



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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VFC Vaccine Availability Update

Dear VFC Provider,

Please refer to the following important messages regarding the availability of selected VFC-supplied vaccines:

DTAP

- GSK's DTaP product, **Infanrix®**, is temporarily unavailable in both vials and syringe packaging. It is expected that GSK will resume distribution of this product by mid March 2009.
- McKesson Specialty has an adequate supply of both Sanofi DTaP products, **Daptacel®** and **Tripedia®**. Providers may choose to order either of these products until **Infanrix®** supplies become available.
- If your clinic has already submitted an order for **Infanrix®**, VFC will substitute this product for Sanofi's **Daptacel®** in order to ensure your clinic has an adequate supply of DTaP vaccine (unless specifically indicated against product substitution in your order form).

Td

- Sanofi's Td vaccine, **Decavac®**, in single dose vials, continues to be unavailable. All orders for this product will continue to be automatically substituted for the syringe presentation.

FLU

- In addition to **FluMist®**, VFC has also depleted this season's supply of **Fluzone® Preservative Free Pediatric Dose (0.25mL)** formulation.
- Providers may request **Fluzone® Preservative Free 0.50 mL single-dose vials** and draw-up a 0.25mL dose (half of the vial's content) to vaccinate 6-35 month old patients who may still need a first or second dose this season. The remaining 0.25mL dose must be discarded if not used within 24 hours.
- We encourage you to continue to offer flu vaccination to all VFC-eligible patients 6 months thru 18 years of age who may have not yet been vaccinated this season.

Hib

- Although Hib Vaccines continues to be in short supply, it is of critical importance that patients receive their primary Hib series. Providers are to continue deferring the 12-15 month Hib booster dose for children not at increased risk for Hib disease.