



Update from CDC: Hib vaccine shortage [April 23, 2008]

⦿ Please remember that revised Hib recommendations are NOT office-specific—these affect the whole country.

Do not give the Hib vaccine booster to healthy children aged 12-15 months. Stocking vaccine to give the booster dose during the shortage can take away from providers who are struggling to provide the primary series. Continue to give booster to high-risk children with asplenia, sickle cell disease, HIV, other immune syndromes, or those who are Alaskan or Native American.

🕒 Don't miss an opportunity. Use what vaccine you have when appropriate. Do not turn away patients recommended to receive vaccine during the shortage; more vaccine is coming.

➔ Plan for when the shortage is over. Utilize best practice/recall-reminder systems and review the catch-up schedule:
<<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm#catchup>>.

Manufacturers are working closely with agencies within HHS to address Hib supply issues. CDC will communicate updates on Hib vaccine supply as soon as they are available.