Vaccine Supply Updates and Call Center Closure

Current Vaccine Supply

There have been several changes to vaccine supply recently due to varying reasons. We routinely share any vaccine supply updates under the ‘Vaccine Order Status’ tab on the EZIZ home page. Please read below for details on recent vaccine supply updates.

- **Rotavirus (ROTARIX®) Formulation Change**
  ROTARIX® vials with oral dosing applicators (NDC 58160-0854-52) have been discontinued and replaced with ROTARIX® oral dosing applicators only (NDC 58160-0740-21). The old formulation required reconstitution with the diluent before administration, while the new formulation is fully liquid and does not require reconstitution or dilution. The new formulation is now available through the VFC vaccine order form. Please continue to maintain best practices by rotating your inventory and using your current inventory of ROTARIX® before ordering and administering the new formulation of ROTARIX®. For additional details, please see the VFC update on ROTARIX® sent on March 6th.

- **Hepatitis A (VAQTA®) Supply**
  VAQTA® single-dose prefilled syringes (NDC 00006-4095-02) are currently unavailable due to a temporary supply constraint. We are expecting this product to be back in inventory and available in April and beyond. In the meantime, VAQTA® single-dose vials (NDC 00006-4831-41) are currently available until the syringes return to inventory and are made available on our VFC vaccine order form.

- **Tdap Use While Td Supplies Are Limited**
  Following an interruption in the distribution of TDVAX that occurred between December 2022 and early March 2023, the national supply and ordering for Td vaccine in the United States is being closely monitored. CDC has instituted
temporary ordering controls for all states to mitigate a potential supply constraint for Td vaccine through June 2023. 
To assist providers during this period, CDC developed the following guidance:
  o Tdap vaccine is an acceptable alternative to Td vaccine, including when a tetanus booster is indicated for wound management. The only time Tdap vaccine is not an acceptable alternative is in very rare cases where a person has a specific contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccines.
  o The limited supply of Td vaccine needs to be preserved for those with a contraindication to receiving pertussis-containing vaccines.
  o CDC recommends that vaccination providers transition to use of **Td vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible**. This recommendation will remain in place until the period of temporary ordering controls for Td vaccine has been resolved.

- **FluMist® and Other Flu Presentations**
FluMist® pre-filled syringes (AstraZeneca) are no longer available to order through the VFC Program for the remainder of the 2022-2023 flu vaccine season. However, all other flu products are still available. Providers should continue to order remaining doses of 2022-2023 influenza vaccine (pre-booked or allocated by VFC if pre-book was not submitted) for their practice. Log in to your MyVFCVaccines account to access the 2022-2023 Flu Vaccine Order form and submit your Flu Vaccine orders, as needed, through June 2023.

  **As a reminder, flu vaccine usage and inventory are required with every VFC vaccine order (both flu and non-flu vaccine orders).** To expedite the submission and processing of your vaccine order, make sure you are ready to report VFC flu vaccine doses administered since your previous order and the number of flu vaccine doses on-hand by lot number.

**Customer Service Center Closure**

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

- **Friday, March 31, 2023 (Cesar Chavez Day)**

Orders will continue to be received during the call center closure. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, April 3, 2023. Please ensure that your practice has an adequate supply of VFC vaccines in stock to prevent running out of inventory during holiday closures.