

Vaccines for Children Provider Notice

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Reminder to Recalibrate

It is time to have your digital data logger thermometer professionally calibrated; Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) recommends annual recalibration of your digital thermometer but we will accept your manufacturer's suggestion provided it does not exceed two years. A calibration certificate is generated at the end of the calibration process. Each certificate indicates the date and conditions of calibration. These certificates provide the documentation needed to satisfy Pennsylvania Vaccines for Children (PA VFC) requirements and certifying that a product has been properly calibrated. To learn more about digital data logger policy, access PA VFC Handbook Section 6-J [VFC DDL Policy](#) or access PA VFC Handbook [Section 4](#). All VFC providers are **required** to have at least one back-up thermometer at their facility site, but the back-up thermometer must have a valid and current certificate of calibration. The back-up thermometer must be onsite and readily available to ensure twice a day temperature assessment and recordings.

LiveHealthyPA Website

LiveHealthyPA is collecting healthy living practices from across Pennsylvania to provide readers with potential resources and ideas for improving health outcomes. Ninety percent of anal and cervical cancers, as well as 70 percent of vaginal and vulvar cancers, are estimated to be caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) (CDC, 2014). A provider's recommendation is the most effective method for encouraging HPV vaccination.

An HPV toolkit is now available on the LiveHealthyPA website for VFC providers and the general public at <http://www.livehealthypa.com/health-team/professional-education/educational-toolkits/hpv-toolkit>. Other HPV hyperlinks available for health professional at LiveHealthyPA are:

[Addressing Parents' Top Questions-HPV](#)

[CDC HPV Vaccine Info for Clinicians](#)

[Top 10 Ways to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates in Your Practice](#)

[The AAP and HPV FAQs](#)

Text4baby

Your help is needed in spreading the word about Text4baby — a free service that provides women with important health information during pregnancy and until their baby's 1st birthday. Women who text BABY (or BEBE for Spanish) to 511411 receive free text messages three times per week, timed to their due date or their baby's birth date, through pregnancy and up until the baby's first birthday.



There is also an app that provides additional information about baby's development, pregnancy, childcare tips and more. Free materials are available in English and Spanish to help with promotion efforts. Pre-printed materials such as informational tear pads, referral cards and 8 ½ x 11 posters can be ordered, or you can personalize and print your own materials directly from <https://www.text4baby.org/> (click on Outreach Partners). We encourage all PA VFC Providers to get involved in promoting Text4baby. Learn more by visiting <https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/text4baby>.

Question of the Month?

Question:

When PA VFC Providers successfully complete the VFC Annual Training Requirement where should they fax the education certificate?

Answer:

PA VFC Providers should fax the education certificate to their assigned immunization nurse.