Iowa's
Vaccines for
Children Program

Fall Update Webinar

November 19, 2025





# Housekeeping

- ► All attendees are in "Listen Only" Mode
- Want to ask a question?
  - Type your question into the "Q&A" in the top area of your screen
  - Additional questions can be sent to <u>lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov</u>
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- Questions regarding the VFA Program?
  - Email <u>lowaVFA@hhs.iowa.gov</u>



## **Presentation Outline**

- Programmatic Updates & Reminders
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- ► Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common VFC Program Noncompliance Issues
- Q&A—Ask Your Questions!



# Programmatic Updates & Reminders



# VFC Program Operations Guide Updates

- Removed references to EUA due to discontinuation of EUA products in Program
- Updated MPOX to monkeypox
- Specified VIS distribution requirements
- Currently working on VFC Ops Guide updated document to match CDC format

VFC Operations Guide—2024–2025



#### **Reminder:**

## Update to Underinsured Definition

- ▶ **Underinsured:** the child has health insurance, but the insurance policy:
  - does not cover any ACIP-recommended vaccines,
  - does not cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines (i.e., underinsured for vaccines not covered),
  - (Update) does not provide first dollar coverage for ACIP-recommended vaccines, which includes copays, coinsurance, or deductibles for vaccines and excludes co-pay for office visit or other services, or
  - covers ACIP-recommended vaccines but has a fixed dollar limit (or cap) for payment
    - The child is considered underinsured once the family's policy reaches the fixed dollar amount
- ► Eligible to receive vaccines only if they are served by a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC) or Local Public Health Agency (LPHA)
- ► Matches VFA Program definition



# Reminder: Update to Separating Pediatric Vaccine Stock

- ▶ If a VFC Program provider serves and plans to vaccinate privately insured (non-VFC-eligible) populations, they should stock a separate vaccine supply for the specific vaccines they plan to offer non-VFC-eligible patients.
- ► CDC is not requiring VFC Program providers to maintain a full stock of all ACIP-recommended vaccines for non-VFC-eligible patients if they do not plan to offer all ACIP-recommended vaccines to this population. This guidance includes, but is not limited to, RSV monoclonal antibody products.
  - **Example:** VFC Program providers, including birthing hospitals, that serve both VFC-eligible and non-VFC-eligible patients indicated to receive RSV monoclonal antibody products are not required to maintain a separate stock of this product for any non-VFC-eligible patient they do not plan to immunize with this product.

# Reminder: Update to Separating Pediatric Vaccine Stock, Cont.

- ▶ Providers that plan to vaccinate any non-VFC-eligible patients should have a separate private inventory of vaccines for:
  - Fully insured children
  - Children who are enrolled in Hawki
  - Other underinsured children (i.e., served by provider or facility that is not a federally qualified health center, rural health center or LPHA)
- ► If a VFC Program provider does not carry privately purchased stock, they are not permitted to use VFC Program stock on non-VFC-eligible patients
- ▶ If a VFC Program provider does have privately purchased vaccines in addition to public vaccines, they must clearly separate these two stocks of vaccines

# Immunization Program Phone Tree Changes

Title	Extension
IRIS – Immunization Records	800-831-6293 ext. 0
General Immunization Questions & Perinatal Hepatitis B Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 1
VFC Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 2
Vaccine Distribution Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 3
Assessment Coordinator (IQIP)	800-831-6293 ext. 4
VFC and Assessment Manager	800-831-6293 ext. 5
VFA Program Coordinator	800-831-6293 ext. 5



# **Important 2026 VFC Program Events**

- ▶ January: 2026 You Call the Shots modules released
- ► Mid-January to mid-February: Influenza Prebook
- ▶ July: Annual VFC Program Re-enrollment due
- ► August: 2026-27 Influenza vaccine deliveries

Details to be sent on listserv

## 2026 VFC Program Webinar Series

- ► Wednesday, January 21 at 12 p.m.:

  <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/88528c40-6a0b-4a31-b021-40861b0ce1a4@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/88528c40-6a0b-4a31-b021-40861b0ce1a4@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da</a>
- ► Wednesday, April 22 at 12 p.m.:

  <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/0fcaa7fc-80ae-4f77-b1f2-0e80748440df@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/0fcaa7fc-80ae-4f77-b1f2-0e80748440df@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da</a>
- ► Wednesday, July 22 at 12 p.m.:

  <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e9de5c8a-ca5f-4615-b363-c38bc27269a9@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/e9de5c8a-ca5f-4615-b363-c38bc27269a9@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da</a>
- ► Wednesday, November 18 at 12 p.m.:

  <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/b0c0ddd4-e947-4a66-b520-761a9cd48237@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/b0c0ddd4-e947-4a66-b520-761a9cd48237@8d2c7b4d-085a-4617-8536-38a76d19b0da</a>

Webinars are recorded and can be found on Iowa VFC Program website: <a href="https://hhs.iowa.gov/immunization/vfc">https://hhs.iowa.gov/immunization/vfc</a>



# **Upcoming Delivery Holds**

- ► Deliveries made by UPS & FedEx
- Review and update delivery hours with each order
  - Required to have at least one four-hour consecutive period on a day other than a Monday to receive shipments
  - Hours do not update in IRIS unless included on a submitted order

McKesson may place temporary holds due to severe weather conditions in Iowa or at the warehouse site



# **Upcoming Holiday Holds**

- Upcoming delivery holds this quarter:
  - Wednesday, November 26–Friday, November 28, 2025
  - Monday, December 22–Friday, January 2, 2026
  - Monday, January 19, 2026
- ► Holiday holds:
  - Vaccine orders after Wednesday, December 10, may not be delivered before January 2026
  - Orders can still be placed in IRIS



## **New Vaccine: MenABCWY**

- ► GSK's MenABCWY vaccine (PENMENVY) may be used when both MenACWY and MenB are indicated at the same visit
  - 1. Healthy person aged 16-23 (routine schedule) when shared clinical decision-making favors administration of MenB vaccine and
  - Persons aged ≥10 years who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease (e.g. because of persistent complement deficiencies, complement inhibitor use, or functional or anatomic asplenia)
- ► ACIP recommendation adopted by the HHS Secretary on June 25, 2025, and is now an official recommendation of the CDC

Package insert Penmenvy (MenABCWY)

More information about ACIP Recommendations

# New Vaccine: MenABCWY, cont.

- Penmenvy is available to VFC Program providers
  - MenB component is Bexsero (GSK)
- Penbraya is another MenABCWY product available through the VFC Program
  - MenB component is Trumenba (Pfizer)
- ▶ Vaccines are not considered interchangeable due to the different MenB components

Package insert Penmenvy (MenABCWY)

More information about ACIP Recommendations

# New Product: RSV Monoclonal Antibody Enflonsia (Clesrovimab)

- ► Enflonsia (Clesrovimab), a long-acting monoclonal antibody, manufactured by Merck, for the prevention of RSV-associated lower respiratory tract disease
- ▶ Recommendations:
  - ACIP recommends 1 dose of Clesrovimab as an option for RSV protection in infants aged <8 months born during or entering their first RSV season
  - Can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines
- Enflonsia is available to VFC Program providers

## **New Vaccines: COVID-19**

Product	Age Indication	NDC
2025-2026 Moderna Spikevax	6 months – 11 years	80777-0113-80
2025-2026 Moderna Spikevax	12 + years	80777-0112-96
2025-2026 Pfizer-BioNTech Comirnaty	5-11 years	00069-2501-10
2025-2026 Pfizer BioNTech Comirnaty	12 + years	00069-2528-10
2025-2026 Novavax Nuvaxovid	12 + years	80631-0207-10



# **Ordering Incorrect Products**

- Several VFC Program Providers have ordered the incorrect brand or product in IRIS
- ▶ Iowa VFC Program does not have the capacity to accept returns of viable vaccines ordered incorrectly
- VFC Program providers will need to either:
  - Use the vaccines
  - Facilitate transfer to another VFC Program provider to use
- ▶ Use or transfer of vaccine must occur before ordering more vaccine
- ► Contact <a href="mailto:lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov">lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov</a> with questions

# Vaccine Deliveries: TagAlert Temperature Monitors in Refrigerated Coolers

- ▶ New temperature monitors (TagAlert) in shipments from McKesson
- ► TagAlert temperature monitors should be discarded and do not need to be returned to McKesson
- ► Each shipment includes a flyer with unpacking steps, TagAlert instructions and cooler return instructions to assist staff responsible for receiving vaccine shipments

Action item: Upon opening the box, providers should immediately press the blue "Stop & Start" button until the "Stop" icon appears. Then, read the indicator status to determine if the appropriate temperature was maintained during transit.



# Vaccine Deliveries: Vaccines Compromised During Shipment

If a provider believes a vaccine shipment was compromised, they must immediately contact the Iowa VFC Program at 800-831-6293, or <a href="IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov">IowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov</a>. DO NOT DISPOSE OF THE SHIPMENT until guidance has been received.

#### Providers should also contact:

- McKesson Centralized Distribution: Contact centralized distribution immediately at 877-TEMP123 (877-836-7123). This must be done the same day vaccines arrive Reporting later may result in the Iowa VFC Program being responsible for the spoiled vaccines regardless of the reason for the excursion.
- Direct Ship vaccines (Merck or Pfizer frozen vaccines): Contact the Iowa VFC Program Shipment issues may also be reported directly to Merck via their <u>CDC/VFC Vaccine Inquiry Form</u>.

Providers must contact the manufacturer directly with questions about storage temperature or temperature excursions for specific vaccines. Manufacturers have access to internal thermostability data concerning the impact of exposures to inappropriate temperatures or light for each vaccine lot.



# 2024-25 & 2025-26 Respiratory Season Updates



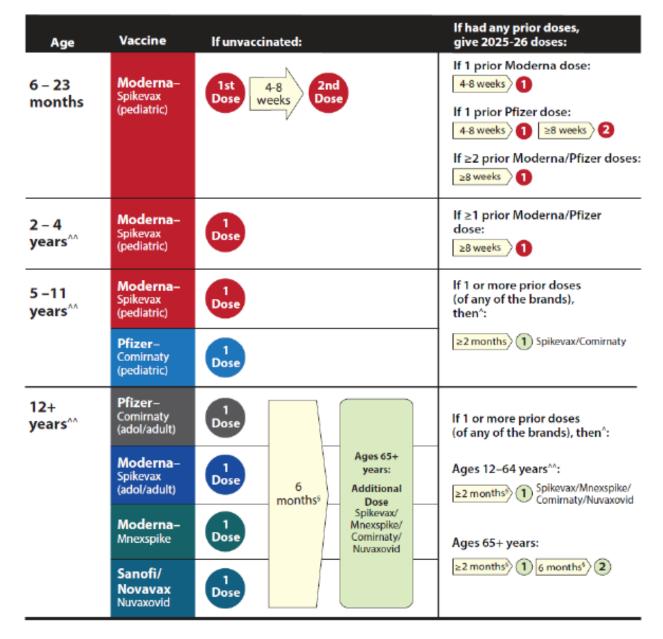
# 2025-26 COVID-19 Routine Vaccination Schedule

^ Janssen (J & J) vaccine has been deauthorized. Follow schedule for 12+ years for any prior doses.

§ Minimum interval 2 months, except for Mnexspike, the minimum interval is 3 months.

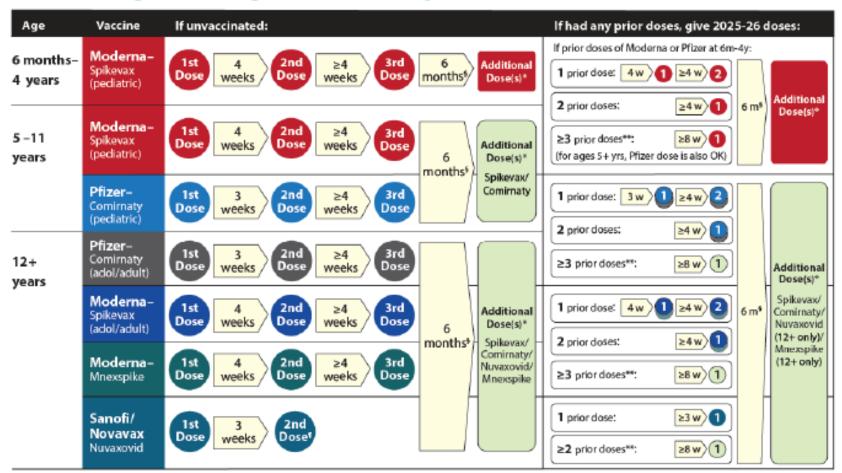
^^ Vaccination is especially recommended to 2–64-year-olds who have risk factors, are in close contact with others with risk factors, or have never been vaccinated.

Adapted from the California Department of Public Health





# 2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccine Moderately/Severely Immunocompromised Vaccination Schedule



# **2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccine Routine Vaccination Schedule**

Adapted from the California Department of Public Health

- \* Further doses may be given under shared clinical decision-making at a minimum interval of 2 months.
- \*\* Ages 5-11 years may be given Moderna or Pfizer after >3 prior doses. Ages 12+ years may be given Spikevax, Comirnaty, Nuvaxovid, or Mnexspike.
- § Minimum interval 2 months, except for Mnexspike, the minimum interval is 3 months.
- ¶ If >8 weeks passed since the first Novavax dose, any 2025–26 COVID-19 vaccine (Spikevax/Comirnaty/Nuvaxovid/Mnexspike) may be given.

# 2025-26 COVID-19 Vaccines VFC Program Policy

- ➤ COVID-19 vaccine has been added to the list of non-routine vaccines with updated guidance for stocking inventory of non-routine vaccines
- Given the unique considerations of COVID-19 vaccination, it may not be practical for all VFC providers to stock this vaccine for VFC-eligible patients
- ► Iowa VFC Program will identify accessible locations where VFC-eligible children can be referred
  - VFC Program providers are still encouraged to carry
     COVID-19 vaccines to vaccinate their patient populations



# Return Expired 2024-25 COVID-19 Vaccines

VFC Program providers are expected to return **all spoiled and expired VFC vaccines**, including 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines, as soon as possible within the first 30 days but not to exceed six months after expiration date

- Return single dose syringes, unopened single dose vials, and unopened multi-dose vials to McKesson
- Products in open boxes can be returned, however opened multi-dose vials cannot be returned
- Shipping label is only valid for 30 days

**Nonviable Vaccine Return Instructions** 



# Influenza Vaccine Shipments

- ▶ Nearly all prebook orders have been fulfilled.
- ► Additional influenza vaccines can be requested at <a href="mailto:lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov">lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov</a>.
  - Available product: FluLaval, single dose syringe, administer down to 6 months of age
  - Request to include: VFC PIN (A12345) and
     Number of Doses requested (quantities of 10)

## Abrysvo (Pfizer) Maternal RSV Vaccine

- ► Abrysvo vaccine is now available through the VFC Program by request only for administration to VFC-eligible patients to protect infants from RSV
  - VFC Program eligibility criteria still apply
  - Specialty vaccine, most VFC Program providers do not need to carry
  - To order: Add note in IRIS order requesting doses for eligible patients

#### ► Recommendations:

- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, CDC and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine recommend prenatal vaccination from September 2025 through January 31, 2026, of all pregnant women between 32 weeks and 36 weeks and 6 days of gestation with a single dose of RSV vaccine (Abrysvo, Pfizer)
- RSV vaccine can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

# RSV Monoclonal Antibody Products: Clesrovimab & Nirsevimab

#### Nirsevimab (Beyfortus) Recommendations:

- ACIP recommends 1 dose of nirsevimab for all infants aged <8 months born during or entering their first RSV season (50 mg or 100 mg)
- ACIP recommends 1 dose of nirsevimab (200 mg, administered as two 100 mg injections given at the same time at different injection sites) for infants and children aged 8-19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and entering their second RSV season
- Can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

#### **Enflonsia (Clesrovimab) Recommendations:**

- ACIP recommends 1 dose of Clesrovimab as an option for RSV protection in infants aged <8 months born during or entering their first RSV season</li>
- Can be co-administered with other recommended vaccines

# Respiratory Season Summary

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine:**

- Ordering started in October
- Allocation model from CDC

#### Influenza Vaccine:

- Distribution started in August
- Allocation model from CDC
- Additional doses available contact <u>lowaVFC@hhs.iowa.gov</u>.

#### **Maternal RSV Vaccine:**

- Ordering started in July, can use unexpired vaccine from previous seasons
- Administration started Sept. 1
- Allocation model from CDC, must request doses from VFC Program

# RSV monoclonal antibody products (Nirsevimab, Clesrovimab)

- Ordering started in August, can use unexpired vaccine from previous seasons
- Administration started October 1
- Allocation model from CDC



# Improving Vaccination Rates



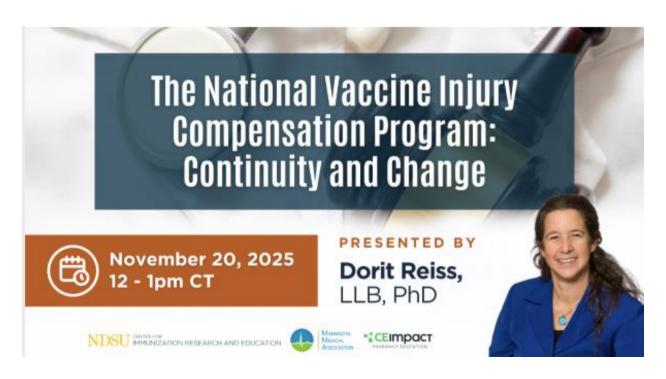
## **Measles Resources**

- ► Action item: Healthcare providers should ensure children are current on routine immunizations, including MMR
- Measles Immunization Toolkit:
  - Post Copy with images
  - Social media image post 1
  - Social media image post 2
  - Social media image post 3
- ▶ Cases: Report immediately by phone to Iowa HHS Division of Public Health, Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) at (800) 362-2736 or after hours (515) 323-4360.

\*Not a VFC Program requirement



# The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: Continuity and Change Webinar



#### More information:

https://www.ndsu.edu/centers/immunize/events\_and\_educational\_opportunities/national-vaccine-injury-compensation-program



### **IRIS Instructions**

#### **Doses Administered Report Instructions**



## Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

#### **Doses Administered Report Instructions**

#### January 2025

The following instructions detail how to generate a doses administered report in IRIS. The doses administered report provides the number of doses an organization administered from IRIS inventory during a select date range.

1. Select the "doses administered" link on the menu panel under the Reports section.

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doses administered

Enter the select date range. The "From" field is the oldest date and the "To" field the most recent date. Select the "Generate Report" button.

Report Date Range From: 08/01/2023	Doses Administered Report Criteria										
Generate Report	From: 08/01/2023 To 06/30/2024 To										

3. A PDF will generate and display doses administered from IRIS inventory during the date range selected. The doses administered will display Group Name, Trade Name and VFC status. Additionally, doses administered are displayed by patient age range and include a total doses administered count. A Patient Count total appears as the last row of the report.

Group Name	Trade Name	WFC	«Туг	1 yr	2 yrs	3-5 yrs	бутя	7-18 yrs	11-12 yrs	13-18 yrs	19-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65+ yrs	Total
Zosler	Zostawax	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	- 1
Td/Tdap	Adacel	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MMR	MMR II	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
DTP/aP	Infanrix	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	- 1
COVID19	Pfizer COVID-19	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
COVID19	Moderna COVID-19	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	8
DTP/aP	DAPTACEL	No	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	- 1
Total					0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	2	7	15
Patient Count					0	0	0	D	2	0	3	1	2	7	15

Questions can be directed to 1-800-374-3958

#### **Transaction Summary Instructions**



## Immunization Registry Information System (IRIS)

#### **Transaction Summary Report Instructions**

#### January 2025

The following instructions detail how to generate a transaction summary report in IRIS. The transaction summary report provides the number of doses an organization administered, transferred, received, wasted, and expired from IRIS inventory during a select date range.

 Select the "transaction summary" link on the menu panel under the Inventory section.



Enter the select date range. The "From" field is the oldest date and the "To" field the most recent date. Select the "Generate Report" button.



3. A PDF will generate and display transactions involving IRIS inventory during the date range selected. The report will display Immunizations Given, Transferred, Rejected and Restocked, Received, Wasted, Error, Expired, Payback, and Total by Group Name, Trade Name and VFC status. A total number of transactions appears as the last row and column of the report.

Group Name	Trade Name	WC	Imms Gwen	Transferred	Restocked Doses	Received	Wasted	Error	Expered	Payback	Totals
COVID19	2023-2024 Moderna Spikevax COVID-19	Yes	0	0	0	70	0	0	70	0	140
COVID19	2023-2024 Pfizer COVID-19 Commaty	Yes	1	0	0	10	0	0	9	0	20
COVID19	COMPNATY	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COVID19	Pfizer COVID-19 Bivalent Booster 12yr+	Yes	- 6	0	0	126	57	0	123	0	312
COVID19	Pfizer COVID19 Bivalent Booster 5-11 yr	Yes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Influenza-seasni	FluLaval quad, P-free	Yes	0	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	40
	Totals		7	20	0	226	57	0	202	0	512

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https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-prevention/providersprofessionals/immunization-registry-information-system-iris

# Tips & Tricks to Avoid Common VFC Program Noncompliance Issues

Summer 2025 Activities



# **VFC Storage & Handling Plan**

#### Requirement:

- Vaccine S&H Plan must be reviewed, signed, 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—
     e.g., did you add clesrovimab, penmenvy or COVID-19 vaccines
     recently? Update your S&H Plan!
- Update when change in staff that has responsibilities specified in the plan
- Update review date and signature on document

#### **Action Step:**

Review clinic S&H Plan today with all Immunization Program staff



## **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 Medicaideligible 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

More information available in the VFC Operations Guide.

# Access to a Back-up DDL

#### Requirement:

- ▶ lowa VFC providers shall have at least one back-up DDL, meeting VFC requirements with a valid and current certificate of calibration readily available
  - Back-up device is recommended to have a different calibration expiration date from the primary DDL
  - If the back-up device is not physically on-site, a plan must be in place documenting how the back-up device will be accessed within an acceptable timeframe

**Action item:** Ensure VFC Program provider location has access to a back-up DDL

# Ordering Replacement DDLs

- ▶ Immunization Program has Log Tag 400s available to VFC providers at no cost.
- ► Send email request to <a href="mailto:lowa/FC@hhs.iowa.gov">lowa/FC@hhs.iowa.gov</a> containing:
  - VFC PIN
  - Number of refrigerator DDLs requested
  - Number of freezer DDLs requested
  - If a docking station is needed

# General Reminders & Resources



#### Final IRIS Webinar of 2025

- ► Topics will include:
  - IRIS inventory management
  - Mass vaccination
  - Reminder recall
  - Vaccine transfers
  - Document vaccine doses administered
  - Documentation of vaccine wastage
  - Patient search tips
  - How to unlock user accounts and reset user passwords
- Registration is required for each session via Teams
- **► 2025 IRIS Webinar Schedule**
- Contact the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 with any questions

Tuesday, December 9, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 241 386 777 041; Passcode: mH3w8ZG6 Register here.



# **VFC Program Resources**

- ► Iowa HHS Immunization Program: https://hhs.iowa.gov/immunization
- ► VFC Program: https://hhs.iowa.gov/public-health/immunization/vfc
- Iowa HHS Immunization Materials:
  Online order form
- ► Iowa Public Health Tracking Portal—Immunization Data: https://hhs.iowa.gov/data-reports/health-disease/immunization

