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### Immunization Program

**PLEASE COPY THIS FOR ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS  
IN YOUR PRACTICE**

**TO: Health Care Providers**

**FROM: Mick Bolduc-Vaccine Coordinator**  
**Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP)**

**DATE: June 4, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Update June vaccine orders**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick Bolduc".

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the June supply of DTaP/IPV/Hep B (Pediarix<sup>®</sup>) and DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel<sup>®</sup>) combination vaccines.

#### **Pediarix<sup>®</sup> & Pentacel<sup>®</sup> supply**

As you are aware there is currently a temporary nationwide shortage of Pediarix<sup>®</sup> vaccine that is anticipated to last until early fall. The Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) received enough Pediarix<sup>®</sup> vaccine for the month of June to fill approximately 30 % of the amount requested for each provider who ordered the vaccine this month.

There is also a temporary shortage of Pentacel<sup>®</sup> vaccine that is expected to last until early September. The CVP received enough Pentacel<sup>®</sup> vaccine for the month of June to fill approximately 75 % of the amount requested for each provider who ordered the vaccine this month.

Providers who need to order additional doses of single antigen DTaP, IPV, and/or Hep B vaccines to make up for the shortfall of either combination vaccine can do so by placing an additional order on an as needed basis anytime during the course of the month of June.

#### **IPV cap change**

Effective immediately Sanofi Pasteur has changed the cap color of IPV vials from green to orange. Please see the enclosed document from Sanofi for additional information. Providers will begin to see the vials with the new orange cap color within the next week or two.

We thank you for your patience during these shortages and as always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.

## ATTENTION:

# Important Information Regarding IPOL® (Poliovirus Vaccine Inactivated)

Effective immediately, the **green cap** for IPOL vaccine vials are being replaced with an **orange cap**.

Former Green Cap Color



NEW Orange Cap Color



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