

Dear VFA Provider,

Please see below for important program information:

Third Quarterly VFA Orders

The third VFA 2018 quarterly ordering period opened on Monday, July 9th and will close on Friday, July 20th. Please carefully evaluate your VFA ordering needs to support vaccination efforts over summer months. When placing your vaccine requests, please:

- 1) Consider your current vaccine inventory of all vaccines in order to ensure you order all products needed;
- 2) Order doses to last you until the next VFA ordering cycle (anticipated second half of September 2018), plus an extra 2-week safety stock for each vaccine; and
- 3) Make sure your doses administered data (as recorded in your EHR/EMR or immunization registry) is accurate, and reconciled against VFA doses received during the previous ordering cycles.

The VFA vaccines that will be available to order are: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4/MenACWY), MMR, Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV13), Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23), Td, Tdap, Varicella, and Zoster (**Shingrix only**).

Should your order be denied due to errors, please note that you must address those errors prior to the closing date of the current open ordering period (July 20th) in order to be able to submit the order.

New Zoster Vaccine

Shingrix[®], the new Zoster vaccine, is now available for limited ordering. Due to supply constraints, ordering will be open ONLY for providers who have previously implemented routine use of Zostavax[®] vaccine among VFA-eligible adults served by the practice. Order approval will be based on 1) the average number of Zoster vaccine doses administered per month during 2018; 2) estimated 2-month need based on administration data; 3) available on-hand inventories of Zostavax[®]; 4) available vaccine supply on California's allocation.

Ordering will be limited for providers with sufficient inventory of Zostavax[®] on hand. Continue to use your existing Zostavax[®] supply as we deal with the temporary shortage of Shingrix[®] vaccine. Do not miss an opportunity to vaccinate VFA-eligible patients.

Please see attached **VFA Shingrix Clinical Letter** and **Vaccine Factsheet** for additional information regarding the new Zoster vaccine. Zostavax[®] will not be available for ordering.

VFA Webinar slides and recording are now posted

The webinar [slides](#) and [recording](#) from the latest VFA Webinar, Standards for Adult Immunization Practice, as well as previous webinars, are posted under the *Webinars* section on the [VFA program resources webpage](#).

Please send any questions or comments you might have at my317vaccines@cdph.ca.gov