
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question:

Today’s date is 04/05/16. The expiration date on the single-dose vial of vaccine is 04/05/16. Can this vaccine be administered?

- a) Yes. A four-day grace period applies to the expiration date; this vaccine may be used through 04/09/16.
- b) Yes. Vaccines may be used through the expiration date listed on the vial.
- c) Yes. Vaccines may be used through the end of the month of the expiration date listed on the vial.
- d) No. Vaccines must be administered prior to the expiration date listed on the vial.

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/downloads/vac-storage.pdf>

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (The Pink Book), 13th Edition, 2015
Vaccine and Diluent Inventory Control

Source:

NEVER use expired vaccine or diluent and immediately remove them from the storage unit.

A multidose vial of vaccine that has been stored and handled properly and is normal in appearance may be used through the expiration date printed on the vial unless otherwise stated in the manufacturer’s product information.

indicated on the expiration date.

If the date on the label has a specific month, day, and year, the vaccine may be used through the last day of the month. When the expiration date includes a month and year only, the vaccine may be used through the last day of the month.

All vaccines have an expiration date determined by the manufacturer that must be observed. Vaccines may be used up to and including the expiration date unless otherwise stated in the manufacturer’s product information.

Answer: b) Yes. Vaccines may be used through the expiration date listed on the vial.

