



PROVIDER UPDATE

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

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VFC Re-enrollment Process Goes Online

The PA VFC Program is pleased to announce that VFC is launching a new process that enables providers to complete the annual VFC re-enrollment online. The PA-SIIS website <https://siis.health.state.pa.us/siis/index.asp> will host the re-enrollment process.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires that your facility complete the “2015 PA VFC Program Provider Agreement”. In previous years, facilities had to fill-out a formatted Word document or paper form to complete the re-enrollment process. An email with more detailed information about the new online “**Re-enrollment**” process will be sent to VFC-enrolled providers during the coming weeks. PA VFC facilities can begin using the new online “**Re-enrollment**” process starting **June 29, 2015**. A small number of paper-based forms will be available, for providers without online PA-SIIS access.

In order to participate in the PA VFC Program and/or receive vaccine provided at no cost, the Medical Director (or equivalent physician) must electronically or manually sign the “2015 PA VFC Program Provider Agreement”. Your facility must complete the re-enrollment process in order to be able to place vaccine orders. **The deadline to complete the re-enrollment process is Friday, July 31, 2015**. For more information please, contact the Division of Immunizations at 717-787-5681.

2015 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook

The PA VFC Program is pleased to announce that the “**2015 PA VFC Program Provider Handbook**” will be distributed via the US Postal Service and available on the PA VFC website during the month of July 2015. The Provider Handbook is a comprehensive guide which outlines the procedures and requirements for participation in the PA VFC program. It also contains all necessary programmatic forms and documents. Hard-copies will be mailed to all enrolled PA VFC provider facilities. Call the PA VFC toll free line at 888-646-6864 for any questions or assistance.

Influenza Vaccine Ordering

In preparation for the 2015-2016 influenza season, the PA VFC Program mailed the annual influenza packet to all PA VFC providers during the week of June 1st. To ensure that your facility obtains adequate amounts of influenza vaccine, please indicate the number of anticipated doses for the 2015-2016 influenza season on the “Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form” contained within the annual influenza packet. Completed order forms for influenza vaccine may be emailed to 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.

Text4baby State Enrollment Contest

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. The Text4baby State Enrollment Contest runs through October 17, 2015. 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/>. We encourage all PA VFC Providers to get involved in promoting Text4baby and help PA win the contest!

Question of the Month?

Question: When you have an incident exposing vaccine to out of range temperatures for more than 30 minutes you are required at a minimum to:

- A. Mark the vaccine "do not use," store appropriately
- B. Notify the vaccine manufacturer immediately
- C. Complete and submit the Vaccine Incident Report and Worksheet (Section 6-F) to PADOH within five days of incident. Fax to 717-214-7223.
- D. All the above

Answer D.