



PA VFC PROVIDER

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

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Flumist

MedImmune the manufacturer of FluMist Quadrivalent Influenza vaccine has informed the CDC of delayed vaccine shipments for the remainder of the 2015-16 season. MedImmune has communicated that scheduled shipments of doses of FluMist LAIV will arrive at the CDC and be distributed to provider facilities during October, November, and December 2015. The estimated shipping schedule indicates that the majority of doses are anticipated to be distributed during December 2015. If you have questions, please contact the Division of Immunizations at 888-646-6864.

Annual Training Requirement Offered

During each calendar year CDC requires enrolled VFC providers to receive educational training. These educational opportunities must cover all VFC requirements with special emphasis on proper storage and handling of VFC vaccine. The following is a special opportunity for VFC Providers to meet the annual training requirement in collaboration with Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (PA AAP) and Pennsylvania Immunization Coalition (PAIC).

Pennsylvania Immunization Education Program (IEP) webinar and teleconference:

Topic: **Immunization Update** (CEU's will be provided)

Time: **12:15 - 1:30 PM**

Select one date: **Wednesday October 14th or Thursday October 22nd or Tuesday November 10th**

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IEPwebinars>

Webinar link and teleconference number will be emailed prior to the event.

Other 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" Annual Provider Training provided at <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.

3. Annual Provider Training on PA VFC website

<http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Documents/VFC%20Annual%20Provider%20Training.pdf>

Vaccine Wastage and Return

A Helpful hint when reporting nonviable VFC vaccine to the Division of Immunization:

- Complete the **Vaccine Return and Accountability Form** and fax to 717-214-7223.
- Please be sure to wait for the **Vaccine Return ID** number which is generated for each specific return. The ID number will be faxed or Emailed to you.
- Please place the Vaccine Return ID number on the **Vaccine Return and Accountability Form**.
- You should receive an email within a few hours containing the UPS label from McKesson Specialty Distribution or via mail within 7-10 business days.
- Please contact the Division of Immunizations at 888-646-6864 if you don't receive the UPS label within the stated timeframes.
- All initiated returns have to be received by McKesson Specialty Distribution within 30 days from request or the process will have to be restarted.

Preparation for Power Outage

High wind and torrential downfalls can snap power lines and cause medical facilities to lose electrical power, resulting in vaccines being stored in unacceptable temperature ranges. In order to minimize potential loss of vaccine, please make sure your emergency plans for power outages are up-to-date and follow the directions below. Impacts from inclement conditions can delay vaccine order deliveries to provider sites.

In preparation:

- Have appropriate facility staff review and update the “PA VFC Vaccine Disaster Recovery Plan” located in Section 6E of your VFC Provider Handbook or at http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Documents/Section_6_E_VACCINE_DISASTER_RECOVERY_PLAN_2015.pdf.
- Review the “Best Practice for Storage and Handling” located in Section 6J of your VFC Provider Handbook or at http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Documents/Section_6_J_BEST_PRACTICE_IN_VACC_STORAGE_2015.pdf.

Call the PA Immunization Program at 888-646-6864 for questions or assistance.

Question of the Month?

Question: CDC requires what type of VFC provider office training and how often?

Answer: At a minimum the Primary and Backup Contact must complete and document education with special emphasis on storage and handling every year. One way to meet the requirement is to complete online training located at the PA VFC website. The new **Annual Provider Training** power point (attached with a survey monkey) is listed below at the following link:

<http://www.health.pa.gov/My%20Health/Immunizations/Vaccines-for-Children/Documents/VFC%20Annual%20Provider%20Training.pdf>

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