

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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VFC Program Updates

Dear VFC Provider,

VFC Customer Service Center Closure:

The VFC Program Customer Service Center will be closed on the following date:

• Tuesday, July 4, 2017 (Fourth of July Holiday)

Orders will continue to be received during this time and normal business hours will resume after the holiday.

2016 - 2017 Influenza Vaccine Update:

- Most 2016-2017 flu products have either expired or are soon to expire at the end of June. If
 you have expired doses on-hand, please remove them from your storage unit immediately.
- Complete and submit a VFC Return Form by logging into your <u>MyVFCvaccines</u> account. Please
 ensure that doses shipped back to McKesson have been accounted for in a corresponding
 Return Form. Do <u>not</u> include expired private vaccine doses, broken vials or syringes, open
 multi-dose vials, or vaccine doses that are not included on the Return Form.
- Return shipping labels are only valid for 30 days; ensure expired flu doses are returned to McKesson as soon as possible.
- Each return shipping label requested in the <u>Return Form</u> is associated with that specific Return
 ID. The return shipment should only contain the vaccines listed in the corresponding Return
 Form.
- Begin forming your influenza vaccination plans to ensure all children and adolescents in your practice are protected. Review the number of VFC-eligible children in your practice, review influenza vaccination schedules, assess the available space in your vaccine storage unit to ensure proper storage, etc.

NOTE: The 2017-2018 Influenza Vaccine Order Confirmation system is coming soon! Keep an eye out for the notification.