

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

By the Nebraska DHHS Immunization Program

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ACIP Immunization Schedules

NEW 2016 ACIP Immunization Schedules

Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) publishes immunization schedules for persons living in the United States. The new schedules are available on-line at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules to replace the 2015 schedules provided in the Appendix of the 2016 Nebraska Immunization Program Provider Manual.

Routine Dosing Intervals

The ACIP recommended immunization schedule details what vaccines are to be given and what the routine dosing intervals are. Routine dosing intervals are to be followed unless the ACIP schedule footnotes or catch-up schedule is utilized for those persons who are behind on their vaccinations. When you are looking at a client's vaccination record in NESIIS, towards the bottom of the screen NESIIS lists vaccinations given and dates when vaccines can be given; providers should focus on the Recommended Date column instead of the Earliest Date column. In the future, NESIIS will be formatted to provide more emphasis to the Recommended Date column.

HPV Vaccination Schedule

For HPV vaccine, the recommended routine dosing intervals are to always be used even when the person is behind. Administer a 3-dose series of HPV vaccine on a schedule of 0, 1-2 months, and 6 months. Administer the second dose 1 to 2 months after the first dose (minimum interval of 4 weeks). Administer the third dose 16 weeks after the second dose (minimum interval of 12 weeks) **AND** at least 24 weeks (6 months) after the first dose.

Reminder: UNDERinsured patients should be rare

If a patient has health insurance that covers the cost of the vaccine then they are **NOT** eligible for VFC or AIP vaccine even if the plan has a high deductible or requires a co-pay.

For More
Information

WHAT'S NEW?

Looking for
program
information?
Remember to
periodically
check the
Immunization
Program website
for updates.
Subscribe to
receive
alerts when new
items are
posted.



Reminder: **DO NOT** let thermometers expire. The expiration date can be found on the certificate of calibration.

SANOFI PASTEUR: MULTI-DOSE VIAL USE

Sanofi Pasteur Inc. supports the use of multi-dose vials of vaccine until the expiration date stamped on the vial provided the product is maintained at the required storage temperature of 2°- 8°C (35°- 46°F) and is properly handled. This includes vials that have had doses withdrawn from them. However, multi-dose vials that have been opened and have not been maintained at 2°- 8°C (35°- 46°F) should be discarded after 30 minutes (total) exposure to room temperature.

Tubersol®, Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative (Mantoux) vials must be discarded 30 days after opening as stated in the Package Insert.

CDC also supports the use of multi-dose vials that have had doses withdrawn from them until expiration as referenced below:

Storage and Handling of Immunobiologics-Multidose Vials

Certain vaccines (i.e., quadrivalent meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine [MPSV4], PPSV, TIV, IPV, and yellow fever) are available in multi-dose vials. Because several doses are withdrawn from the same vial, proper technique must be followed to prevent contamination. For multi-dose vials that do not require reconstitution, doses that remain after withdrawal of a dose can be administered until the expiration date printed on the vial or vaccine packaging if the vial has been stored correctly and the vaccine is not visibly contaminated, unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer. Multidose vials that require reconstitution must be used within the interval specified by the manufacturer. After reconstitution, the new expiration date should be written on the vial.

Package inserts are available at www.immunize.org/packageinserts

Report



REMINDER: If there is waste reported on the Monthly Transaction Summary, then a Doses Wasted Report must be submitted.

IPOL and FluZone

Per package insert, a **MAXIMUM of ten (10)** doses can be withdrawn from a vial. The vial **MUST** be discarded after ten (10) doses have been administered.

Temperature Excursion Protocol (page 32 in the 2016 Manual)

#1. Do Not Use.

Keep vaccine but mark "Do Not Use" and store at appropriate temperatures.

#2. Call.

Contact your Community Health Nurse **and** the vaccine manufacturers and provide information.

#3. Document.

Request formal documentation from the manufacturer.

#4. Retain.

Maintain documentation from the manufacturer. Submit documents upon request.

#5. Prevent

Send a summary of what occurred and actions taken to your Community Health Nurse.



Call for help early.

NESIIS HELP DESK

If you experience an error message, please call the NESIIS Help Desk instead of manually entering vaccine information in an attempt to fix the problem.

1-888-433-2510

The 2016 Provider Manual has a new Appendix section. This portion of the manual has a multitude of resources, especially the Returned and Wasted Vaccine process.



Remember to Accept the Transfer of vaccine in NESIIS when shipments come and not manually add inventory.

Keep offering flu vaccine. Remember, children aged 6 months - 8 years who had not received two doses anytime before July 1, 2015 require 2 doses this season administered at least 4 weeks apart.

2016 VFC Ops Guide: Quick View of VFC Eligibility & Insurance Status

VFC ELIGIBILITY SCENARIO: CHILD IS INSURED AND...	INSURANCE STATUS	IS CHILD VFC-ELIGIBLE?
Has not yet met plan's deductible	Insured	No
Plan covers all ACIP-recommended vaccines but excludes certain products/combination vaccines	Insured	No
Plan covers only a portion of the vaccine cost and does not have <i>Medicaid as secondary insurance</i>	Insured	No
Has insurance, but plan limits coverage to a specific number of provider visits annually	Underinsured (once the limited number of allowable visits are reached during the year)	Yes, once the number of visits has been reached AND only administered by a FQHC, RHC or approved deputized provider
Has Medicaid as secondary insurance	Medicaid eligible	Yes
Plan covers only a portion of the vaccine cost and has <i>Medicaid as secondary insurance</i>	Medicaid eligible	Yes
Has not yet met plan's deductible and has <i>Medicaid as secondary insurance</i>	Medicaid eligible	Yes
Has exceeded plan's annually allowed number of provider visits	Underinsured only through FQHC/RHC	Yes

RESOURCE CORNER

CDC Immunization Public Service Announcements

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/cdcmediareources

2016 Vaccine Schedules

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules

Merck VFC sticker templates

www.merckvaccines.com

DID YOU KNOW?

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is a national vaccine safety surveillance program run by CDC and the FDA. VAERS serves as an early warning system to detect possible safety issues with U.S. vaccines by collecting information about adverse events (possible side effects or health problems) that occur after vaccination.

VAERS was created in 1990 in response to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. If any health problems happen after vaccination, anyone—doctors, nurses, vaccine manufacturers, and any member of the general public—can submit a report to VAERS. Submitting a report to VAERS can be done online or by mail or fax.

Even if a clinic is not a Vaccines for Children provider, NESIIS access can still be obtained. This access permits look-up and add client capability. This may be an important function for staff preparing charts the day prior to client appointments or during appointments.

Vaccine Ordering Guidance

Remember Td and Bexsero can be ordered by the dose.

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