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Iowa's Vaccines for Children Program

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Presentation Outline



- Launch of two new vaccine products: Vaxneuvance & PRIORIX
- 2023-24 Influenza Vaccine Pre-book information and demo
- Tips & Tricks to avoid common noncompliance issues
- Q&A - Ask your questions!



Two New VFC Vaccines

Launch of Vaxneuvance & PRIORIX

Vaxneuvance (PCV15)

- New PCV15 vaccine from Merck
- PCV15 (Vaxneuvance) is approved as an option for pneumococcal conjugate vaccination in children 6 weeks-18 years of age according to currently recommended PCV13 dosing and schedules
- For all recommendations, PCV13 (Pfizer) and PCV15 can be used interchangeably
- Store refrigerated at 2 - 8°C (36 - 46°F)
- [Vaccine Summary](#)
- [Vaccine Update:Vaxneuvance \(PCV15\)](#)

Vaxneuvance Ordering Expectations

- Transition to PCV15 is not required
 - Prevnar 13 (PCV13) will continue to be available
- Use existing stock of PCV vaccines prior to switching to PCV15
 - Do not stockpile PCV vaccine
 - Do not waste doses - MUST transfer vaccine to another VFC provider. Transfer is the responsibility of the VFC provider
- Do not change ordering cadence or place a special order for PCV15
 - Order PCV vaccine with routine vaccine order
 - Special/single product orders for PCV15 will be denied

PRIORIX

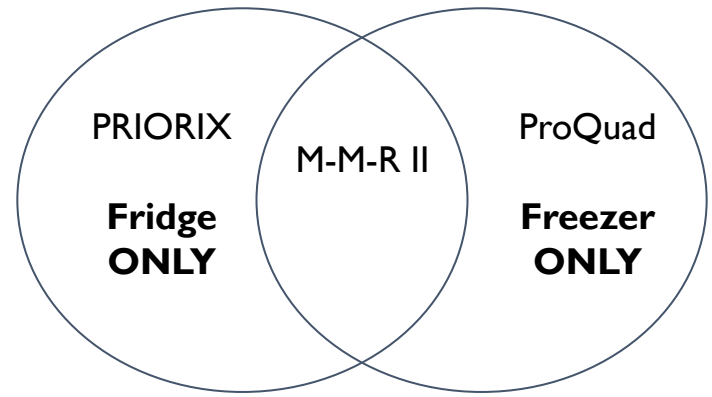
- New MMR vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals
- Routine vaccination: 2 doses are recommended, the first dose at age 12-15 months, and the second dose at age 4-6 years
- Catch-up vaccination: For previously unvaccinated children and adolescents, 2 doses should be administered ≥ 4 weeks apart
- M-M-R II (Merck and Co., Inc.) and PRIORIX are fully interchangeable for all indications for which MMR vaccination is recommended
- [Vaccine Summary](#)
- [Vaccine Update: PRIORIX \(MMR\)](#)

PRIORIX Ordering Expectations

- Transition to PRIORIX is not required
 - M-M-R II (Merck) and ProQuad (MMRV, Merck) available to order
- Use existing stock of M-M-R II (Merck) prior to switching to PRIORIX
 - Do not stockpile MMR vaccine
 - Do not waste doses - MUST transfer vaccine to another VFC provider. Transfer is the responsibility of the VFC provider
- Do not change ordering cadence or put in special order for Priorix
 - Order MMR vaccine with routine vaccine order
 - Special/single product orders for PRIORIX will be denied

PRIORIX - S&H Requirements

- **PRIORIX must be stored in the refrigerator at 36.0° F - 46.0° F (2.0° C - 8.0° C) and CANNOT be stored in the freezer**
 - M-M-R II can be stored in refrigerator or freezer
 - ProQuad can only be stored in freezer



- Storage of PRIORIX in the freezer for any length of time is considered a temperature excursion and needs to be reported.

PRIORIX - Action Items for S&H

- **If the clinic is switching to PRIORIX:**
 - Update [Vaccine Storage and Handling Plan Template - 2022](#)
 - Conduct staff education to avoid S&H errors
 - Post reminder sign on storage units regarding PRIORIX storage and handling requirements
 - Report any S&H incidents to Iowa VFC Program
 - 800-831-6293
 - iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov

- VFC Providers ordering VFC Priorix will receive an email reminder regarding S&H requirements

Questions regarding new vaccines:

- For questions regarding recommendations for use of PCV or MMR vaccine, contact Shelly Jensen, RN BSN at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 2
- For questions regarding vaccine orders, contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 6 or iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov



2023-24 Influenza Vaccine Pre-book Information and Demo

Due February 1, 2023

2023-24 VFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

- Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is pre-booking influenza vaccine for the 2023-2024 influenza season from **January 18 - February 1, 2023**
 - Providers who do not pre-book VFC influenza vaccine may not be able to receive VFC influenza vaccine for the 2023-2024 influenza season
 - Additional doses of VFC influenza vaccine will not be available to order after the pre-booking process
 - Please submit pre-book order in IRIS as soon as possible, but no later than **February 1, 2023**
- [2023-24 Available Pre-book Influenza Vaccine Products](#)
- [Influenza Vaccine Pre-book and Order Receiving Instructions](#)

2023-24 VFC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pre-book

- Providers should review the following information to determine accurate VFC influenza vaccine pre-book amounts:
 - Number of VFC-eligible children seen at the clinic in the previous year
 - VFC influenza vaccine ordered the previous year
 - Influenza vaccine doses administered during the previous influenza season
 - Vaccine wastage data from the previous year
 - Review the [2023-24 Available Pre-book Influenza Vaccine Products](#) for influenza vaccine presentation and age indication information
- Order quantity should include the number of doses needed for each product
- Order quantity is in doses, NOT the number of boxes or packages

2023-24 VFC Influenza Vaccine Shipping

- Shipping to commence when vaccine is available in early September
- Providers may not receive entire pre-booked amount in first shipment
 - Vaccine manufacturers routinely distribute influenza vaccine as it is produced and released by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - Vaccine is distributed in partial shipments to allow all providers to receive a portion of their vaccine order
 - Remaining vaccine amounts distributed as additional vaccine is available
- Iowa is historically ranked #1 for proportion of influenza vaccine doses distributed as soon as product is available

Pre-book Demonstration

- Reviewing VFC influenza vaccine ordered the previous year
- Submitting Pre-book
- Viewing Flu Pre-book in IRIS



Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common Noncompliance Issues

How to ace your next site visit!

Top VFC Non-Compliance Issues

- Reporting Changes of Key Staff
- Vaccine Management Plan
- Backup Temperature Monitoring Devices
- VIS/VAERS
- Disconnection from Power Supply
- Vaccine Administration Fee

I) Reporting Changes to Key Staff

- **Requirement:** All changes in key staff must be communicated to Iowa Immunization Program
 - IRIS Admin users can update Edit Organization Page
 - Primary, back-up, and vaccine delivery contacts
 - Primary & Back-up vaccine coordinators required to complete two You Call the Shots Modules
 - [Vaccines For Children \(VFC\)](#)
 - [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#)

Action Step: Review contacts in IRIS Edit Organization page and communicate change in Medical Director to Iowa VFC Program at iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov

2) VFC Storage & Handling Plan

- **Requirement:** Vaccine S&H Plan must be reviewed and updated at least annually
 - Updated changes in standard operating procedures
 - Whenever S&H recommendations of vaccines are updated
 - New vaccines are added to inventory
 - Review S&H Plan if switching to Priorix (MMR)
 - Update when change in staff that has responsibilities specified in the plan
 - Update review date on document

Action Step: Review clinic S&H Plan today with all immunization staff

3) Backup Temperature Monitoring Devices (DDL)

- **Requirement:**

- At least one backup temperature monitoring device in case a primary device malfunctions or is out for calibration testing
- Meets VFC standard and has a current and valid certificate of calibration
- Backup device should have a different calibration testing schedule than the primary device to ensure it is available when the primary device is tested

Action Step: Ensure a backup digital data logger is readily available

Contact iowaVFC@idph.iowa.gov regarding ordering new DDL

4) Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)

- **Requirement:**
 - Provide current Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) to patient/parent **prior** to each vaccine administration
 - Current VISs:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html>
 - Have readily available, up-to-date VIS for all ACIP-recommended vaccines for clinic population
- **Action Step:** Ensure up-to-date VIS are available for all ACIP-recommended vaccines for clinic population

4) Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

- **Requirement:** Healthcare providers are **required by law** to report to VAERS:
 - Any adverse event listed in the [VAERS Table of Reportable Events Following Vaccination](#) that occurs within the specified time period after vaccinations
 - An adverse event listed by the vaccine manufacturer as a contraindication to further doses of the vaccine
- VAERS accepts all reports, including reports of vaccination errors. [Guidance on reporting vaccination errors](#) is available for additional questions

How to report to VAERS: Submitted online at: <https://vaers.hhs.gov/esub/index.jsp>

- For further assistance reporting, contact VAERS at info@VAERS.org or call 1-800-822-7967
- Additional information on VAERS is available at <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>

Action Step: Review how and when to report clinically significant adverse events after vaccination using VAERS

5) Disconnection from Power Supply

- Take precautions to protect the storage unit's power supply, such as:
 - Plug in only one storage unit per electrical outlet, unit is directly plugged into wall outlet
 - Not plugged into a GFI outlet, extension cord or power strip
 - Post “Do Not Unplug” warning signs at outlets and on storage units
 - Label fuses and circuit breakers to alert people not to turn off power to storage units
 - Labels should include immediate steps to take if power is interrupted
 - Use a safety-lock plug or an outlet cover to prevent unit from being unplugged

Action Step: Review measures taken to ensure vaccine storage units are not accidentally physically disconnected from power supply

6) Vaccine Administration Fee

- **Requirement:**
 - Maximum administration fee is \$19.68 per injection
 - Non-Medicaid VFC-eligible patients who have no health insurance, are American Indian/Alaskan Native, or are underinsured (seen only at FQHC, RHC or LPHA)
 - A vaccine administration fee shall not be charged to Medicaid eligible patient
 - If patients unable to pay vaccine administration fee, administer vaccines and waive fee (do not bill after the date of service)

Action Step: Verify with clinic billing department the organization does not charge a vaccine administration fee exceeding \$19.68 per vaccine dose

VFC Program Resources

- [Iowa HHS VFC Program](#)
- [Immunization Materials Order Form](#): Includes Temp Logs
- [2023 VFC Provider List](#)
- [VFC Operations Guide](#)
 - [MCO/IA Health Link Member ID Cards](#)
 - [MCO/hawk-I Member ID Cards](#)
 - [VFC Eligibility and Insurance Situations - Quick View](#)
- [Vaccines for Children Program \(CDC\)](#)
- Register for 2023 VFC Webinar Series:
 - [April 26, 2023](#)
 - [July 19, 2023](#)
 - [November 29, 2023](#)

Questions?

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Website: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/immmtb/immunization/vfc>