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TO: Vaccines for Children (VFC) Providers

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SUBJECT: New Temperature Logs and Resources for 2015

BACKGROUND

The California VFC Program is launching updated temperature monitoring logs and resources for use effective January 2015. This communication describes key changes. The revisions will help VFC Providers more accurately document temperatures and take action if temperatures go out of range. Please recycle unused versions of older materials at the end of December 2014 and begin using the new materials in the New Year.

2015 VFC REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER TEMPERATURE LOGS

The new refrigerator and freezer logs are available in both Celsius and Fahrenheit. Both versions include the following key changes:

- The revised 2-page format, back by popular demand, displays Days 1-15 and 16-31, instead of the current 4-page format.
- New fields are added to specify the location of storage units. This will be particularly helpful for clinics with multiple units.
- Temperature ranges are displayed in color and include step-by-step guidance to take in the case of too warm and too cold temperatures. This will help providers identify and respond to out-of-range temperatures.
- A signature and acknowledgement section is added. Staff who monitor and record temperatures must sign and initial each entry, acknowledging the logged temperature is correct and that appropriate action was taken.
- A new quality assurance component is added. Each week the practice's on-site supervisor must review the completed log and verify it was appropriately and accurately completed, that out of-range temperatures were identified, and that any action taken was documented.
- An excursion page for each temperature recording period (Days 1-15 and 16-31) is added to provide space to describe an incident, corrective actions taken, and results.

ACTION GUIDES FOR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER LOGS

New one-page guides, available in Fahrenheit and Celsius, outline steps to take in the event of out-of-range temperatures. The guides help providers decide whether vaccines should be used and when to contact the VFC Program. Post a guide near each storage unit.

HOW TO RECORD REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER TEMPERATURES JOB AIDS

These popular job aids are updated with step-by-step directions and new graphics. Review them with all staff monitoring temperatures before implementing the new temperature logs.

OBTAINING NEW VERSIONS OF THE TEMPERATURE LOGS AND RESOURCES

Temperature logs are available to download from EZIZ. The VFC Program plans to make available printed temperature logs, in tear-off pad form, in early 2015.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please call your VFC Field Representative or the VFC Program at 877-243-8832 (877-2GET-VFC) or visit www.EZIZ.org

Resource Links

- [Routine Vaccine Management Plan IMM-1122 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Emergency Vaccine Management Plan IMM-1123 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Temperature Logs 2015: New Actions, New Look flier IMM-1151 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Refrigerator Temperature Log F^o IMM-1125 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Freezer Temperature Log F^o IMM-1126 \(12/14\)](#)
- [How to Record Refrigerator Temperatures Job Aid F^o IMM-1029 \(12/14\)](#)
- [How to Record Freezer Temperatures Job Aid F^o IMM-1028 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Refrigerator Action Guide F^o IMM-1147 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Freezer Action Guide F^o IMM-1148 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Refrigerator Temperature Log C^o IMM-1127 \(12/14\)](#)
- [Freezer Temperature Log C^o IMM-1128 \(12/14\)](#)
- [How to Record Refrigerator Temperatures Job Aid C^o IMM-1029C \(12/14\)](#)
- [How to Record Freezer Temperatures Job Aid C^o IMM-1028C \(12/14\)](#)
- [Refrigerator Action Guide C^o IMM-1147C \(12/14\)](#)
- [Freezer Action Guide C^o IMM-1148C \(12/14\)](#)