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SUBJECT: **Pentacel® 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®) 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® has been resolved. **Beginning January 1, 2017 providers can begin ordering Pentacel® 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®) 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 2nd dose administered 6-12 months after the 1st dose. For children initiating the HPV series at 15 years of age or older the recommended immunization schedule is for 3 doses with the 2nd dose administered 1-2 months after the 1st, and the 3rd 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

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