Vaccines Available

In an effort to reduce the amount of vaccine that is wasted in the State of Maine, we are now posting on the ImmPact homepage a list of vaccines that provider offices have on hand that they cannot use prior to the expiration date.

The list of vaccines available in the state are broken down by county. **Please check the lists prior to placing future orders.** If you can use any of the vaccine listed, please contact Vaccine Management at 1-800-569-0659 and they will help facilitate the transfer.

In order to transfer inventory from one site to another, both sites must have up-to-date temperatures in ImmPact and reconciliation must have been done within the last 30 days.

For more information, please visit: [https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/index.html)
Temperature Change

The Federal CDC has adjusted its guidance on the Fahrenheit temperature range for storing refrigerated vaccine. The old range was 35°F - 46°F; the new range is 36°F - 46°F.

The Celsius temperature range remains 2°C - 8°C, as stated in all manufacturers’ package inserts for routinely recommended refrigerated vaccines. The conversion of 2°C - 8°C equates to 35.6°F – 46.4°F.

Among routinely recommended vaccines, most manufacturers’ package inserts note a Fahrenheit temperature range of 36°F - 46°F, while some note a temperature range of 35°F - 46°F. By adjusting CDC’s guidance for the Fahrenheit temperature range from 35°F - 46°F to 36°F - 46°F, CDC is ensuring that its recommended Fahrenheit temperature range does not conflict with the package inserts of any routinely recommended vaccines.

All providers should start implementing this change as soon as possible.


New temperature logs reflecting the temperature change can be found under Storage and Handling in the Forms and Updates section of our website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/providers/forms-updates.shtml

Vaccines for Children (VFC) Eligibility Screening & Documentation

All VFC providers are required to screen each patient receiving state-supplied vaccines for eligibility at every immunization visit.

If your site is chosen for a VFC compliance visit, you will be required to demonstrate how your practice screens patients for VFC eligibility.

As a reminder children up through 18 years of age who meet at least one of the following criteria are considered VFC eligible:

- Enrolled in Medicaid
- Does not have health insurance
- Is an American Indian or Alaska Native
- Is underinsured (has health insurance that does not pay for vaccinations)

Children who are privately insured MUST be recorded as not VFC eligible in the ImmPact system. These children do not qualify for vaccines purchased with VFC funds; however, they do qualify for vaccines purchased with other funds and can receive vaccine supplied by the Maine Immunization Program.

Vaccine Replacement Updates

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of you. Looking at the preliminary numbers, compared to last year at this time, vaccine wastage is down approximately 50%!


For more in depth updates and a chance to ask your Replacement Procedure questions, plan on attending the Spring Replacement Procedure webinar. Look for more information regarding the webinar later this month.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at: (207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775 www.ImmunizeME.org