



# Hawaii VFC News

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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.

## Six Tips to Avoid Vaccine Administration Visit Record (VAVR) Form Returns

VFC Program staff review all completed VAVR forms submitted by providers.

Follow these helpful tips to avoid having VAVR forms returned to your office:

1. Complete **all** information on the VAVR prior to submission.
2. Ensure that the vaccination "Date Given" matches the date recorded next to the "Signature and Title of Vaccine Administrator."
3. Record the vaccine administered on the correct line. Common errors include:
  - Hepatitis A vaccine recorded on the hepatitis B vaccine line;
  - Pediarix® recorded on the Pentacel® line
4. Record the lot number printed on the outside of the box. Lot numbers printed on vials/vaccine components DIFFER from those printed on the outside of the box. Inventory tracking at both Federal and State levels is based on information printed on the box.
5. Do not use separate DTaP, IPV, Hib, or HepB lines to record combination vaccine date given, lot number, and expiration date information.
  - EXCEPTION: Record the *VIS dates* ONLY on the rows for the individual vaccine components (e.g. DTaP, IPV, and Hib or HepB).

Helpful  
Tips

6. Select only one VFC eligibility criteria.
  - For example: If you select "Is enrolled in Medicaid or QUEST," do not also select "Does not have health insurance."
  - NOTE: Underinsured patients (i.e., patients that have health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccinations) may ONLY receive VFC vaccines at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Center (RHC). If your office is not an FQHC or RHC, you cannot administer VFC vaccines to underinsured patients – they must be referred to a FQHC or RHC. Do not select this eligibility criteria.

Requests for additional VAVR forms may be submitted with your next VFC vaccine order.

If you photocopy VAVRs, ensure that the copy is double-sided to include the Hawaii Immunization Registry (HIR) notification language printed on the back of the form. When HIR resumes, information recorded on VAVRs may be entered into the system.

## Ask the Doc: Measles Outbreak and MMR Vaccine

### Question:

I have a healthy 13-year old patient who will be traveling to Clark County, Washington, where they are currently experiencing a measles outbreak. He was vaccinated with MMR vaccine at age 15 months and age 5 years. Should I give him a "booster" dose of MMR now?

### Answer:

No – your patient has two documented, valid doses of MMR vaccine and does not need a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose. Two doses of MMR vaccine are approximately 97% effective at preventing measles. The second dose provides protection to those failing to respond to their primary measles immunization and therefore is not a booster dose.

A third dose of MMR vaccine is recommended only in the following two circumstances, for protection against mumps and rubella:

- 1) Persons previously vaccinated with 2 doses of a mumps virus-containing vaccine who are identified by public health authorities as being at increased risk for acquiring mumps because of an outbreak should receive a third dose of mumps virus-containing vaccine (MMR or MMRV) to improve protection against mumps disease and related complications.
- 2) Women of childbearing age who have received 2 doses of rubella-containing vaccine and have rubella serum IgG levels that are not clearly positive should receive 1 additional dose of MMR vaccine (maximum of 3 doses). MMR should not be administered to a pregnant woman.

### CDC Measles Cases and Outbreaks

From January 1 to April 11, 2019, 555 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 20 states. The states that have reported cases to CDC are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>



## AFIX Update: Congratulations VFC Providers!

In 2018, the Hawaii VFC AFIX Immunization Quality Improvement Program completed assessments of adolescent immunization coverage rates for 45 VFC providers.



The following VFC providers met or exceeded the National Healthy People 2020 Target of 80% vaccination coverage for at least two of the adolescent vaccines (Tdap, MCV, HPV):

Aiea Pediatrics	Shigeko Lau, MD	VJ Reddy, MD
Fuchat Chan, MD	Shelley Loui, MD	Reis Pediatrics
Children's Doctors	Arlene Meyers, MD	Straub Clinic Hawaii Kai Family Health Center
Children's Medical Associates	Meri-Mika Morisada, MD	Straub Pearlridge Pediatrics
Ranjini Kandasamy, MD	John M. Nagamine, MD	Chunmei Wu, MD
Kapolei Pediatrics	P.K. Ng, MD	Vince Yamashiroya, MD
Keiki Korner Pediatrics	Pediatric Physicians Group	Franklin Young, MD
Keith Matsumoto, MD	Josephine Quensell, MD	

### A Tip from VFC Providers

Make a clear recommendation for the HPV vaccine.

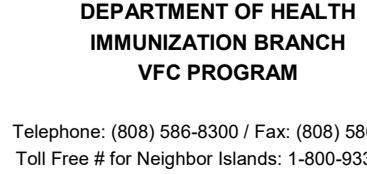
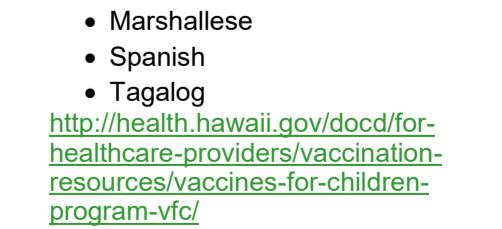
A clear, brief and confident recommendation from you can instantly change how parents think about HPV vaccine. If vaccine is refused, tell them you will discuss it again at the next visit, and provide information to take home to read.

Watch #HowIRecommend HPV Vaccination Videos <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/how-i-recommend.html>

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### Quick Stats

Over half of providers receiving an AFIX visit in 2018 met or exceeded the Healthy People 2020 target of 80% vaccination coverage for at least two of the three adolescent vaccines (HPV, MCV, Tdap). Of these, 20% met or exceeded the target for all three adolescent vaccines!



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### The Help Box

Temperature logs received without provider identification are shredded. Before faxing your temp logs to the VFC program, please be sure to put your provider name and VFC PIN on it.



Bexsero®, RotaTeq®/Rotarix®, Hibrix®/ActHib®/PedvaxHIB®.

- Orders should reflect the number of DOSES requested, not boxes.
- Lastly, submit your refrigerator and freezer temperature logs monthly. If temperature logs have not been received, your order will not be processed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Hawaii VFC Program at (808) 586-8300, 1-800-933-4832 (toll-free), or email [hawaiivfc@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:hawaiivfc@doh.hawaii.gov).

## Current Dates of Vaccine Information Statements (VISs) as of October 12, 2018

Check your supply of VISs against this list. If you have outdated VISs, get current versions at [www.immunize.org/vis](http://www.immunize.org/vis).

Adenovirus.....6/11/14

Anthrax.....3/21/18

Cholera.....7/6/17

DTaP.....8/24/18

Hib.....4/2/15

Hepatitis A.....7/20/16

Hepatitis B.....10/12/18

HPV.....12/2/16

Influenza.....8/7/15

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MenACWY.....8/24/18

MenB.....8/9/16

MMR.....2/12/18

MMRV.....2/12/18

Multi-vaccine.....11/5/15

PCV13.....4/24/15

PPSV.....4/20/16

Polio.....7/20/16

Rabies.....10/6/09

Rotavirus.....2/23/18

Td.....4/11/17

Tdap.....2/24/15

Typhoid.....5/29/12

Varicella.....2/12/18

Yellow fever.....3/30/11

Zoster.....2/12/18

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## VFC Vaccine Ordering

In the absence of the Hawaii Immunization Registry (HIR), all VFC providers must submit vaccine orders via fax (808-586-8302) or email ([hawaiivfc@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:hawaiivfc@doh.hawaii.gov)).

Here are a few tips to ensure your orders are processed:

- When completing inventory information, record the lot number and NDC printed on the outside of the box. Inventory tracking at both Federal and State levels is based on information printed on the box, not vaccine vials.

Inventory reporting form. To request a copy, contact the Hawaii VFC Program.

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