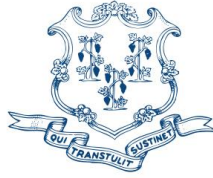


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### Immunization Program

**TO:** Health Care Providers

**FROM:** Mick Bolduc   
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**DATE:** December 20, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Pentacel<sup>®</sup> supply and publication of 2 dose HPV schedule

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the supply of DTaP/IPV/Hib (Pentacel<sup>®</sup>) vaccine as well as to inform you of the official publication of the 2 dose HPV schedule.

#### **DTaP/IPV/Hib supply**

Sanofi has communicated with CDC that the supply situation with Pentacel<sup>®</sup> has been resolved.

**Beginning January 1, 2017 providers can begin ordering Pentacel<sup>®</sup> without restriction.** As a reminder providers are responsible for using up any existing doses of single antigen DTaP, IPV, and Hib as well as any doses of DTaP/IPV/Hepatitis B (Pediarix<sup>®</sup>) that they have in inventory.

#### **2 Dose HPV schedule**

The December 16, 2016 edition of the Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) contains the official recommendation for the 2 dose HPV schedule. For children starting the HPV series before 15 years of age the recommended immunization schedule is for 2 doses with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose administered 6-12 months after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. For children initiating the HPV series at 15 years of age or older the recommended immunization schedule is for 3 doses with the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose administered 1-2 months after the 1<sup>st</sup>, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose administered 6 months after dose one. The full Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendation is available at:

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549a5.htm?s\\_cid=mm6549a5\\_e](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6549a5.htm?s_cid=mm6549a5_e)

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