

# Immunization Update



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## 2015 Immunization Program Update

### Winter 2015

#### Back-up Thermometers Required

In February/March 2015, the Immunization Program will send back-up thermometers via UPS to all VFC and VFAAR sites. Each site will receive one (1) back-up thermometer. The backup thermometer should be used in case the primary thermometer fails and until a replacement is sent to you. If your office does experience thermometer or data logger failure, please contact the Immunization Program. Additional information will be included in the box.

#### Data Loggers

Throughout 2015, the Immunization Program will be installing data loggers in all VFC and VFAAR provider sites. Each provider will be given two (2) data loggers for their VFC and VFAAR refrigerator and freezer units. For more information contact the Digital Data Logger Specialist, Adam Howsare at Adam.Howsare@phila.gov or 215-685-6491.

#### Provider Survey

In February/March 2015, the Immunization Program will release a provider survey via Survey Monkey to all VFC providers. This survey will provide helpful feedback to the Immunization Program.

### Spring 2015

#### Data Logger Pilot Findings

In April 2015, the official results of the data logger pilot program will be released via a health update. New storage and handling requirements will be issued based on the pilot findings.

#### New Wastage Module in KIDS Plus IIS

In the Spring 2015, the KIDS Plus IIS will upgrade its system to include a new "Wastage and Expired Vaccine" module. Providers will be able enter the wastage/return data directly into KIDS Plus IIS. Required training on how to use this module will be hosted by the Immunization Program. Details to follow.

### Summer 2015

#### Annual VFC and VFAAR Enrollment

Annual re-enrollment in the VFC and VFAAR programs begins June 2015. In addition to re-enrollment paperwork, providers are required to complete an online training program and re-certify their KIDS Plus IIS Confidentiality Agreements. Providers who do not complete enrollment, risk suspension and a hold on flu vaccine orders. All enrollment requirements are due July 1, 2015.

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## Fall 2015

### **KIDS Plus Upgrade**

In fall 2015, the KIDS Plus IIS will upgrade to include a new “Provider Management Module.” Providers will be able to log temperature readings directly into KIDS Plus IIS. The upgrade will also include a new clinic and asset management tool. Providers will be able to add, edit or request changes for assets, clinic contact information, clinic staff, and delivery hours.

## Other Important Information

### **New ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules**

The CDC published the 2015 ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedules for children and adults on January 26, 2015. Read the schedules online at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>

### **New Immunization Program Staff**

Please check the Contact page on <http://kids.phila.gov/> to see an updated Organization Chart and contact information for new staff members.

### **Education Materials**

Providers can order vaccine education materials from the Immunization Program. An order form with a display of available education materials can be found on <http://kids.phila.gov/>

### **5% Wastage Policy**

2015 will be the first full calendar year in which the 5% wastage policy will be in effect. Please review the health advisory that was released on March 17, 2014.