### VFC Program Update: 2018 Program Requirements and Key Areas of Focus

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### **Presentation Overview**

- VFC Program Highlights
- 2018 New Requirements for VFC Participation
- 2018 VFC Strategic Areas of Focus



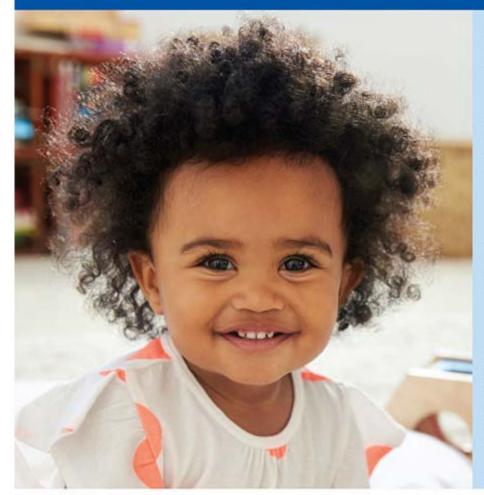
# **VFC Program Highlights**

- VFC is a federal *entitlement* program
- Created in October 1994, VFC is now 23 years
- Provides vaccines at no cost to public & private providers
- Covers all ACIP recommended vaccines
- Eliminates cost as a barrier
- Keeps children in their medical home



#### Vaccines for Children Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2016 will:

#### prevent **381** million illnesses



more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.

help avoid 855,000 deaths



greater than the population of Seattle, W.A.

save nearly \$1.65 trillion in total societal costs (that includes \$360 billion in direct costs)



or \$5,077 for each American

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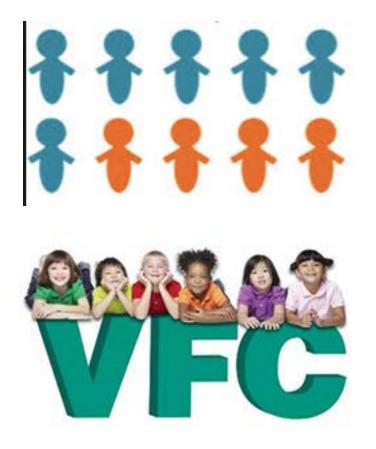
Updated 2017 analysis using methods from "Benefits from immunization during the Vacdnes for Children Program Eta -- United States, 1993-2013"



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

# **VFC Eligible Population**



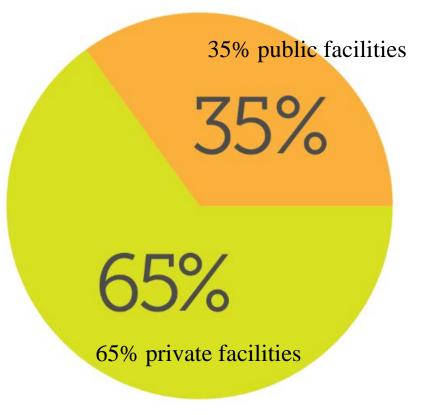
- 60% of children 0-18 years of age in CA are VFC eligible or 6.3M
  - 355,700 American Indian/Alaskan Natives





## **VFC Provider Participation**

- 3,806 Active healthcare providers
- 47 Tribal/Indian Health Services Clinics

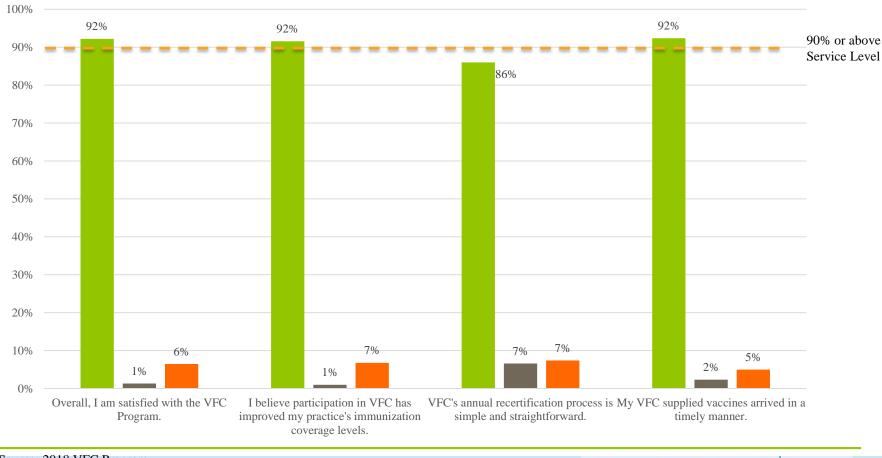






#### 2018 VFC Program Satisfaction Survey Q5: Based on your experiences in the PAST 12 **MONTHS**, please indicate your agreement with the following statements

#### **Overall Program Participation**



Source: 2018 VFC Program Satisfaction Survey, preliminary results

■ Strongly Disagree/Disagree StronglyAgree/Agree

Neutral



### **2018 VFC Program Requirements**

- VFC participation requirements are summarized in the 2018 VFC Program Participation Requirements at a Glance.
- New requirements and updates are noted within this document

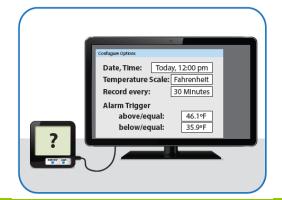
California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program 2018 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance

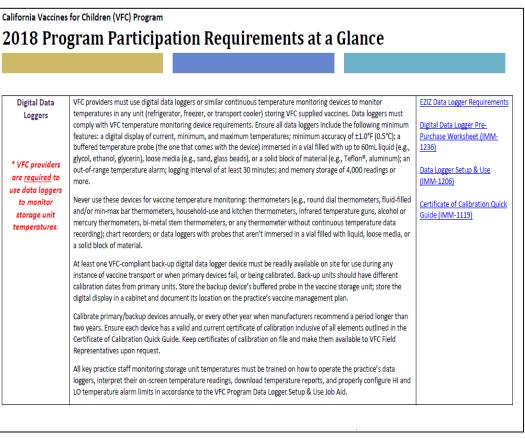
Management Plan	Maintain a current and completed vaccine management plan (for routine and emergency situations) that includes	EZIZ VFC Program
opaatea for 2018	practice-specific vaccine management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and completion dates of required EZIZ lessons for key practice staff. Designate a staff member responsible for updating the management plan. Review and update the plan at least once a year, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine management responsibilities change. Ensure all staff with assigned vaccine management responsibilities review, sign, and date the plan annually and whenever the management plan is updated. Conduct regular vaccine management drills to maintain competency and readiness for emergency procedures, such as vaccine transport.	Requirements lesson Vaccine Management Plan (IMM-1122)
	Designate on-site practice staff for each key role required by VFC, maintain key practice staff information updated in the practice's profile, and immediately report key practice staff changes by logging into MyVFCVaccines. Changes to the Provider or Provider of Record Designee cannot be made online, and a Key Practice Staff Change Request form needs to be completed and submitted to the VFC Program. There are four required VFC roles: <b>Provider of Record (POR)</b> : The physician-in-chief, medical director, or equivalent role that signs and agrees to the terms of the VFC "Provider Agreement" and the California VFC Program "Provider Agreement Addendum" and is utimately accountable for the practice's compliance. Must be a licensed MD, DO, NP, PA, pharmacist, or a Certified Nurse Midwife with prescription-writing privileges in California. <b>Provider of Record Designee</b> : The on-site person designated by the Provider of Record to sign VFC documents on his/her behalf and to assume responsibility for VFC matters in his/her absence. <b>Vaccine Coordinator:</b> An on-site employee who is fully trained and responsible for implementing and overseeing the provider's vaccine management plan. <b>Backup Vaccine Coordinator:</b> An on-site employee fully trained in the practice's vaccine management activities and fulfills the responsibilities of the Vaccine Coordinator in his/her absence. <b>Immunization Champion (optional):</b> A staff member who goes above and beyond their normal duties to promote immunizations to patients and in the community.	Vaccine Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities (IMM-968) VFC Key Practice Staff Change Request Form (IMM-1166)



#### Temperature Monitoring: Required use of Digital Data Loggers

Requirement: Required use of Digital Data Loggers to monitor temperatures of any unit storing VFC supplied vaccines



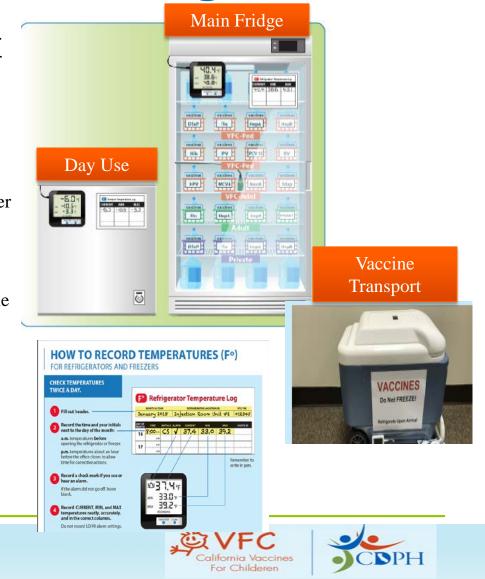






# Key 2018 VFC Requirement: DDLs and temperature monitoring

- VFC providers must use digital data loggers or similar continuous temperature monitoring devices to monitor temperatures <u>in any unit</u> (refrigerator, freezer, or transport cooler) <u>storing VFC supplied vaccines.</u>
- Data loggers must comply with VFC temperature monitoring device requirements.
- At least one VFC-compliant back-up digital data logger device must be readily available on site for use during any instance of vaccine transport or when primary devices fail, or being calibrated.
- Store the backup device's buffered probe in the vaccine storage unit; store the digital display in a cabinet and document its location on the practice's vaccine management plan.
- All key practice staff monitoring storage unit temperatures must be trained;
  - how to operate the practice's data loggers
  - interpret on-screen temperature readings
  - download temperature reports
  - properly configure HI and LO temperature alarm limits



### Vaccine Management: Managing the Management Plans

California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

#### 2018 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance

Requirement	Summary	Resources/Job Aids
Vaccine	Maintain a current and completed vaccine management plan (for routine and emergency situations) that includes	EZIZ VFC Program
Management Plan	practice-specific vaccine management guidelines and protocols, names of staff with temperature monitoring responsibilities, and completion dates of required EZIZ lessons for key practice staff. Designate a staff member	Requirements lesson
Updated for 2018	responsible for updating the management plan.	Vaccine Management Plan
,,	Review and update the plan at least once a year, when VFC Program requirements change, and when staff with designated vaccine management responsibilities change.	<u>(IMM-1122)</u>
	Ensure all staff with assigned vaccine management responsibilities review, sign, and date the plan annually and whenever the management plan is updated.	
	Conduct regular vaccine management drills to maintain competency and readiness for emergency procedures, such as vaccine transport.	

**Requirement:** Have a designated staff responsible for updating clinic's Vaccine Management Plans

#### Vaccine Management Plan

#### Section 8: Annual Signature Log

Sign and date one signature block each year and when you up update practice-specific information. By signing, staff acknowledge they have reviewed and are familiar with all the information in the document.

Updates & Comments		
Provider of Record	Signature/Date	
Vaccine Coordinator	Signature/Date	
Backup Vaccine Coordinator	Signature/Date	
Provider of Record Designee	Signature/Date	
Staff who Updates VMP	Signature/Date	
Additional Staff	Signature/Date	
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Vaccine Coordinator	Signature/Date	
Backup Vaccine Coordinator	Signature/Date	
Provider of Record Designee	Signature/Date	
Staff who Updates VMP	Signature/Date	
Additional Staff	Signature/Date	
Updates & Comments		
Provider of Record	Signature/Date	
Vaccine Coordinator	Signature/Date	
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Provider of Record Designee	Signature/Date	
Staff who Updates VMP	Signature/Date	
Additional Staff	Signature/Date	





Vaccine Storage: Updated Refrigerator Temperature Ranges (°F)

Requirement: Ensure vaccine storage units maintain updated recommended temperature rages for refrigerated vaccines:

**36.0°F and 46.0°F** (2.0°C and 8.0°C).

California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

#### 2018 Program Participation Requirements at a Glance

Receiving Vaccine	Follow VFC Program requirements:	Vaccine Receiving Log and
Deliveries	<ul> <li>Never reject vaccine shipments.</li> <li>Receive, inspect, and store vaccines and diluent within manufacturer recommended ranges immediately upon delivery.</li> <li>Inspect vaccines for out-of-range temperatures and shipping times during transport.</li> <li>Check package contents to ensure brands and quantities match the packing slip and approved VFC order. Immediately report all shipment issues (e.g., damaged boxes, out-of-range temperatures and shipping times, missing diluents, and incorrect brands and quantities) using the VFC Vaccine Receiving Log and Checklist.</li> <li>Keep packing slips for all vaccine shipments received, including publicly funded and private vaccine shipments.</li> </ul>	Checklist (IMM-1112)
Vaccine Storage	Always store vaccines within manufacturer recommended ranges:	EZIZ Storing Vaccines lesson
Updated Fahrenheit temperature	<ul> <li>Frozen vaccines (MMR, MMRV, and VAR) between -58.0°F and 5.0°F (-50.0°C and -15.0°C).</li> <li>All other vaccines in a refrigerator between 36.0°F and 46.0°F (2.0°C and 8.0°C).</li> <li>Store VFC-supplied vaccines according to VFC Program guidelines.</li> </ul>	
range for refrigerators	<ul> <li>Store vaccines in original packaging and within closed boxes to protect from light and allow for air circulation.</li> <li>Store VFC-supplied and privately purchased vaccines separately and grouped by vaccine type.</li> <li>Do not store vaccines in the doors, drawers, or bins.</li> <li>Place vaccines with the earliest expiration dates toward the front of the storage unit and use first.</li> </ul>	
	Vaccine storage at alternate off-site locations requires prior VFC approval; always store and administer vaccines at the approved location for the VFC PIN.	





#### Vaccine Administration: Revaccination Recommendations

Requirement: Acknowledge that revaccination is recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices when nonviable vaccines are administered to patients.

Vaccine	For non-MediCal VFC-eligible children, waive the administration fee if the parent/guardian is unable to pay.
Administration New for 2018	For Medi-Cal children, never bill the difference between Medi-Cal's administration fee and the administration fee cap to the parent/guardian.
100 2010	Acknowledge that revaccination is recommended if non-viable vaccines have been administered to patients.





# **Program Integrity**

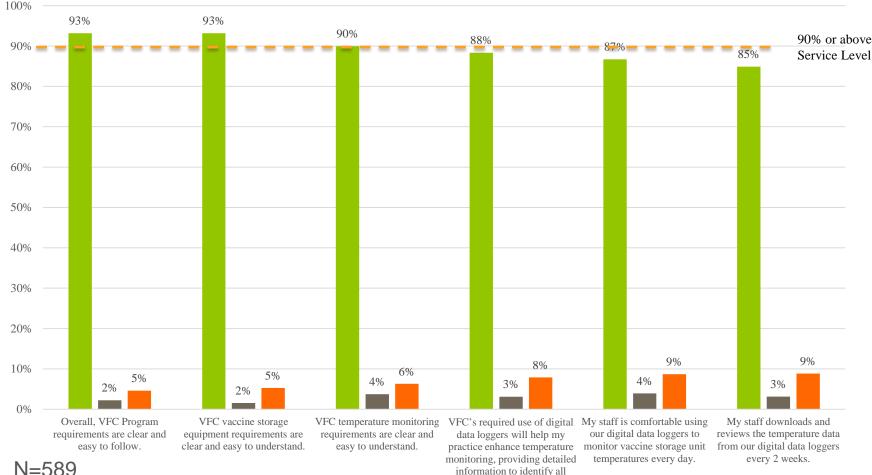
Requirement: Never destroy, alter or falsify immunization records, including temperature logs.

Program Integrity	Clinic staff will conduct themselves in an ethical, professional, and respectful manner in all interactions with VFC Program staff.
New for 2018	Never destroy, alter, or falsify immunization or VFC Program-related records.





### How do VFC Providers Feel **About New Requirements?**



#### N=589

Source: 2018 VFC Program Satisfaction Survey, preliminary results

Strongly Agree/Agree

■ Strongly Disagree/Disagree

temperature excursions





# **2018 Strategic Focus**

- Compliance with ACIP Recommended Vaccine Schedules
  - Provision of recommended vaccines
  - Strategic focus on Flu and HPV
- Reduction of Storage and Handling Incidents
- Sharing resources and implementation of educational opportunities for VFC Providers

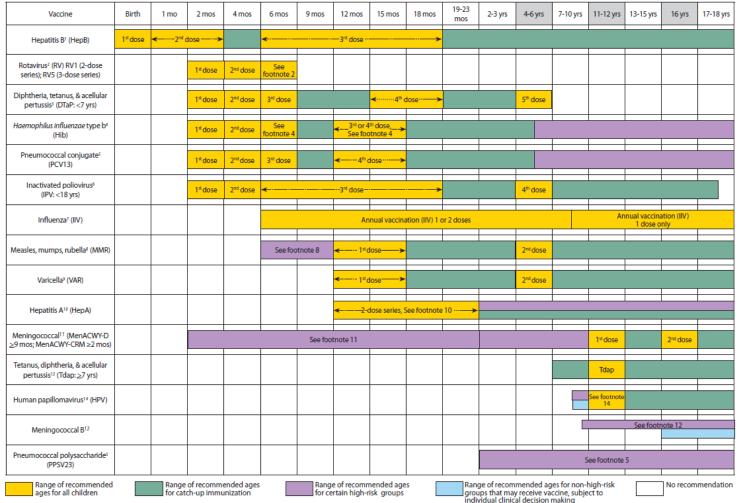


# ACIP 2018 Immunization Schedules!

#### Figure 1. Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger—United States, 2018.

#### (FOR THOSE WHO FALL BEHIND OR START LATE, SEE THE CATCH-UP SCHEDULE [FIGURE 2]).

These recommendations must be read with the footnotes that follow. For those who fall behind or start late, provide catch-up vaccination at the earliest opportunity as indicated by the green bars in Figure 1. To determine minimum intervals between doses, see the catch-up schedule (Figure 2). School entry and adolescent vaccine age groups are shaded in gray.



The 2018 Children and Adolescents and Adults Immunization Schedules are now available online.

Color print copies were mailed to all VFC providers

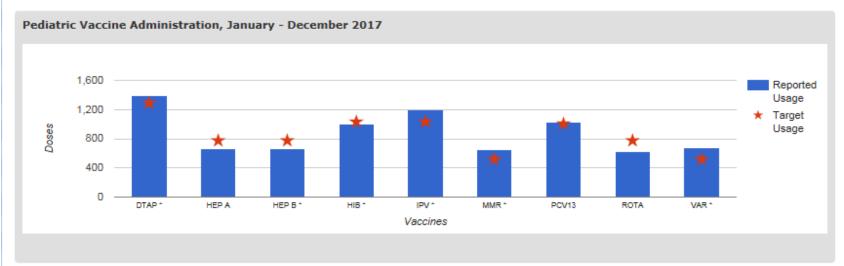


NOTE: The above recommendations must be read along with the footnotes of this schedule.

### VFC Provider Profiles: Guiding pediatric vaccination targets

#### 2017 VFC Vaccine Usage Summary (12 month period, January - December 2017):

Total VFC Eligible Children Reported in 2017: 4874, 100%



\* Total doses used include a sum of all products (single and combination vaccines) in the vaccine group.

Notes:

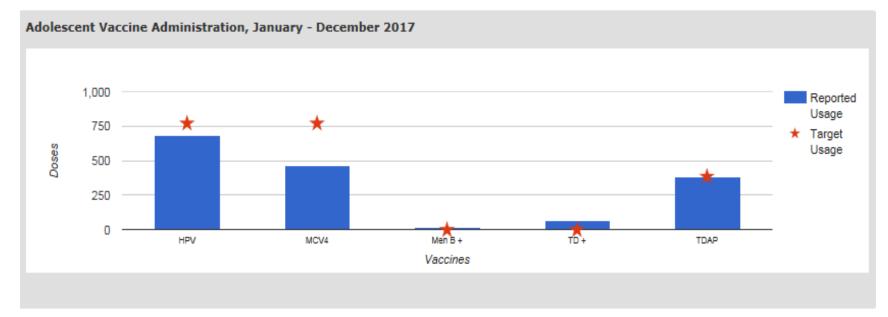
Target for rotavirus is based on the 3 dose schedule for RotaTeq®. Providers using Rotarix® will have a lower target usage which does not display due to the 2 dose schedule for Rotarix®. Target for hib is based on the 4 dose schedule of hib containing vaccines including Pentacel®, ActHib® and Hiberix®. Providers using PedvaxHib® will have a lower target usage which does not display due to the 3 dose schedule for PedvaxHib®.

#### Key Provider Messages:

Providers enrolled in the VFC Program agree to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines for populations served. Based on vaccine usage reports and your VFC-eligible population 0-6 years of age reported in 2017, your practice is offering all ACIP recommended vaccines in accordance to population served.

Please refer to the graph above to see if doses administered are in line with target vaccine usage. Targets for pediatric vaccine administration are based on vaccines doses recommended for children 0-6 years, utilizing sentinel vaccine usage (Pneumococcal Conjugate and Hib) to estimate targets.

### VFC Provider Profiles: Guiding adolescent vaccination targets



+ Meningococcal B Vaccines (MMB) and Td: There is no target set for these vaccines.

#### Key Provider Messages:

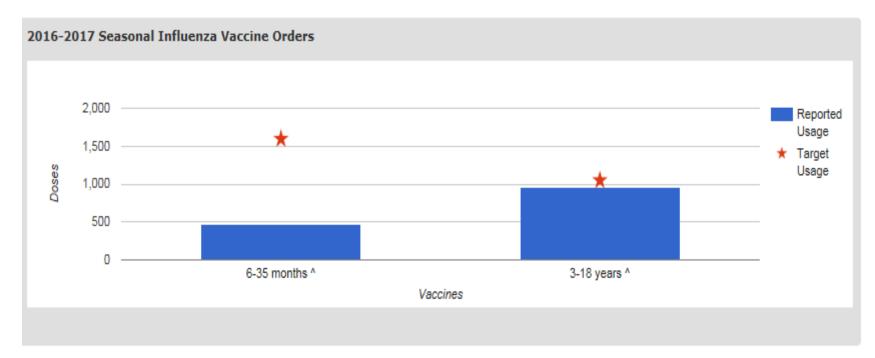
Providers enrolled in the VFC Program agree to provide all ACIP recommended vaccines for populations served. Based on vaccine usage reports and your VFC-eligible population 7-18 years of age reported in 2017, your practice is not offering all ACIP recommended vaccines in accordance to the population served

Please refer to the graph above to see if doses administered are in line with target vaccine usage. Targets for adolescent vaccine administration are pased on vaccines doses recommended for children 7-18 years, utilizing sentinel vaccine usage (Tdap) to estimate targets.





### VFC Provider Profiles: Guiding *Flu* vaccination targets



> Flu vaccine is based on vaccine doses received, transferred and returned by your practice during the 2016-2017 Influenza season.



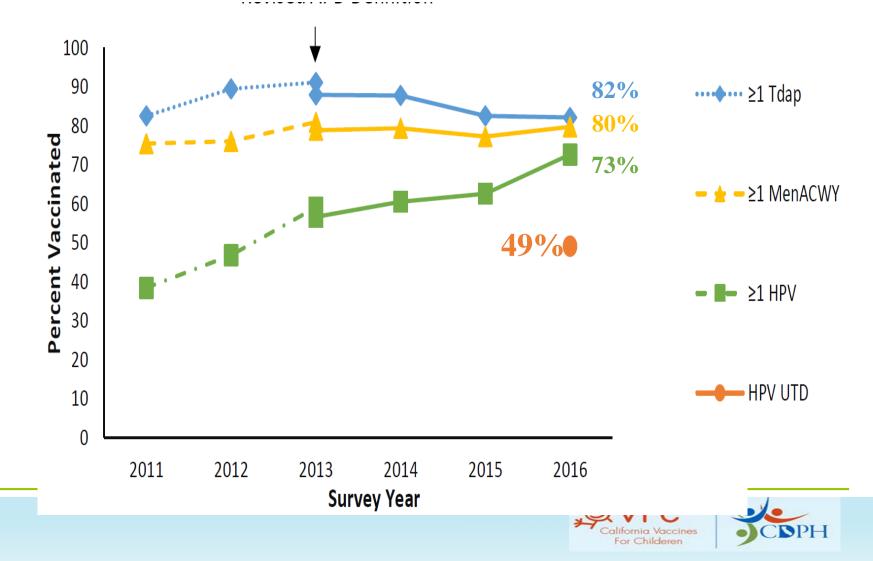
### HPV Vaccine and Cancer Prevention

- CA burden of cancers caused by HPV is real
- CA Cancer Registry: CA saw 4,340 cases of HPV associated cancers in men and women in 2015
- We have a vaccine that prevents these cancers!
- Through initiation and completion of HPV series among adolescents in your practice, YOU have the power to prevent over 4,000 cases of cancer EACH YEAR in our state





#### Estimated Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13-17 Years, CA, NIS-Teen. 2011-2016



# As a VFC Provider, you can be part of cancer prevention!

# **CANCER PREVENTION**



Identify an HPV Vaccination Champion to lead all staff in support HPV vaccination

Get to know your targets and rates (VFC Profiles, CAIR Reports)

"bundle" HPV recommendation (Tdap, HPV, MenACWY)

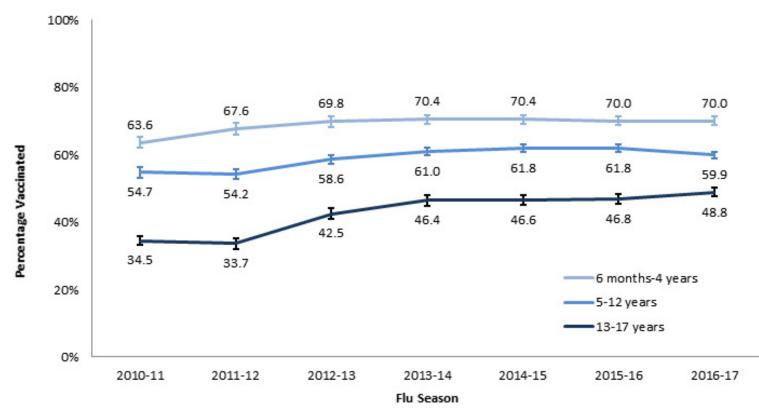
Minimize missed opportunities, check CAIR and/or EHR for recommended vaccines at every visit (sick or well)

Reminder/recall



### **Influenza Vaccination**

Figure 2. Seasonal Flu Vaccination Coverage Among Children, by Age Group and Season, United States, 2010-2017



Source: CDC 2010-2016 NIS-Flu



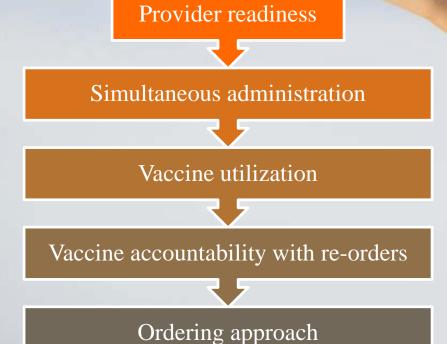
### Importance of Pediatric Influenza Vaccination

- A study published in *Pediatrics* show that flu vaccination significantly reduced a child's risk of dying from influenza.
- The study found that flu vaccination reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half (51 percent) among children with underlying high-risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds (65 percent) among healthy children.
- This underscores the importance of influenza vaccination in children 6 months and older annually.





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## **VFC Afternoon TEAch**

- *Afternoon TEAch with VFC* is a new webinar series offered to California VFC program providers and their staff
  - held at noon for an hour
  - Online webinars will cover a variety of immunization topics to help VFC provider staff in daily immunization efforts
  - Future webinars may will discuss:
    - Pediatric vaccination schedule
    - Adolescent vaccination schedule
    - Injection safety and many more topics

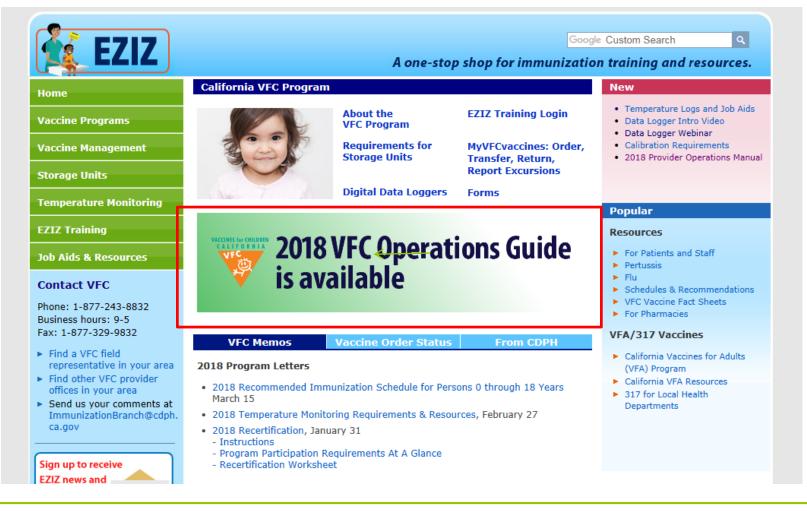








### **2018 CA VFC Operations Guide**







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#### Vaccines for Children Program Provider Operations Manual





#### **VFC** Vaccines for Children Program

1-877-243-8832 eziz.org

#### Dear VFC Provider,

The California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Provider Operations Manual (POM) has been updated and posted on EZIZ.org. This version replaces the POM posted in 2017. The POM is a reference guide that helps providers stay compliant with VFC Program requirements, increase immunization levels in their patient population, and protect vaccine viability. It provides clear instructions to help you and your staff incorporate VFC Program requirements and best practices into your existing practice protocols.

Unlike previous versions which were only available electronically on EZIZ.org, this year the VFC Program is sending a printed copy of the POM to all VFC practices, along with a three-ring binder and a set of pre-printed tabs. The VFC Program will update and revise information in the POM as needed and will communicate changes to you. We ask that you replace relevant sections in your POM to ensure it reflects current policies and procedures. You will want to keep the POM accessible and within reach of staff who work with vaccines.

Binders are currently going out to all California VFC providers. In addition to the POM, the binder contains helpful immunization resources for your practice:

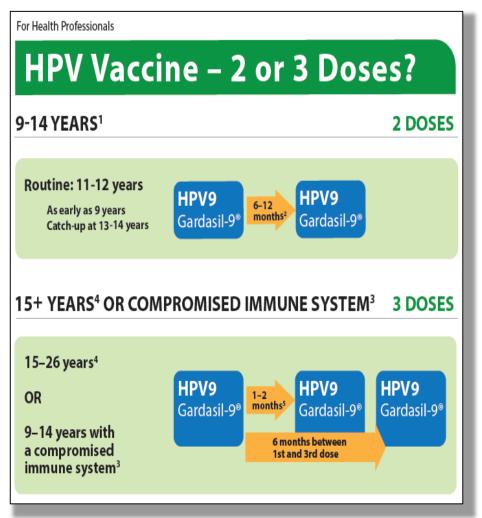
- 9 pre-printed binder tabs
- Cover letter
- Provider Operations Manual (IMM-1248)
- 2018 VFC Program Requirements At-a-Glance (IMM-1240)
- 2018 Immunization Timing Schedule (IMM-395)
- 2018 ACIP Immunization Schedules
- Refrigerator Temperature F° Log pad (IMM-1125)
- Freezer Temperature F° Log pad (IMM-1126)

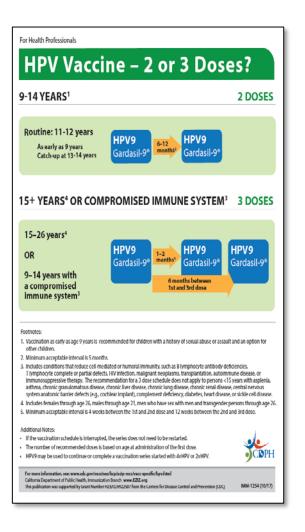
Use your new binder to file other important VFC Program-related documentation, such as your practice's Vaccine Management Plan, completed temperature logs, Digital Data Logger certificates of calibration, EZIZ training certificates, and vaccine order invoices. VFC Field Representatives may review your binder during site visits.

**Please note:** Our distributor experienced a technical glitch causing the wrong names to show up on mailing labels. When you receive the package, please keep the binder and resources sent to your address even if the name may be



### **HPV Vaccine Timing Chart**





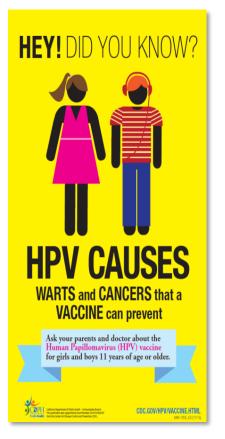
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# Educational Materials from CDPH





As easy as	
PREVENT HPV	Name:
	<b>1</b> Remember to come in for your next HPV shot!
	2 Your second HPV shot is due on:
	3 Your third HPV shot (if needed) is due on:
	You need all shots for full protection!





### #HowlRecommend

- How an office routinely recommends HPV vaccine.
- What do you say to parents who have HPV vaccine safety concerns?
- What do you say when parents ask about HPV vaccine side effects?



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recommend





### Reduction of Storage and Handling Incidents

In 2017 alone, the VFC Program received 1,600 S& H incidents

- Door left open
- Power outages
- Unit malfunction
- Temperature set too cold/too warm
- No temperatures recorded

#### Vaccine Storage Excursion Report



#### Refrigerator: Kenmore AF00000 - Location: Room B25

Instructions: Use this table to document the out-of-range (OOR) temperatures, actions taken, and the total time temperatures went outside of the recommended storage range based on your data logger report. Only enter excursions not previously reported.

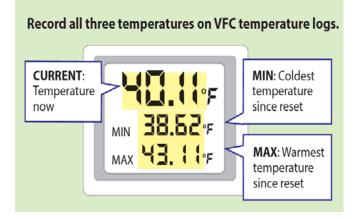
ONLY check this box if vaccines were NOT stored in this unit at the time the temperature excursion occurred

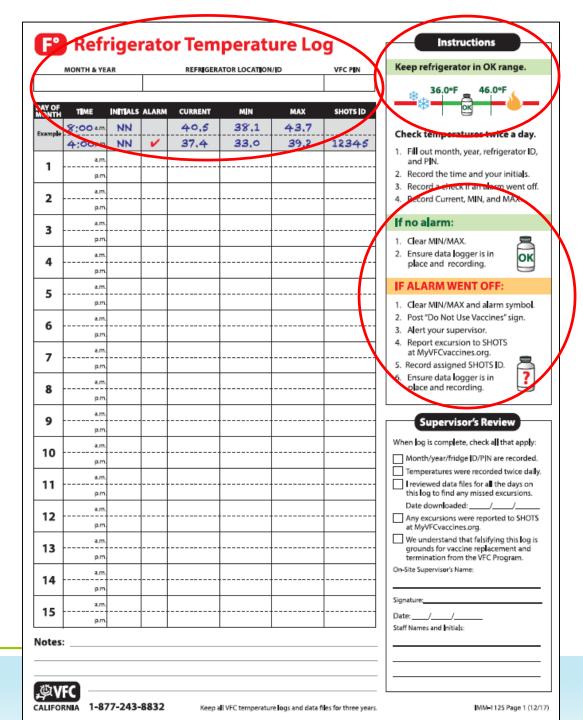
Cause of Excursion	Min Temperature	Max Temperature	Temp Scale	Date & Time OOR Temp Occurred 🚹	Total Time Out of Range 👔	Describe Corrective Actions Taken
Conducting Vaccine Inventory/Receiving Vaccines	37.20	48.20	F	02/21/2018 02:20 pm	00:30:00	none



### Updated Temperature Logs

Adjusted for monitoring temperatures using a DDL





## **Questions?**

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