

VFC VACCINE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE

REFRIGERATOR 35°F - 46°F / 2°-8° C

FREEZER ≤ 5°F / -15°C

Upon detection of refrigerator or freezer temperatures exceeding the above recommended ranges for vaccine maintenance, VFC providers must proceed with the following activities **IMMEDIATELY**.

- ★ Contact the vaccine manufacturer/distributor for each vaccine affected. Be prepared to provide information related to how the incident occurred, time frames and logged temperatures. Each manufacturer will use this information to determine whether or not vaccine can be saved.

- ★ Notify your assigned field representative in the State Immunization Program office at 1-800-642-3634 or (304) 558-2188. They will review the manufacturers' recommendations and provide additional instructions for reporting any vaccine loss or returning vaccine. **DO NOT DISPOSE OF VACCINE UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO BY IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM STAFF.**

Be sure to complete a monthly visual inspection of all vaccines, checking the expiration dates of each vial. Notify the Immunization Program about any VFC vaccine that will expire within the upcoming 3 month period that can not be used before expiration. The Immunization Program can then make arrangements to redistribute and make good use of valuable vaccine before it expires.

Remember:

Non-compliance with the above directives may result in inactivation, preventing further participation in the Vaccines for Children Program.

IMMUNOBIOLOGICALS MANUFACTURERS / DISTRIBUTORS

| MANUFACTURERS / DISTRIBUTORS | TELEPHONE NUMBERS |
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| Aventis - Pasteur, Inc. Discovery Drive Swiftwater, PA 18370-0187 | 570-839-7187 800-822-2463 |
| Glaxo SmithKline Pharmaceuticals One Franklin Plaza P.O. Box 7929 Philadelphia, PA 19101 | 215-751-4000 800-366-8900 |
| Merck & Co., Inc. Vaccine Division Sumneytown Pike, P.O. Box 4 West Point, PA 19486-0004 | 215-652-5000 800-672-6372 |
| Wyeth-Lederle Laboratories, Inc. P.O. Box 8299 Philadelphia, PA 19101-1245 | 215-688-4400 800-358-7443 |