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**FROZEN GEL PACK
RECYCLING PROGRAM ON
HOLD**

A big MAHALO to the VFC providers that have participated in the frozen gel pack recycling program. Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, the program has been put "on hold" for now.

We anticipate that the recycling program may be initiated again as the 2014 Stop Flu at School Program nears (estimated timeframe September/October 2014).

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"Hawaii VFC News" is a quarterly publication distributed to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers. Its purpose is to address VFC-related issues, provide general immunization information, and keep you up-to-date with the latest program changes.

ON WATCH FOR MEASLES

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of April 1, in the U.S. there have been 10 measles outbreaks. A total of 104 cases of measles has been reported so far this year, with two (2) of these cases here in Hawaii. Eighty-four (84) of the cases were unvaccinated or had an unknown vaccination history. Thirty (30) of these were not vaccinated due to parental, philosophical or religious beliefs.

Measles was declared eradicated from the U.S. in 2000, but the disease still circulates in other countries and is imported into the U.S. by unprotected/unvaccinated individuals who travel abroad. These individuals then infect others here at home.

Please be on watch for signs and symptoms of measles:

Blotchy rash, fever, cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis, malaise, and Koplik's spots (not always present).

For more information, visit the CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/index.html>

or the Hawaii DOH website:

<http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/home/imm/>



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Have You HIR'd?

Can providers send their data electronically to the Hawaii Immunization Registry (HIR) to fulfill Stage 2 Meaningful Use? The short answer is yes, however; providers are required to complete a data exchange on-boarding process before transmitting data from their Electronic Medical Record (EMR) to HIR.



Follow these steps to ensure that your HIR data exchange on-boarding process goes smoothly:

- Talk to your EMR vendor to ensure that a HIR data exchange interface has been developed and tested. HIR staff are currently working with several EMR vendors on the development of their data exchange capabilities to ensure that messages are formatted properly and include the fields required by the Hawaii Department of Health.
- Work with your EMR vendor and HIR staff to complete the data quality testing process which utilizes test scenarios to ensure that demographic and immunization data from your EMR is being accurately transferred to HIR. Data quality checks will be completed during the development and initial implementation phases and will continue periodically as needed.
- Schedule a HIR data exchange training session for you and your staff.
- Designate someone from your office to work with HIR staff on correcting data exchange errors and completing data quality checks.

For more information, contact or have your EMR vendor contact the HIR Help Desk at registryhelp@doh.hawaii.gov or (808)586-4665 or toll-free at (888)447-1023.

Remember to Accept Your Order Transfer Records in HIR

When you receive a VFC vaccine shipment, remember to check that your order status has been updated to “fulfilled” and for order shipment transfer records in HIR. If the information in the order shipment transfer record matches what you received, accept the transfer record by following the steps below. This will ensure that the next time you submit your inventory (e.g., prior to placing your next VFC vaccine order) you won’t need to manually enter the NDC, lot number, and vaccine expiration date for each inventory line item. Accepting your transfer records will automatically populate this information in HIR for you!

Step 1: Once you’ve logged into HIR, select the “manage transfers” option located under the “Inventory” menu on the left side of your screen.



Step 2: In the “Manage Transfer” screen, click on the blue hyperlinked “create date” for each Inbound Transfer record.

Manage Transfer			
Create a New Transfer...			
Return to the Previous Screen...			
Transfer List			
Outbound Transfer			
Create Date	Type	Order ID	Sending Org:Site
No Outbound Transfer.			
Inbound Transfer			
Create Date	Type	Order ID	Sending Org:Site
03/12/2014	ORDER	4942	DOH Vaccine Supply and Distribution
02/19/2014	ORDER	4568	DOH Vaccine Supply and Distribution
02/19/2014	ORDER	4568	DOH Vaccine Supply and Distribution
02/19/2014	ORDER	4568	DOH Vaccine Supply and Distribution
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Step 3: In the “Receive Transfer” screen, select “Accept Transfer” to add the received vaccine to your HIR inventory.



Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all inbound transfer line items are accepted.

After accepting all of your transfers, the vaccine trade name, NDC, lot number, and expiration date information for each vaccine will be pre-populated in the record inventory, “inventory on hand” page, saving you from having to manually enter this information the next time you submit your inventory (prior to placing a vaccine order).

If you have questions regarding this process, please contact the HIR Help Desk at 586-4665 (Oahu), 1-888-447-1023 (Neighbor Islands), or registryhelp@doh.hawaii.gov.

TALK TO THE DOC

We have a 13 year old patient with documentation of one dose of MMR and one dose of varicella vaccine. May we give this patient Proquad®?

No. This patient does need an additional dose of both the MMR and varicella vaccine. However, the combination MMR and varicella vaccine (MMRV or Proquad®) is licensed only for use in children aged 12 months through 12 years. This patient will need to receive a dose of MMR vaccine and a dose of varicella vaccine.

Note: live virus vaccines not administered on the same day must be administered a minimum of 4 weeks apart. The minimum interval between two doses of MMRV vaccine is 3 months.

Reporting Illness—It’s the Law!

As mandated by Hawaii Administrative Rule, Title 11, Department of Health, Chapter 156, Communicable Diseases and its exhibits, certain infectious diseases, including vaccine preventable diseases such as chickenpox, are reportable in Hawaii.

There are two ways to report:

- 1) By paper - Communicable Disease Report (CDR) Form (available at the website below)
- 2) By Phone – Contact:
 - Oahu (808) 586-4586
 - Maui (808) 984-8213
 - Kauai (808) 241-3563
 - Hilo (808) 933-0912
 - Kona (808) 322-4877

After hours on Oahu (808) 566-5049

For more information on reporting illness, go to <http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/dib/reporting-illness/>.

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