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To: Maine Immunization Program Providers
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During the current COVID-19 situation, the U.S. CDC and Maine Immunization Program (MIP) are recommending that children continue to receive their routine vaccinations. To prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable disease, it is important now more than ever to keep our immunization rates high.

For the next four months, we will allow MIP providers to borrow State-Supplied Vaccine for non-Maine resident children who have private insurance. These doses are subject to replacement with privately-purchased vaccine. For each case, contact MIP prior to borrowing vaccine to ensure proper steps are followed. We recommend that providers review the "Vaccine Borrowing" section in the MIP Policy and Procedure manual found here: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/immunization/documents/MIP-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf> on page 49. This will help to familiarize yourself with our general policy when things normalize.

Please note, if a non-Maine resident meets **VFC Patient Eligibility Criteria**, the vaccine administered to the non-Maine resident will not be subject to the vaccine borrowing policy. Vaccines will not need to be replaced **ONLY** if the non-Maine resident meets one of the **VFC Vaccine Patient Eligibility Criteria** listed below.

Any child who is 18 years of age or younger and meets at least one of the eligibility criteria listed below is eligible to receive VFC vaccine:

- Enrolled in MaineCare, or is MaineCare-eligible
- Uninsured
- American Indian or Alaskan Native (in accordance with 25 USC 1603)
- Under-insured

As previously stated above, a child who has commercial (private) health insurance **IS NOT** eligible to receive state vaccines from the Maine Immunization Program, unless proper borrowing steps have been taken.

If you have any questions, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at 207-287-3746.

Thank you for all that you do for the Maine Immunization Program and the children of Maine.