

# Vaccines for Children

Program Updates

June 28, 2017

## VFC Updates:

### VFC annual re-certification

Annual VFC re-certification for 2017 will be done online through the Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions and Services (GRITS). Information in GRITS will be used to pre-populate the information on the VFC Provider Agreement and the VFC Provider profile. Currently, VFC re-certification is being tested in GRITS and will be available to providers for VFC re-certification later this summer.

### **Re-certification: Annual Trainings**

Annually, the primary and back-up VFC vaccine coordinator in each practice should complete two CDC webinar trainings —

- “You Call the Shots” module on Vaccines for Children and
- “You Call the Shots” module on Vaccine Storage and Handling.

The trainings can be accessed at

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.html>

Any staff (e.g. receptionist, security) who might receive vaccine deliveries must be aware of the importance of maintaining the vaccine cold chain. They too should be trained to immediately notify the vaccine coordinator or back-up when deliveries arrive so that vaccine can be stored quickly.

### **Re-certification: Documents**

When Immunization Regional Consultants (IRCs) conduct VFC compliance site visits they will ask to see the following documents as part of the VFC re-certification process:

- Completed “You Call the Shots” Training certificates
- Current Vaccine Emergency Plans
- Thermometer Calibration certificates



program. VFC providers can administer public vaccines supplied through the Georgia Immunization Program to children 18 years and younger who are members of the following CMOs:

- Amerigroup
- CareSource
- Peach State
- WellCare

**CareSource** - a Medicaid Care Management Organization (CMO), has entered into an agreement with the Department of Public Health and Georgia Immunization Program.

## Vaccine Updates

Tenivac® syringes and vials are not currently available. Select Grifols Td vaccine vials as an alternative.

Recombivax® Syringes and Engerix vials are not on the current CDC/VFC contract. Select Recombivax vials or Engerix® syringes as an alternative.

Vaqta® Syringes are not on the current CDC/VFC contract. Select Vaqta vials or switch to Havrix® as an alternative.

**Additional Vaccine Requests:** VFC will approve requests up to 100 doses over the amount listed as “doses presumed needed”. Requests in excess of 100 require an email justification. Submit requests via email to [dph-gavfc@dph.ga.gov](mailto:dph-gavfc@dph.ga.gov).

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## **Vaccine Updates**

**Tenivac and Td vaccine** - CDC notified all State Immunization Programs that Sanofi Pasteur's Td vaccine (Tenivac) is not currently available for VFC orders. Both Tenivac syringes and vials are out of stock. Resupply is anticipated to be later this year on a date, yet to be determined. In the interim, Td Vaccine manufactured by Grifols is available for VFC ordering. The NDC number for Grifols Td vaccine is 13533-0131-01. It is shipped as a 10 pack, single dose vial. The Grifols Td vaccine is not available as syringes.

**Trumenba**- CDC published Updated Recommendations for Use of MenB-FHbp Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine in the May 19 issue of MMWR. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6619a6.htm>.

ACIP recommends the 2-dose schedule of TRUMENBA when given to healthy adolescents and young adults, aged 16 through 23 years, who are not at increased risk for meningococcal disease, as a category B recommendation.\* †

ACIP recommends the 3-dose schedule of TRUMENBA for persons aged ≥10 years, who are in a MenB outbreak situation, or at increased risk for meningococcal disease, as a category A recommendation. Persons at increased risk include\* ‡:

- ⇒ Persons with persistent complement component deficiencies§
- ⇒ Persons with anatomic or functional asplenia, including sickle cell disease
- ⇒ Microbiologists routinely exposed to isolates of *Neisseria meningitidis*

\*The choice of dosing schedule may depend on the risk of exposure and the patient's susceptibility to MenB.

†Category B recommendations are made for individual clinical decision making.

‡Category A recommendations are made for all persons in an age or risk factor based group.

§Including inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5-C9, properdin, factor D, or factor H, or those who are taking eculizumab (Soliris®, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc).



We are excited to announce that registration is open for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Immunize Georgia Conference on Friday, September 15, 2017! The conference will be held at the Columbus Georgia Conference & Trade Center. Join us to learn the latest recommendations and best practices in vaccination services, earn Continuing Education (CE) credits and network with your fellow peers and healthcare practitioners!

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To view draft agenda and register , please visit <http://www.immunizegeorgia.com/register>

### **Vaccine Temperature Monitoring Cloud Enrollment**

GA VFC will be transitioning to a Vaccine Temperature Monitoring Cloud through Control Solutions. The Cloud will help GA VFC Program and IRCs, review VFC providers' storage unit temperatures. Per CDC's recommendation, providers will be required to download their data loggers on a weekly basis. In order to make all of this possible, **we are requiring all VFC providers to complete the survey below by July 15, 2017.**

**If you do not have a data logger, you are still required to complete the survey.** Please remember by January 1, 2018 , CDC will require all units used for storing VFC vaccines to have data loggers.

**Providers that participated in the data logger pilot are no longer required to send over their monthly data logger reports and temperature log.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAVMTC>

## **Field Staff Changes**

The Immunization Program has recently made changes to the coverage areas for field representatives, formerly called Immunization Program Consultants (IPCs). Your field representatives are now Immunization Regional Consultants or IRCs. Below is the updated list of regional areas, counties covered and assigned IRC. Please note that 2 regional positions are currently vacant and will be filled in the near future.

**Region 1: Rome - Immunization Regional Consultant: Jamie Henley 470-249-4160**

Bartow, Catoosa, Chatooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Floyd, Gilmer, Gordon, Haralson, Murray, Pickens, Polk, Walker, Whitfield

**Region 2: Gainesville – Immunization Regional Consultant: Farrah Machida (470) 891-0511**

Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

**Region 3: Cobb/Douglas – *Vacant* - Contact the VFC Program for assistance**

Cobb, Douglas, Paulding, Cherokee

**Region 4: Fulton/Clayton - Immunization Regional Consultant: Saron Ephraim (404) 387-9369**

Fulton, Clayton

**Region 5: Gwinnett – *Vacant* - Contact the VFC Program for assistance**

**Region 6: DeKalb – Immunization Regional Consultant: Dorlisa Tillman (404) 313-6379**

DeKalb, Rockdale, Newton

**Region 7: LaGrange – Immunization Regional Consultant: Tina Dempsey (404) 277-6442**

Counties included: Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Lamar, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup, Fayette, Henry

**Region 8: Dublin/Macon – Immunization Regional Consultant: Kelly Duke (404) 277-9414**

Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Dodge, Crawford, Hancock, Houston, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Monroe, Montgomery, Peach, Putnam, Telfair, Twiggs, Toombs, Treutlen, Washington, Wheeler, Wilkinson

**Region 9: Augusta – Immunization Regional Consultant: Shelia Fultz (404) 387-5476**

Bulloch, Burke, Candler, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Wilkes

**Region 10: Columbus – Immunization Regional Consultant: Kelly Seegmueller (404) 277-3179**

Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Early, Harris, Lee, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Pulaski, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Terrell, Upson, Webster, Wilcox

**Region 11: Valdosta, Albany – Immunization Regional Consultant: Lisa Jenkins (404) 615-2427**

Atkinson, Baker, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Echols, Grady, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas, Tift, Turner, Worth

**Region 12: Savannah, Brunswick, Waycross –Immunization Regional Consultant: John Sheahan**

Appling, Bacon, Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce, Tattnall, Ware, Wayne

**Region 13: Athens – Immunization Regional Consultant: Angie Webster (404) 277-8923**

Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Walton