



## **PROVIDER UPDATE**

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

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### **Influenza Vaccine Ordering**

In preparation for the 2015-2016 influenza season, the Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children (PA VFC) Program will mail annual influenza packets to all PA VFC providers during the first week of June. Contained within the annual influenza packet is the “Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form” in which VFC providers will pre-book influenza vaccine by indicating the number of anticipated doses for the 2015-2016 influenza season. Completed influenza order forms may be emailed to [paimmunizations@pa.gov](mailto:paimmunizations@pa.gov) or faxed to (717) 441-3777 or (717) 441-3800. Please submit your orders by July 31, 2015. Distribution of the influenza vaccine should begin in September or October.

Please direct any questions regarding influenza vaccine ordering to Connie Andescavage and clinical questions to Marilyn Black at (717) 787-5681.

### **Helpful Vaccine Ordering Tips**

#### **Did you know?**

- All providers are permitted to order monthly (between the 1st and 15th). In order to expedite orders, please ensure that all shipments have been accepted and inventories have been reconciled properly.
- You should reconcile your inventory before each order is placed. Your inventory on hand should match what is in your refrigerator and freezer. Contact VFC personnel for assistance at 1-888-646-6864 or to request a training aid.
- To accept your shipments correctly in PA-SIIS you must enter the total volume received and be sure it matches total volume shipped. Then select yes, so it populates into your inventory. Contact VFC personnel for assistance at 1-888-646-6864 or to request a training aid.
- You should review and update the primary and/or backup contact names and email addresses whenever there is a change under Clinic Settings in PA-SIIS at <https://siis.health.state.pa.us/siis>.
- You should contact your QA Nurse to pick up vaccines up to 90 days before expiration if your facility is not be able to administer the vaccine prior to expiration.

## PA VFC Question of the Month

Review the freezer temperature readings provided below and then select the correct answer from those provided.



- A. Current temp and min/max are within range - no action necessary
- B. Current temp is within range, min/max out of range - take action
- C. Current temp is within range, min/max out of range - no action necessary
- D. Current temp and min/max are out of range - take action



Answer: B