new order schedule and check your inventory to see if you have adequate inventory to get you to your next order window. If you do not have adequate inventory go ahead and place your order and follow the schedule accordingly. Please insure that you order adequate vaccine to get you to your next order window. Multiple orders within that window is unacceptable. Only one order during that window will be processed and shipped. You have two weeks to access your vaccine needs and place your order.

We know for some of you this will be a challenge and we appreciate your help in following the schedule implemented by the federal government. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call 504-838-5300.

ATTACHMENTS:
Ordering Calendar
2010-11 Immunization Schedule
Vaccine order form Rev 04/10

Vaccine Order Form**

LOUISIANA Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

1. Date submitted:	2. PIN (state assigned - DO NOT REMOVE):
3. Facility Name:	
4. Medicaid Provider Number:	

Important Notice: Vaccines MUST be ordered in DOSES, orders expressed in other unit sizes will be delayed. Vaccines listed are the only products available through the VFC Program. Please do not make requests for other vaccines on this form.

5. Vaccines	6. Unit Size	7. # of Doses Ordering	Doses Expired, Lost, or Damaged			
			8. Doses	9. Lot #	10. Exp. Date	11. Reason
DT (pediatric) PROVIDE CHILD'S NAME & DOB	1 single dose vial					
DTaP (circle one)† DAPTACEL Infanrix Tripedia	10 single dose vials 10 prefilled syringes 10 single dose vials					
DTaP-HepB-IPV (Pediatrix)	10 single dose vials					
DTaP-IPV (Kinrix)	10 prefilled syringes					
DTaP-IPV-Hib (Pentacel)	10 prefilled syringes					
Hep A (pediatric)+ (circle one) Havrix Vaqta	10 prefilled syringes 10 single dose vials					
Hep B† (circle one)† (Infants & Adolescents) Recombivax Engerix	10 single dose vials 10 prefilled syringes					
HiB (circle one)† ActHib Hiberix PedVax	5 single dose vials 10 single dose vials 10 single dose vials					
HPV (Circle one) Gardasil Cervarix	10 single dose vials 5 single dose syringes					
IPV	10 prefilled syringes					
MENINGOCOCCAL (CIRCLE ONE) MENACTRA MENVEO	5 single dose vials 5 single dose vials					
MMR	10 single dose vials					
Pneumococcal (PCV-13)	10 prefilled syringes					
Rotavirus (circle one) RotaTeq pentavalent RV5 Rotarix monovalent RV1	10 squeezable tubes 10 single dose vials					
Td (adult 7yrs. & older)	10 prefilled syringes					
Tdap (circle one)† ADACEL BOOSTRIX	10 single dose vials 10 prefilled syringes					
Varicella†	10 single dose vials 20 dose minimum					

Order influenza vaccines October thru January

Influenza Preservative Free (6-35Mos)	10 prefilled syringes					
Influenza (3-18yrs)	10 prefilled syringes					
Influenza Intranasal Flumist	10 pre-filled sprayers					

12. Days and hours your facility is open for delivery _____

13. Signature _____

† We reserve the right to substitute products based upon availability.

+ Hepatitis A vaccine is available to all children 12-23 months and any child 2-18 years of age in epidemiologically recognized endemic areas; i.e. Ouachita Parish. Vaccine is available for any VFC eligible child 2-18 years of age in the state with chronic liver disease and children with clotting factor disorders.

****Allow 5-10 working days for delivery.**

✓ Product shipped directly from manufacturer--Allow 15-20 working days for routine delivery.