

## Vaccines for Children Program

## **VFC Program Update**

## **Transition of Flu Seasons**

As we wrap-up this current flu season and begin to gear up for the 2020-2021 season, the VFC Program will close flu vaccine ordering for the 2019-2020 season on Friday, June 12, 2020. If you need additional flu vaccine before then, be sure to place your order by the end of this week to allow adequate time to receive and utilize the doses before they expire at the end of June.

- Take every opportunity to assess the immunization status of all incoming patients, including flu vaccines. If you still have doses on-hand and have patients under 8 years of age who have not yet received their second dose, recommend they receive it during their next scheduled immunization appointment before the end of this season.
- Flu vaccine is good until expiration. Do not remove viable vaccine doses from your storage unit prior to expiration. This will result in preventable negligent vaccine wastage.
- Upon expiration, remove expired doses from your vaccine storage unit immediately.
   Complete and submit a VFC Return Form and request a return shipment label by logging into your MyVFCVaccines account.

- Do not return any expired private vaccine doses, broken vials or syringes, or open multi-dose vials.
- Each return shipping label requested in the Return Form is associated with that specific Return ID. Therefore, ONLY ship doses listed in the corresponding Return ID/Form.
- Return shipping labels are only valid for 30 days; ensure expired flu doses are returned to McKesson as soon as possible.

Coming soon! In July, we will send additional details on the next phase of the upcoming VFC 2020-21 flu season.

## **Customer Service Center Closures**

The VFC Customer Service Center will be closed on the following day:

• Friday, July 3, 2020 (in observance of Independence Day)

Orders will continue to be received throughout the day. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

Thank you,



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