



Vaccines for Children Provider Notice

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

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2020 VFC Re-enrollment Dates: Please Review

The PA VFC Program will launch the annual “Online Re-enrollment” process beginning on the following dates. During re-enrollment, providers are able to complete the annual VFC Program Provider Agreement online.

Public Sites begin re-enrollment online through PA-SIIS on March 1, 2020.

Re-enrollment for public sites will end March 31, 2020.

These sites include State Health Centers (SHC), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), District Offices and County/Municipal Health Centers.

Private Sites begin re-enrollment online through PA-SIIS on April 1, 2020.

Re-enrollment for private sites will end April 30, 2020.

For the VFC program, both primary and backup coordinators must complete the CDC’s 2020 **You Call The Shots** modules. This mandatory training is hosted on the CDC’s Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO) page.

Each module can be accessed directly on its corresponding TCEO page:

- [You Call the Shots Module Ten- Course WB4266: Storage and Handling- 2020](#)
- [You Call the Shots Module Sixteen- Course WB4265: Vaccines for Children Program- 2020](#)

This training must be done for year 2020 even if it was completed in 2019. **Proof of completion for both primary and backup VFC coordinators must be received by the VFC central office in order to complete re-enrollment.**

After completing the tests for both *You Call the Shots* modules, please print credentials and send to the VFC central office:

Fax: 717-214-7223 -or- Email: Paimmunizations@pa.gov

In order to ensure appropriate credit is given to each person and facility, please include provider’s PIN (Personal Identification Number) on each individual document. Please do not write your PIN in the margin or border of any paperwork since this frequently leads to PINs not showing up when faxed in.

For assistance with the *You Call the Shots* training, please use the [TCEO contact page for problems](#).

Providers can find further information on the [CDC Training and Continuing Education Online site, TCEO](#).

Influenza Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a webpage dedicated to influenza. [This influenza page](#) covers numerous topics, such as flu activity and surveillance data, information specific to healthcare professionals and a communications resource center.

Providers may find the “What’s New” section particularly interesting. For example, the article [Misconceptions about Seasonal Flu and Flu Vaccines](#) can be very useful when discussing the influenza vaccine and its effects.

The CDC also offers a helpful influenza fact sheet providers can use as an educational tool when interacting with parents and caregivers. This influenza fact sheet can be downloaded in both an [English version](#) and a [Spanish version](#).

The Department of Health maintains an [influenza page for the commonwealth](#), with news and updates posted throughout the flu season.

For additional resources on influenza, please visit the [CDC flu resource center](#).



VFC vaccine: Ordering and Reconciling Inventory

- All providers are recommended to order monthly (between the 1st and 15th of the month). To expedite orders, please ensure that all shipments are indicated as accepted and inventories have been reconciled properly.
- You must reconcile your inventory before each order is placed. Requests for vaccines will not be approved if inventory is not reconciled.
- Your inventory on hand should match what is in your refrigerator and freezer.
- To accept your shipments correctly in PA-SIIS, you must enter the total volume received and be sure it matches the total volume shipped. Then select “yes,” so it populates into your inventory. Please contact VFC personnel for assistance at 1-888-646-6864.

Save The Date

2020 Pennsylvania Immunization Conference (PIC'20)

26TH Annual Conference

DATE: Thursday June 18, 2020

LOCATION: Hilton Hotel – Harrisburg, PA

For GPS, use 200 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Visit: <https://ce.med.psu.edu/pennsylvania-immunization-conference/> to learn more

Please add the Vaccines For Children email to your address book: RA-pavfc@pa.gov