

Dear Providers,

This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on issues related to vaccines quickly and easily. We welcome your comments and questions; please email us at immunization.program@ventura.org

Yellow Fever Shortage:

QUESTION: How can I get yellow fever vaccine? Is there a vaccine shortage?

ANSWER: Yes, there is a yellow fever vaccine (YF-Vax) shortage. If you are a healthcare provider who administers yellow fever vaccine, you can no longer place an order for YF-Vax online. You must call Sanofi Pasteur at 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463), and a customer service representative will work with you to determine how many doses can be shipped and which vial sizes (single dose or 5 dose). YF-Vax doses will be prioritized for patients who are traveling in the next 30 days to an area where yellow fever vaccine is required or recommended.

This information can be found at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/news-announcements/yellow-fever-vaccine-shortage-2016>.

VFC PROVIDERS: You can review the following articles at www.eziz.org

- VFC Program Updates
- Vaccine Tips – Expiration Dates
- VFC Letter: Quadracel is now available
 - Vaccine Fact Sheets
 - Immunization Schedule with Combination Vaccines

VFA Extension: Please note that Year 1 of the VFA program has been extended until August 31, 2017. Vaccine ordering through myVFCvaccines will continue to be available during this interim period.

Vaccine Tips: Dreams don't have expiration dates, but vaccines do!
Your practice is responsible for every dose of VFC -supplied vaccine you receive.
Store and manage vaccines properly. Your patients are counting on you.

- Never use expired vaccines
- Check expiration dates and rotate stock regularly.
- Place vaccines that will expire soonest in front of those with later expiration dates.
- Transfer vaccines that will expire within six months to other VFC providers. Always notify the VFC Call Center prior to transferring vaccines.
- Report expired vaccines on MyVFCVaccines.org prior to submitting a new order.

Email immunization.program@ventura.org for information and registration.

Keep in mind that all VFC communications are always posted on VFC's website, www.eziz.org

You can also view this information on <http://www.vchca.org/for-health-care-providers-cmr-tb-forms> or follow

