

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

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## VFC Program Update: Measles Activity in California and VFC Call Center Closures

Dear VFC Provider,

## **Measles Activity in California**

Additional measles cases have been reported in California. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are urging healthcare professionals to ensure that all patients are up to date on their recommended doses on MMR vaccine, including an early dose for infants 6-11 months of age who will be traveling overseas. Screen patients for international travel and make sure that you have adequate MMR vaccine in stock to vaccinate your patients and protect them against disease.

Please refer to the VFC Program letter "MMR before overseas travel to protect your patients against measles" for more information, and post the "Think Measles" flyer in your office.

## The VFC Program Customer Service Center will be <u>closed</u> on the following dates:

- Monday, <u>April 1, 2019</u> (Cesar Chavez Day Holiday)
- Monday, May 27, 2019 (Memorial Day Holiday)
- Monday-Wednesday, <u>June 3-5, 2019</u> (All-Day Staff Meetings)

Orders will continue to be received during these call center closures. Normal business hours will resume after each event. Please ensure that your practice has an adequate supply of VFC vaccines in stock to prevent running out of inventory during closures.

For any ordering or delivery questions, please call a VFC Customer Service Representative at (877) 243-8832 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm or visit our website EZIZ.org for important VFC Program communications and information.