



PROVIDER UPDATE

Pennsylvania Department of Health,
Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations

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UPS Return Labels via Email

Effective April 2015, when returning expired/non-viable vaccine you can receive via Email from McKesson a UPS return label. To receive a UPS return label via Email first complete the 2014 “Vaccine Return and Accountability Form” and simply handwrite the Email of your VFC contact person as indicated below. The VFC contact person will receive an Email containing the VTrckS Return ID. The VFC contact person will receive a subsequent Email from uoltsupport@ups.com with a subject line – “UPS Shipping API”; this Email will contain the UPS return label. The UPS return label will be sent to the facility’s primary VFC Contact which is indicated in PA-SIIS.

VACCINE RETURN AND ACCOUNTABILITY FORM PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RETURNABLE – NON-VIABLE VACCINE

Date: _____	** VTrckS Return ID _____	VFC PIN #: _____
Site Name: _____		
Person Reporting: _____	Phone: _____	# of Shipping Labels needed _____
Does this facility have routine UPS service – please check the appropriate box: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Do you prefer to have UPS shipping label sent via <u>e-mail</u> ? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
E-Mail Address: _____		

*** VTrckS Return ID number will be provided to the VFC Contact by phone, fax or e-mail*

For more information related to vaccine returns please refer to the 2014 VFC Handbook, Section 6F [“Vaccine Return and Accountability Form”](#).

Pennsylvania Immunization Conference

The 21st Annual Pennsylvania Immunization Conference will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Sheraton Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA. The Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC) in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, and the Penn State College of Medicine is sponsoring a conference to bring immunization partners together to share information, discuss current issues, and recommend strategies to improve immunization rates in Pennsylvania. Upon completion of the conference, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the latest updates on vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccines
2. Discuss the major features of recommended vaccines
3. Implement principles of practice-based change to improve immunization rates
4. Describe the characteristics of the Amish culture and how health-care providers can develop relationships to increase immunization rates

For more information and to register for the conference please click on the following hyperlink

[Pennsylvania Immunization Conference.](#)

VFC Vaccine Management Education Visit

During each calendar year enrolled VFC provider must receive an educational contact. These educational opportunities must cover all VFC requirements with special emphasis on proper storage and handling of VFC vaccine. Documentation of trainings, such as certificates and log in sheets must be kept on site for a minimum of three years. The VFC immunization nurse will review the documentation of trainings at every compliance or unannounced visit.

Ways to meet the CDC requirement for annual education:

1. One VFC site visit which could be a “Compliance Site Visit” or “Annual Provider Training Site Visit”
2. It is mandatory to complete **both** of the following training modules. Access CDC’s “You Call the Shots” training modules at the following hyperlinks: “Module 10 Storage & Handling” <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/sh/ce.asp> and “Module 16 Vaccines for Children Program” <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/vfc/ce.asp>. After completing each survey simply print the provided certificates.

VFC Question of the Month

Question: Where can I find more information about immunizations and vaccines?

Answer: The CDC provides current information regarding vaccines and immunizations. They also provide some brochures, posters, and printable information at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/>