

Vaccines for Children Program

March 26, 2024

Vaccine Supply, Shipments, and Call Center Closure Updates

Limited Td Supplies – Use Tdap When Possible

Historically, two tetanus and diphtheria (Td) vaccine products have been available for use in the United States:

- TdVaxTM, manufactured by MassBiologics
- Tenivac[®], manufactured by Sanofi

MassBiologics has discontinued production of TdVaxTM, which is exclusively distributed by Grifols. Supply of TdVax[™] is anticipated to last through June. It is anticipated that the supply of Td vaccine in the US market will be constrained through 2024. Sanofi, manufacturer of Tenivac[®], is taking steps to augment their available supply of Td for the US and will be implementing ordering controls until the supply has increased.

Temporary ordering controls are in place in the public and private sectors to help manage the gap in supply. As a result, CDC has put allocations into place for all three Td vaccine presentations (Grifols vials; Sanofi vials; and Sanofi syringes). Due to the limited allocations, providers can only request up to 10 doses of Td vaccine with your routine VFC vaccine order. Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccines are available without supply constraints at this time.

The limited supply of Td vaccine needs to be preserved for those with a contraindication to receiving pertussis-containing vaccines. To assist vaccination providers, CDC has developed the following guidance:

- Transition to use of Tdap vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible while Td vaccine supplies are constrained.
- Tdap vaccine **is an acceptable alternative** to Td vaccine, including when a tetanus booster is indicated for wound management.
- Tdap vaccine **isn't an acceptable alternative** <u>only</u> when a person has a <u>specific</u> <u>contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccines</u>, which is very rare.

This guidance will remain in place until the period of temporary ordering controls for Td vaccine ends.

Change to Pfizer Diluent

Pfizer has changed the diluent pack size associated with CDC orders of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 Formula) for ages 6 months through 4 years of age [59267-4315-02; COVID-19(Pfizer);(6m-4y); MDV3;10-pk].

Previously vaccine orders for this presentation were supplied with diluent in a 10pack. **Pfizer is now supplying diluent in a 25-pack.** Please note: One vial of diluent is required to reconstitute one multidose vial of vaccine for individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

For questions about diluent received with Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 Formula) for ages 6 months through 4 years of age, please contact Pfizer customer service at: <u>1-800-666-7248</u>, or <u>mrnavaccines@pfizer.com</u>.

COVID-19 Vaccine (2023-2024 Formula) for ages 6 months through 4 years of age			
Total Doses of Vaccine	Total Vials of Vaccine	Diluent Supplied	Number of Diluent Vials to be shipped
30 doses	10	1 pack of 25 vials	25
60 doses	20	1 pack of 25 vials	25
90 doses	30	2 pack of 25 vials	50
120 doses	40	2 pack of 25 vials	50

McKesson Shipments

The McKesson Distribution Center has temporarily began shipping refrigerated coolers using one of two different cold temperature indicator cards. Coolers may contain the familiar FREEZEmarker indicator card or may contain a new indicator card called TransTracker. Both indicator cards include the same temperature indicator that is currently being used. The only difference is the indicator card itself. Providers will not receive both monitors in the same cooler. Please ensure that you follow the same process for checking for any temperature excursions. Click <u>here</u> to view an image of the temperature indicators.

Customer Service Center Closure

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

• Monday, April 1, 2024 (Cesar Chavez Day Observed)

Orders will continue to be received during this call center closure. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

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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