



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

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TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccine

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SUBJECT: Expansion of State Supplied Influenza vaccine

The primary purpose of this communication is to notify you of the expansion of state supplied Influenza vaccine.

Influenza Vaccine

Influenza vaccine is routinely recommended for all children 6 months through 18 years of age on an annual basis. Influenza vaccination is required for all children 6 through 59 months of age in licensed day care and for all children 24 through 59 months of age in local or board of education pre-school programs.

Beginning July 1, 2012 providers can begin to use state supplied Influenza vaccine for all children 6 through 59 months of age regardless of insurance status. Vaccination for children 5 through 18 years of age will be limited to VFC-eligible children and children enrolled in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP). (Please see definition of S-CHIP children below).

As a reminder VFC eligibility is defined as follows:

- Medicaid enrolled (Husky A)
- No health insurance
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

In addition, those individuals 5 through 18 years of age who are under-insured (have health insurance that does not cover the cost of immunizations) can be referred to a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to be immunized with VFC-supplied vaccine.

The Immunization Program will be providing several different formulations of flu vaccine from various manufacturers. The hope is to be able to provide all thimerosal-free formulations when possible. A listing of all flu products that will be available will be sent out in the coming weeks. As you are aware, the manufacturing of flu vaccine takes 4 to 6 months and the exact availability of product will vary by manufacturer. The Immunization Program will make every attempt to provide flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available but historically the majority of flu vaccine is not available until the end of October.

Attached is an updated Vaccine Eligibility criteria form as of July 1, 2012. The form now includes a column for S-CHIP children. These are children who are enrolled in the state's Children's Health Insurance Program called HUSKY B. The Immunization Program is now required to collect information on S-CHIP children and providers will be required to report the number of S-CHIP children in their practice beginning in 2013 when they complete their yearly provider profile.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.

Vaccine for Children's Program (VFC)
Eligibility Criteria for State of CT provided vaccines as of July 1, 2012

Vaccine	Age Group	Status of Children			CPT Code(s)
		VFC Eligible ¹	Non-VFC Children ²	S-CHIP Children ³	
Varicella Dose 1	12 months-18 years ⁴	YES	YES	YES	90716
Dose 2	15 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90716
Hepatitis B	Newborns in hospital	YES	YES	YES	90744
	Children 0-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90744
Td	Children 7-18 years ⁵	YES	YES	YES	90714
MMR (Doses 1 & 2)	12 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90707
	College entry	YES	YES	YES	90707
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13)	2-71 months	YES	NO	YES	90670
Influenza (Doses 1 & 2)	6-59 months	YES	YES	YES	90655
	5-18 years	YES	NO	YES	90656
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DTaP	2 months – 6 years	YES	YES	YES	90700
Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	90648
IPV	2 months-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90713
Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)					
Dose 1	11-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90734
Dose 2	16-18 years	YES	YES	YES	90734
Tdap	7-18 years ⁶	YES	YES	YES	90715
Hepatitis A	12 months-18 years	YES	NO	YES	90633
Rotavirus	6 weeks-8 months	YES	NO	YES	90681
DTaP/IPV	4-6 years	YES	YES	YES	90696
HPV (males & females)	9-18 years	YES	NO	YES	90649
DTaP/IPV/Hib	2-59 months	YES	YES	YES	90698

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² Non-VFC Children refers to patients who have private insurance that covers the cost of immunizations.

³ S-CHIP children are those children enrolled in HUSKY B.

⁴ Susceptible children who do not have a clinical history of chicken pox.

⁵ Td vaccine can be given to children 7-18 years of age to complete their primary series, or to those children 7-18 years of age who are in need of a Tetanus containing vaccine and cannot receive Tdap.

⁶ Tdap vaccine should be administered routinely to children at the 11-12 year old preventive health care visit, and to children 7-10 years old who have not been fully vaccinated against pertussis and for whom no contraindication to pertussis containing vaccine exists.