

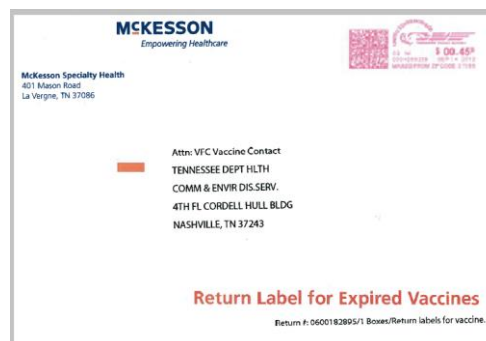


# Vaccine Tips

September 2014

## As the 2014-2015 flu season begins, the CA VFC Program reminds you to

- Verify all expired 2013-2014 influenza vaccine has been removed from your vaccine refrigerator AND returned to VFC's distributor for excise tax credit;
  - All expired doses must be returned within 3 months of expiration/spoilage;
- Report any expired/spoiled vaccine through MyVFCVaccines BEFORE returning doses and submitting a new vaccine request;
- Return doses in their original packaging, and NEVER return:
  - Broken vials/syringes
  - Vaccine drawn up into the syringe but not administered
  - Non-vaccine products, e.g. TB skin tests, HBIG, or diluent
  - Open multi-dose vials
- Request return labels through MyVFCVaccines. They will be mailed to your practice from McKesson within 10 days in a white envelope with the wording **"Return Label for Expired Vaccines"** printed on the front, and a generic phrase "Attn: VFC Vaccine Contact" printed on them!



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