



PA VFC PROVIDER

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August is National Immunization Awareness Month!

Key Messages for the last week of August:

- Adolescents are at increased risk for diseases like meningococcal disease and cancer-causing HPV infections and need the protection of vaccines to keep them healthy.
- If you haven't already, check your child's immunization record and schedule a visit to their doctor or clinic. Doing so now will avoid a potential last minute rush and will help ensure there are no surprises on the first day back to school.
- If you are administering vaccines to preteens and teens at back to school checkups, make a bundled recommendation for ALL of the recommended vaccines. Recommend the HPV vaccine the *same way* and the *same day* that you recommend the other adolescent vaccines.

Preteens and teens need four vaccines to protect against serious diseases:

1. Quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine to protect against meningitis and blood infections (septicemia);
2. HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine to protect against cancers caused by HPV;
3. Tdap vaccine to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (pertussis); and
4. A yearly flu vaccine to protect against seasonal flu.

Click Here for More Information <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/>

Patient Eligibility Screening & Documentation

Enrolled provider facilities must screen and document VFC program eligibility for VFC children at every visit. VFC eligibility screening and documentation of eligibility status must take place during each immunization visit to ensure the child's eligibility status has not changed. Documentation must occur either utilizing a hard-copy or electronic form for the purpose of capturing and retaining the child's VFC eligibility. All reporting elements contained within the "VFC Patient Eligibility Screening Form" must be captured and retained for every visit with in a similar paper or electronic form ([Section 6C - Insurance and VFC Eligibility](#))

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Facility Contact Information

Please ensure that your VFC programmatic information remains current. You can update your facility information through the [PA-SIIS Online Registry](#) or for those facilities without Internet access can update the PA VFC Provider Agreement form. The PA-SIIS Online Registry or the PA VFC Provider Agreement form must be updated annually and more frequently if:

- 1) Facility's shipping and mailing address or contact Email addresses;
- 2) Hours of operation;
- 3) VFC Primary or Back-up Contact person;
- 4) Number of children served changes;
- 5) Type of the facility changes (i.e. proper documentation must be forwarded to the DOH before a change in status is made); or a provider is added or deleted from the practice.

Once you have updated the PA-SIIS Registry, next either contact our customer service staff at 888-646-6864 or your Immunizations Nurse Consultant concerning changed facility information.

Question of the Month?

Question:

What Fahrenheit temperature range must refrigerated vaccines be maintained?

Answer:

- a. 30F - 40F
- b. 32F - 42F
- c. 36F - 46F

Answer C.