



Vaccines for Children Provider Notice

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

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Influenza ordering: 2019-2020 Information

Communications have been sent out to both public and private sites to prepare for ordering influenza vaccine for the 2019-2020 season. Providers who have not received this season's information can access it at the following links:

[VFC Public Providers Influenza Letter](#)
[VFC Public Providers Vaccine Order Form](#)

[VFC Private Providers Influenza Letter](#)
[VFC Private Providers Vaccine Order Form](#)

AstraZeneca Influenza Supply: Update for 2019-2020

The VFC program is expected to receive a reduced amount of LAIV (i.e., ~ 1/3 of what would have been requested for spring pre-book). AstraZeneca has notified CDC that their supply for the 2019-2020 influenza season will be reduced in both public and private sectors. The reduced capacity, however, is NOT anticipated to impact the quality of the vaccine.

Based on manufacturer projections, we believe that the total supply of flu vaccine for the 2019-2020 season should be sufficient to meet demand for seasonal flu vaccination in the US. Providers purchasing vaccine privately may need to check with more than one supplier or purchase a flu vaccine brand other than the one they normally select. In addition, since seasonal flu vaccines have varying age indications, providers purchasing vaccines to replace LAIV will need to account for their intended use of vaccine (e.g., ages of the children to be served; settings for vaccine administration) and the mix of flu vaccines they will be stocking for the 2019-2020 season.

Hepatitis A Outbreak in Pennsylvania

Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine announced that Pennsylvania has declared an outbreak of Hepatitis A, with 171 cases in 36 counties since January 2018. Dr. Levine's complete statement, along with further information on the outbreak can be found [here](#). To assist providers with patient education, the DOH has also made available a [helpful infographic on Hepatitis A](#).

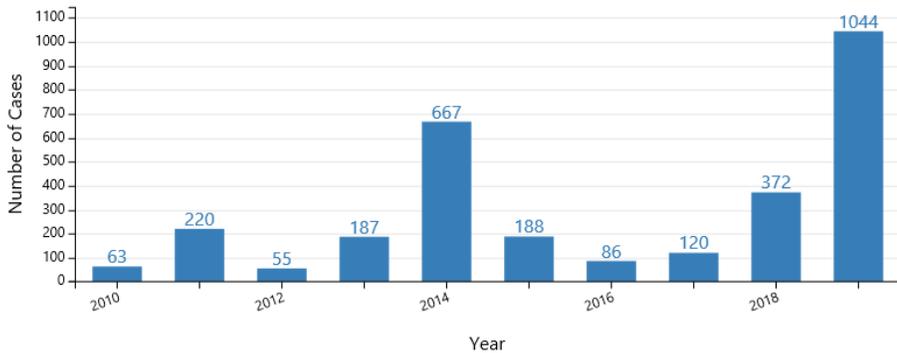
Measles Cases: Latest Numbers

As we progress through 2019, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to update data on measles cases. According to the CDC, "from January 1 to June 13, 2019, **1,044**** individual cases of measles have been confirmed in **28** states. **This is an increase of 22 cases from the previous week.** This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1992 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

The states that have reported cases to CDC are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, **Pennsylvania**, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington."

Number of Measles Cases Reported by Year

2010-2019** (as of June 13, 2019)



*Cases as of December 29, 2018. Case count is preliminary and subject to change.

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Measles is so contagious that if one person has it, up to 9 out of 10 people around them will also become infected if they are not protected. The virus can cause serious health complications, such as pneumonia or encephalitis, and even death. CDC continues to encourage parents to get their children vaccinated on schedule with the MMR vaccine. People 6 months and older should be protected with the vaccine before leaving on international trips.

We appreciate your help spreading this message. For additional information and resources on measles please visit the CDC's measles website (<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>).

Save the Date: 2019 Pennsylvania Immunization Conference

The 2019 Pennsylvania Immunization Conference will be held in Harrisburg, Pa. on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg.



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