



January 8, 2024

McKesson Warm Temperature Monitors, RSV and COVID Vaccine Supply, VFC Recertification, and Call Center Closures

New McKesson Warm Temperature Monitor

Beginning the week of January 8th, the McKesson Distribution Center will temporarily begin shipping refrigerated coolers using one of two different warm temperature monitors. Coolers may contain the familiar 3M monitor or may contain a new monitor called SpotSee. Both monitors serve the same purpose, and both have been thoroughly tested for effectiveness. Providers will not receive both monitors in the same cooler. This temporary change in temperature monitors will be in place until approximately February 1st when a new and improved temperature monitor will be used for refrigerated shipments. More information will be available shortly once we receive additional updates from McKesson.

Please also remember to check for temperature excursions immediately upon receipt of all vaccine shipments. If an excursion occurs, it must also be reported to the VFC Central Office (877-243-8832) immediately. Refer to [this McKesson resource](#) for examples of the current 3M monitor and the new SpotSee monitor information cards for how to read and report excursions during shipment.

VFC RSV Immunizations

- New CDC Guidance on Nirsevimab Use (01/05/2024): In the setting of increasing supply, healthcare providers should administer a single dose of nirsevimab to all infants aged less than 8 months, as well as children aged 8 through 19 months at increased risk. For providers who continued to have limited supply, nirsevimab should be prioritized to protect infants at highest risk for severe disease. Limited

opportunities remain to prevent severe RSV. It is imperative to order, use, and reorder remaining supplies of nirsevimab as soon as possible. See [updated CDC nirsevimab guidance](#) for more details. For more information about options for optimizing RSV protection for infants, [refer to this resource](#).

- Abrysvo: available soon through the VFC Program for pregnant VFC-eligible patients. More information will be communicated when the product is available to order.

Reminder: New Refrigerated Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for 12y+

The previous Pfizer 12y+ COVID-19 vaccine has been replaced with a new refrigerator-only formulation (NDC 00069-2377-10). This new presentation is packaged in a carton of 10 manufacturer-filled syringes (MFS). Providers who have the original Pfizer 12y+ COVID-19 vaccine on hand can and should continue to use this product until it is consumed, expired, or has been stored at 2–8 °C for longer than the allowable 10 weeks. See the [COVID-19 Vaccine Product Guide](#) for more details.

2024 VFC Recertification is Still Open

VFC Recertification is still open! Please review the [Program Letter](#) sent on December 20th for details and tips on completing recertification for this season. Log in to your [MyVFCVaccines account](#) now to submit before the deadline of January 31st, 2024. Please also remember to complete the Provider Satisfaction Survey at the end of recertification. We value your participation feedback and hope to hear from you soon!

Customer Service Center Closures

The VFC Customer Service Center will be closed on the following dates/times:

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 12-5 pm (Staff Development)
- Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (Staff Development)
- Monday, January 15, 2024 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Orders will continue to be received during these call center closures. Normal business hours will resume after each event.

For any questions, please call the VFC Customer Service Center at (877) 243-8832 or visit our [website](#) for important VFC Program communications and information.

Thank you,

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