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TO: California Adult Vaccine Providers, including Vaccines for Adult (VFA) Providers

FROM: Robert Schechter, M.D., Chief 
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SUBJECT: **New Formulation of MMR Now Available**

Dear Adult Vaccine Provider,

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently licensed and the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has issued recommendations for a second formulation of MMR vaccine, Priorix® (GlaxosmithKline or GSK). Priorix® is indicated for prevention of measles, mumps, and rubella in individuals 12 months of age and older. The vaccine virus strains are similar to the M-M-R II® vaccine, as described in the recent [ACIP presentation](#). Priorix® can be used interchangeably with other MMR-containing vaccines for prevention of measles, mumps, and rubella in individuals 12 months of age and older, according to existing recommended MMR schedules.

The [ACIP Adult Immunization Schedule](#) includes the MMR vaccine schedules.

Both M-M-R II® and Priorix® will be available through California's VFA program. VFA supplies of Priorix® may be given to any VFA-eligible adult for the prevention of measles, mumps, and rubella.

Preparation, storage and handling:

Detailed information can be found in the [Priorix FDA package insert](#).

After reconstitution, a single dose of Priorix® is approximately 0.5mL.

- Priorix® is supplied in a box containing:
 - 10 single dose vials of lyophilized antigen.
 - 10 single dose prefilled ungraduated syringes of sterile water diluent.
- Storage prior to reconstitution:
 - Lyophilized antigen: 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C). Protect vials from light.



- Prefilled syringes of diluent: 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C) OR controlled room temperature 77°F (25° C).
- Storage after reconstitution:
 - If not used immediately, store reconstituted vaccine between 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C) and administer within 8 hours. Discard if not used within 8 hours.
 - Do not freeze.

Resources

- [ACIP Adult Immunization Schedule](#)
- [ACIP presentation: Priorix for Prevention of Measles, Mumps and Rubella.](#)
- [Priorix FDA Package Insert](#)
- [VFC Resolutions](#)
- [VFA Vaccine Eligibility Guidelines Table](#)
- [MMR Vaccine Fact Sheet](#)