



## Returning Wasted and Expired Vaccine

### VFC Requirements – Provider Must:

- Develop and maintain complete, accurate and separate stock records.
- Notify immunization program of any vaccine soon to expire.
- Remove expired vaccine from storage unit to prevent inadvertent administration.
- Transfer vaccine only with the approval of the immunization program.
- Send returns to McKesson within six months after expiration/spoilage date and 30 days of reconciliation, receipt of a Return Authorization Number (RA#) and request for labels. If this is not done within the required time, your RA# will expire and be cancelled by CDC. You will then have to request a new Return Authorization Number. If you do not have your label within 10 to 14 business days please call MIP at 1-800-569-0659 to speak with Vaccine Management.
- Products with Multiple NDCs, use NDC on outer box.

Return Label for Expired Vaccines from McKesson →



## Change in Cap Color for Sanofi IPOL® Vials

Effective immediately, SANOFI PASTEUR has changed the cap color of IPOL® vials, NDC 49281-0860-10, from green to orange. Providers who receive shipments of IPOL® from the McKesson Memphis Distribution Center will begin to see the vials with the new orange cap color within the next week or two. It will be a few weeks before the McKesson Sacramento Distribution Center begins shipping the IPOL® vials with the new orange cap color.

Former Green Cap Color



NEW Orange Cap Color



Should you have any questions, please contact 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463) for assistance.

# New Merck Shipping Containers

Merck will begin using new shipping containers for delivery of frozen vaccine products.

Here are some of the changes implemented with the new shipping containers:

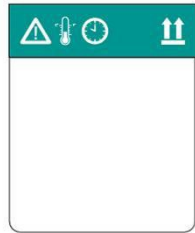
- Boxes will be more identifiable because of Merck's logo on the banding straps and Merck's name on top of box.
- New handles and symbols to reduce mismanagement and/or misplacement of the container.
- Easy-to-read instructions are on the outside stressing immediate storage and handling is needed.
- A pamphlet on the inside to reiterate the important storage and handling required for the product, as well as instruction about how to recycle the container.
- Reinforced interior design to better protect product from shifting and possibly being crushed in transit.
- Bubble wrap included to keep product secure and dry.

## Privately Purchased Vaccine

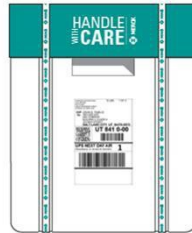
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Private Sector Version



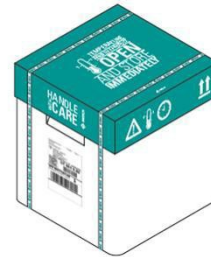
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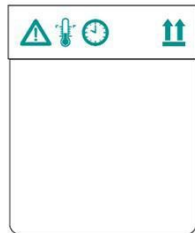
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## Publicly Funded Vaccine

FREEZER BOX TOP  
Publicly Funded Vaccine Version



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If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at:

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