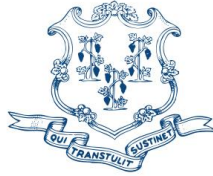


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### Immunization Program

**TO:** Health Care Providers  
**FROM:** Mick Bolduc   
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**DATE:** November 6, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Holiday Shipping Schedules

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform providers of the upcoming Holiday Shipping Schedules for both McKesson & Merck.

#### Shipping Schedules

With the holidays fast approaching the CVP wants to provide the holiday shipping schedules for McKesson & Merck so that all offices can plan their vaccine orders accordingly. Enclosed you will find the shipping schedules for November, December and January for both McKesson & Merck (direct ship Varicella and MMRV vaccines). These schedules are determined by McKesson and Merck so the CVP does not have the ability to change any of the dates. **The CVP recommends that providers order extra vaccine if necessary to avoid running low during the coming holiday season.**

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.



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The Holiday Shipping Schedules address both McKesson and Merck Direct Ship. Please be sure to review the note below the schedules for important details about the timing of vaccine shipments.

~ November 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				SHIPPING	NO SHIPPING	
4	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	NO SHIPPING	
11 Veteran's Day	12 Veteran's Day Observed - CDC Closed - McKesson Open	13	14	15	16	17
	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	NO SHIPPING	
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed	23 McKesson Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed	24
	SHIPPING No shipping outside of the continental U.S.	Merck frozen direct ship orders received 11/20 by 2pm Central will ship for delivery on 11/21 LIMITED SHIPPING	Merck frozen direct ship orders received on 11/20 after 2pm Central time and on 11/21 will ship the week of 11/26 NO SHIPPING	NO SHIPPING	NO SHIPPING	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING	SHIPPING		

**SHIPPING** = Normal shipping expected for routine orders for McKesson and Merck

**LIMITED SHIPPING** = McKesson to ship Priority orders only

**NO SHIPPING** = No McKesson & Merck shipping expected for these days

~ December 2018 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Chanukah begins	3 SHIPPING	4 SHIPPING	5 SHIPPING	6 SHIPPING	7 NO SHIPPING	8
9	10 Chanukah ends SHIPPING	11 SHIPPING	12 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrckS after 12:00pm (depot time), on this date may not be shipped prior to January SHIPPING	13 SHIPPING	14 NO SHIPPING	15
16	17 SHIPPING	18 Merck frozen direct ship orders placed in VTrckS 12/18 through 1/1 will ship the week of 1/2 LIMITED SHIPPING	19 LIMITED SHIPPING	20 LIMITED SHIPPING	21 NO SHIPPING	22
23	24 McKesson Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	25 Christmas - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	26 LIMITED SHIPPING	27 LIMITED SHIPPING	28 NO SHIPPING	29
30	31 New Year's Day Eve NO SHIPPING					

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~ January 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed  <b>NO SHIPPING</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>NO SHIPPING</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>NO SHIPPING</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>NO SHIPPING</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Martin Luther King - CDC Closed - McKesson Open  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>NO SHIPPING</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>SHIPPING</b>		

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If you are expecting orders to arrive before the holidays, please keep in mind that routine shipments from McKesson can take up to 4 business days to process before they are shipped. Also, note that shipments may take longer than 4 days to process and ship if the provider does not have regular business hours on a daily basis.

McKesson shipments may arrive on any day of the week, including Mondays, based on the way business hours are entered in VTrckS. Below is the shipping schedule for routine vaccines as stated in the current contract. Note: Orders may ship out more quickly than the "Order Shipped By" day shown in this table.

Order Received* On	Order Shipped By**
Mon	Thur
Tue	Mon
Wed	Mon
Thur	Tue
Fri	Wed

\*Business/Ship day ends at 12:00 noon Local Distribution Center Time orders must be received prior to this cutoff to be considered received on a given day.

\*\*Orders shipped by applies to providers with normal business hours only. Providers with hours other than normal business hours should note that orders may ship out later than the "order shipped by" date shown in this table.

\*\*\*Flu and direct ship vaccines cannot be shipped as priority and therefore should not be marked as priority in VTrckS.