

Philadelphia Immunization Program

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2013 Immunization Program Updates

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KIDS Plus IIS Vaccine Online Ordering System

This year, the Philadelphia Immunization Program will be transitioning to an online vaccine ordering system. This system update will allow providers to input their VFAAR Program vaccine orders through the KIDS Plus Immunization Information System (IIS) web portal. Providers must complete the KIDS Plus IIS Vaccine Online Ordering System training before using this new system. PDPH will notify providers when they are scheduled to migrate to the vaccine online ordering system. Until your provider office is contacted by PDPH, please continue using the paper order forms. Contact the VFAAR program for an updated order form.

New 2013 Storage & Handling Guidelines

The CDC released new storage & handling recommendations in November of 2012. Please take these recommendations into account if you are purchasing new equipment, because they may become requirements in the future (TBD). The updated vaccine storage & handling recommendations include:

- The use of a bio safe, glycol-encased probe - or a similar temperature-buffered probe - rather than measurement of ambient air temperatures.
- The use of digital data loggers with detachable probes that record and store temperature information at programmable intervals for continuous temperature monitoring, rather than non-continuous temperature monitoring.

- The use of stand-alone refrigerator and stand-alone freezer units suitable for vaccine storage, rather than combination (refrigerator+freezer) or other units not designed for storing fragile biologics, such as vaccines.
- Weekly review of vaccine expiration dates and rotation of vaccine stock to prevent unnecessary and costly vaccine wastage.

And as always, dorm-style or bar-style refrigerator/freezers for ANY vaccine storage, even temporary storage, are not permitted.

For the CDC's complete storage & handling guidelines, toolkit and FAQs visit the link below:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/storage/>

ACIP 2013 Immunization Schedule

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) published the updated child, adolescent and adult immunization schedules for 2013. The child and adolescent immunization schedules have been combined into one document, which includes all recommended immunizations for person 0 through 18 years of age.

You can view both of the updated schedules on the CDC's website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>

Click the link below to see the changes made to the child and adolescent 2013 schedule:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html#chgs>

Click the link below to see the changes made to the adult 2013 schedule:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/adult.html#chgs>

New KIDS Plus Website

The Philadelphia Immunization Program will be updating the KIDS Plus Immunization webpage within the next month. The URL for this website will remain: <https://kids.phila.gov> . Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the website after the new design is launched.

Similar to the current website, a link to the KIDS Plus IIS Registry will be posted on the homepage. You can also view the latest Health Advisories and frequently used forms from the homepage. All VFC and VFAAR resources and contact information can be found on the VFC and VFAAR webpages. Program resources have been added for clinicians, their staff, and patients.

Enrollment Paperwork Due: June 2013

In 2013, provider enrollment paperwork will now be collected for all sites in June, regardless of the previous time enrollment paperwork was completed. A new CDC requirement is prompting PDPH to change how and when we collect provider enrollment information. In addition, CDC is requiring that providers complete a training requirement for vaccine storage and handling. This training, in addition to the enrollment paperwork, must be completed in June 2013. No provider will be allowed to order flu

vaccine without completing these two requirements. More information about enrollment and trainings will be available in the spring.

Philadelphia Immunization Coalition Meeting: April 25

The Philadelphia Immunization Coalition (PIC) will be holding its annual immunization workshop on Thursday, April 25, at Temple University. Information about PIC's workshop can be found on its Facebook page, which will launch the week of February 18. Please direct any questions about the event to PIC committee member, Thomas Drone, at tomas31@aol.com

Other Update Reminders:

- A new Immunization Program Manual will be released in 2013.