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Dear VFC Provider,

Hello! My name is Lisa Underhill and I am the new Vaccine Center Manager with the Arizona Immunization Program Office. I am excited to be a part of the VFC team and to have a role in the important work of preventing vaccine preventable diseases in all Arizonans. I look forward to working with all of you.

Please review the following updates and reminders:

TAPI - Training on Immunization Practice Strategies (TIPS)

TAPI, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services Immunization Program, presents free trainings that improve immunization practices in public and private providers' offices. Participants receive valuable information on immunization friendly office practices, vaccine handling, state requirements, how to give shots, and the state immunization registry.

Registration opened on March 30 at <http://www.whylimmunize.org/tapi-training/>

Dates and Locations are as follows: (venues will be listed on the TAPI website)

- May 27 – Kingman
- May 28 – Prescott
- Jun 3 – Show Low
- June 4 – Globe
- June 24 – Yuma
- July 1 – Flagstaff
- July 9 – Phoenix – NE Valley
- Aug 26 – Phoenix – West Valley
- Sep 2 – Tucson
- Sep 9 – Phoenix – SW Valley

VFC Gardasil 9

The CDC and ACIP have approved Gardasil 9, the 9-valent Human Papilloma Virus vaccine (9vHPV), for the Vaccines for Children Program. The current ACIP guidance recommends 9vHPV according to the same ages and dosing intervals as the previous recommendation for 4-valent HPV (4vHPV) for both

females and males. A series started with 2vHPV (females) or 4vHPV (females and males) may be finished with 9vHPV. There is no recommendation for added doses of 9vHPV for those who have already completed the 2vHPV or 4vHPV series. The ACIP 9vHPV recommendation can be found in the [March 27, 2015 MMWR article](#), Use of 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine: Updated HPV Vaccination Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

The Arizona Vaccine Center will begin providing VFC 9vHPV vaccine for males and females on May 1, 2015.

We understand you have inventory of 4vHPV VFC vaccine still on hand and we ask that you use as much of this inventory as possible. Providers can use 2vHPV, 4vHPV, or 9vHPV to start and complete the series for females, and 4vHPV or 9vHPV for males. Do not wait for 9vHPV to initiate the HPV vaccination series, use the HPV vaccine you have on hand.

If you have any questions about ordering VFC 9vHPV vaccine, please contact the Arizona Vaccine Center at 602-364-3642.

If you have any other HPV vaccine related questions, please contact the Arizona Immunization Program at 602-364-3630.

VFC Meningococcal B Vaccines

Both Meningococcal B vaccines (Trumenba and Bexsero) have been added to the CDC Vaccines for Children (VFC) contract. The pediatric recommendations for Meningococcal B vaccine target children ages 10-18 years who are at increased risk for meningococcal disease attributable to serogroup B, including children with immune deficiencies and children at increased risk of a disease outbreak attributable to serogroup B. Please refer to the VFC-ACIP Vaccine Resolution [2/15-1 Meningococcal](#) for additional eligible group information.

Recommended Vaccination Schedule and Intervals

Age Group	Vaccine	Routine Recommendations	Dosing Schedule
10-18 years	MenB (Bexsero®, Novartis)	High-risk only	Two doses, at least one month apart (0 and 1-6 month schedule)
10-18 years	MenB (Trumenba®, Pfizer)	High-risk only	Three doses (0, 2, and 6 month schedule)

The Arizona Vaccine Center will begin providing VFC Trumenba and Bexsero vaccine on May 1, 2015.

AFIX Assessments Update

AFIX assessments will now be ASIIS based. As a result, the Immunization Program Office will no longer be using CoCasa for these assessments. This also means that these reports can be run by in-office staff at your facility. If you would like to know more about how to run the AFIX reports please contact:

Alexandra Bhatti, Immunization Assessment Manager at Alexandra.Bhatti@azdhs.gov. Be ready to see reports with a new look at your next AFIX visit.

Training Reminder for Receiving or Rejecting Vaccine Transfers

If your office accepts a vaccine transfer from another provider's office ***please remember*** to always inspect the vaccine and, if you accept the transfer, to mark the doses as "received" in ASIIS. If you choose to reject the transfer please select the rejection reason in ASIIS. Your efforts are a very important step in our ability to track the doses of vaccine and to prevent vaccine wastage.

Temperature Log Submission using ASIIS

The ASIIS Cold Storage module allows you to manage cold storage units and track temperatures in ASIIS. The temperatures recorded in ASIIS replace faxing or emailing temperature logs, allowing the Vaccine Center Team to review your temperature logs within ASIIS. This enhances the Vaccine Center Team's ability to efficiently receive, review, and process your vaccine orders. ***Starting January 1, 2016, recording temperatures in ASIIS will be required.*** Please visit the [ASIIS training page](#) to access the Cold Storage Module step-by-step guide. If you have questions after reviewing the training or you notice any problems, please contact the ASIIS Help Desk via email at ASIISHelpDesk@azdhs.gov or via phone at 602-364-3899 or 1-877-491-5741.

Note: You must still retain a paper copy of the temperature logs on your cold storage unit.

Update: Providers who used the cold storage module prior to 2014 experienced issues accessing the cold storage module to enter temperature data. This was fixed in February 2015. The refrigeration and freezer units created in ASIIS with 'effective from' date of 10/31/14 or earlier were updated to have an effective from date to be 11/01/14. This reduces the amount of data that ASIIS needs to process in loading Cold Storage Module.

Please be sure to review all refrigeration and freezer units within ASIIS for your practice and ensure that no other issues exist.

Note on VFC Re-Enrollment

VFC providers who re-enrolled in 2014 do not have to re-enroll for 2015, but we will be starting 2016 re-enrollment later this year.

Vaccine Returns

A new option for return labels to be e-mailed will be available soon. Stay tuned for more information!

Coming Soon: Survey from the CDC

The CDC will soon be emailing a survey to all VFC providers about storage and handling knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs. Please take the time to complete this survey. VFC provider survey participation is vital to this effort, the focus of which is evaluating education and training activities related to the storage and handling of publicly-purchased vaccines.

Staff Vacancy

The Immunization Program Office ASIIS Program Manager position is currently vacant. Please direct all inquiries to the ASIIS helpdesk at ASIISHelpDesk@azdhs.gov or via phone at 602-364-3899 or 1-877-491-5741.