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The Colorado Immunization Program is pleased to announce that we have launched the VTrckS Provider Order Pilot (VPOP) starting July 2009. We are excited about this new opportunity and want to share the details to encourage your continued participation.

**What is it?**
VPOP is an online ordering system. The VPOP Pilot system will remain in service until the full release of VTrckS is implemented. At that point, the Web Order functionality will be “upgraded” to contain a more robust set of VTrckS features. The anticipated timeframe for full VTrckS implementation is 2010. Providers who participate in this pilot are encouraged to continue using the Internet based system with the first release of the new VTrckS system.

**Benefits?**
- Rolling-out a pilot version of VTrckS for providers will enable you to give earlier feedback to the CDC development team on the web order interface. This feedback can be incorporated into later releases of the VTrckS system.
- Reducing the manual data entry we currently perform to process orders
- A potentially quicker turnaround time on orders received

**What to Expect?**
- A monthly survey emailed to active VPOP users to collect and incorporate feedback that will allow the CDC to assess the system.
- Provide continued support to providers from the VPOP Helpdesk and the VFC Program
- Continue phasing in new users and getting the users activated to use the system
- Continue successfully receiving and processing orders in a more efficient timely manner.

**Questions?**
Please contact Nicole Ortiz, VFC Operations Coordinator at 303-692-2334 or Nicole.Ortiz@state.co.us OR
the VPOP Helpdesk at 1-877-878-6247 or usvmbip@cdc.gov to answer any questions you may have about VPOP.

**FYI -**
Past editions of the Colorado VFC Update and all memos and correspondence sent via fax can be reviewed on the CDPHE Immunization Program website. Just click on the “Vaccines For Children” topic link from the navigation bar on the left side of the home page to be directed to the VFC information.
http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization/index.html
CHANGES TO POLIO VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

In the July Update, providers were made aware of the changes in the ACIP recommendations for polio vaccine. In short, the recommendation for the minimum interval was changed from 4 weeks to 6 months between doses 3 and 4.

This has led to some confusion with regards to the “catch-up schedule.” Please remember that this schedule should only be used if the child started getting vaccinations after 4 months of age, or the child is behind one or more months.

The catch-up schedule and minimum intervals are the exceptions to the rule, and should NEVER be used as the guidelines to routinely vaccinate children.

A child who has received only 3 doses of inactivated polio vaccine is not considered fully immunized until the “booster dose” is given at school entry (usually age 4-6 years). However, IF the child didn't get the third dose until age 4 or older, that child is only considered to be up to date for school entry, (provided all other intervals between doses of IPV given were valid).

In order for a child in this situation to be considered fully immunized against polio, the 4th dose should be given when the 6-month interval has elapsed between dose 3 and dose 4.

In addition, ACIP clarified the poliovirus vaccination schedule to be used for specific combination vaccines:

- When DTaP-IPV/Hib (Pentacel) is used to provide 4 doses at ages 2, 4, 6, and 15-18 months, an additional booster dose of age-appropriate IPV-containing vaccine (IPV [Ipol] or DTaP-IPV [Kinrix]) should be administered at age 4-6 years. This will result in a 5-dose IPV vaccine series, which is considered acceptable by ACIP. DTaP-IPV/Hib is not indicated for the booster dose at age 4-6 years.

- ACIP recommends that the minimum interval from dose 4 to dose 5 should be at least 6 months to provide an optimum booster response. In accordance with existing recommendations, if a child misses an IPV dose at age 4-6 years, the child should receive a booster dose as soon as feasible.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES!
Communicating with Patients: Vaccine Truth vs. Myth

Dr. Michael J. Smith, Asst Professor of Pediatrics, University of Louisville
Hosted by the Immunization Coalition of Weld County

DATE: Wednesday, October 21
TIME: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
LOCATION: Greeley County Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER NOW PLEASE VISIT: www.childrensimmunization.org/WeldCountyEvent
REGISTER NOW FOR THE CDC’S VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASE COURSE

Please join us for the “Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Disease” course!

This live, two-day course provides a comprehensive review of immunization, vaccine-preventable diseases, and their respective vaccines. The course will provide the most up-to-date immunization information from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

This course is presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from Atlanta, and will be offered November 16 and 17 at the Westin Hotel in Westminster, Colorado.

The course text is the current version (11th edition) of the Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases, better known as the Pink Book, and each individual in attendance will receive a copy.

Registration fee is $105 from now until October 2, and $135 from October 3-23.

More information can be obtained at:
http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/immunization/2009VPD/2009VPDmainpagelistinglinks.pdf,
or by calling Lynn McCracken at 1-(303) 692-2447.

You can register for the course at:
https://www.formspring.com/forms/?679752-foeRBuPR7B

***There is currently a $75 discount for the first 100 registrants, so register now to take advantage of this valuable offer!

LATE BREAKING NEWS!!!!

This information was just received from the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC). The Colorado VFC program thought it important to share this with our providers!

September 8, 2009

ACIP ISSUES PROVISIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF COMBINATION VACCINES

On August 28, CDC posted "ACIP Provisional Recommendations for the Use of Combination Vaccines" on its website. In this document, ACIP states that the use of a combination vaccine generally is preferred over separate injections of its equivalent component vaccines. Considerations should include provider assessment, patient preference, and the potential for adverse events. Provider assessment should include the number of injections, vaccine availability, likelihood of improved coverage, likelihood of patient return, and storage and cost consideration.

To access the full provisional recommendations in ready-to-print (PDF) format, go to:

To access all provisional ACIP recommendations, go to:
http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/provisional/default.htm

To access all finalized ACIP recommendations, go to:
http://www.immunize.org/acip
2010 - VACCINE BORROWING

Just as providers are accountable to their employers or employees, and children are accountable to their parents, the Colorado Vaccines for Children Program is accountable to the CDC for all vaccine that we purchase on your behalf for your VFC eligible children. Over the years, the CDC has asked that state programs monitor the providers that are enrolled in the VFC program to make sure that the vaccines are being stored and cared for as directed by the manufacturers. Vaccines are a very expensive inventory in any provider’s office, as anyone who has had a vaccine loss can attest.

Starting in 2010, the CDC has asked that ALL providers begin accounting for ALL doses of VFC vaccines that are borrowed from providers’ private stock vaccines, or conversely, private stock vaccine that is borrowed for a VFC-eligible child during the year. The Colorado VFC program staff will supply you with appropriate forms and detailed instructions when we have been provided with complete instructions and forms from the CDC. Of course, the ultimate goal is to never have to borrow vaccines, but if the need arises, the incident needs to be documented correctly, and must be available for review, if necessary.

GSK Hib Vaccine to come to US market in October

Glaxo-Smith-Kline is set to enter the US vaccine market in October with their single antigen Hib vaccine, Hiberix®. Hiberix® has been successfully used in the European market for several years, and once it is approved in the US, the vaccine will be available to distribute to ease the shortage of single antigen Hib vaccine still being faced by US vaccine providers. Once the VFC program has permission from the CDC to begin ordering, we will notify our providers.

VFC Flu Vaccine Distribution Update

As of this week we have begun shipping orders equaling ~24,000 doses. *The inventory at this time is roughly 50/50 multi-dose vials and flu-mist. Now that the inventory is increasing in McKesson, you should expect to see the VFC supply in clinics more consistently in the coming weeks. You can expect to receive partial orders until our allocation increases.

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