



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Vaccine Supply Update

Dear VFC Provider,

The California VFC Program will be launching 3 newly licensed vaccines soon, which will be integrated into our online ordering system MyVFCVaccines. We will send additional notification once these vaccines are ready for your practice to order.

Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine (HPV9)

- The California VFC Program is preparing to transition providers from Merck's HPV4 (Gardasil) to Merck's newly licensed 9-valent HPV vaccine (**Gardasil® 9**) by mid-June 2015.
- HPV9 offers protection against an additional 5 high risk HPV types, attributable to 14% and 5% of HPV associated cancers in females and males, respectively, as compared to the quadrivalent HPV vaccine (HPV4)¹.
- To manage existing HPV vaccine inventories, we will begin to actively reduce HPV vaccine orders submitted to VFC prior to the HPV9 launch, limiting inventory to a 4-week supply for all providers. However, once HPV9 is launched we will allow all providers to submit a supplemental order for the new vaccine.
- Once HPV9 is introduced, HPV4 will no longer be available to VFC providers. Guidance on existing HPV4 supply once HPV9 is available will be forthcoming.
- In order to prevent any missed opportunity for immunizing adolescent patients, routine immunization of patients with existing HPV vaccines should not be interrupted.

Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccines

- 2 new vaccines will be available by late-June 2015, **Trumenba® (Pfizer)** and **Bexsero® (Novartis)**
- Both vaccines are recommended only for certain high-risk children aged 10 through 18 years, with an increased risk for meningococcal disease serogroup B.
- Since the Meningococcal Serogroup B Vaccines are recommended only for certain high-risk patients, these vaccines will be available to order under our Special Order Vaccines Section and the quantity ordered will be limited.

¹<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6411a3.htm>

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