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This communication is being sent to all key contacts at provider organizations enrolled in the CT Vaccine (Pediatric) Program (CVP) – please read this message in its entirety. Please feel free to share it with others in your organization who may benefit from the update. Note that all our communications are archived on our web site.

Dear CVP providers,

Shipping Schedules

Attached you will find the holiday shipping schedules for CVP vaccines for the months of November, December and January. 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 on inventory during the holiday season.

Please note this schedule also applies to COVID-19 vaccines including direct shipment of Pfizer vaccines.

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2023-2024 VFC/317 & Direct Ship Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

~ November 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7 Hanukkah Begins	8	9 REGULAR DELIVERY	10 Veteran's Day - Federal Holiday REGULAR DELIVERY	11
12	13 REGULAR DELIVERY	14 REGULAR DELIVERY	15 Orders placed in VTrckS after this date may not be shipped until 11/27/23. REGULAR DELIVERY	16 REGULAR DELIVERY	17 REGULAR DELIVERY	18
19	20 No shipping outside of the continental U.S. REGULAR DELIVERY	21 LIMITED DELIVERY	22 LIMITED DELIVERY	23 Thanksgiving - Federal Holiday NO DELIVERIES	24 No DELIVERIES Merck & McKesson LIMITED DELIVERY Pfizer	25
26	27 REGULAR DELIVERY	28 REGULAR DELIVERY	29 REGULAR DELIVERY	30		

Regular Delivery = Normal deliveries expected for routine orders for McKesson, Merck Direct Ship and Pfizer COVID Direct Ship.

LIMITED Delivery = McKesson priority orders only. Limited deliveries for Merck Direct Ship & Pfizer COVID Direct Ship.

No Deliveries = No deliveries expected.

If you have questions, please contact your awardee.

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~ December 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 REGULAR DELIVERY	2
3	4 REGULAR DELIVERY	5 REGULAR DELIVERY	6 REGULAR DELIVERY	7 REGULAR DELIVERY	8 REGULAR DELIVERY	9
10	11 REGULAR DELIVERY	12 REGULAR DELIVERY	13 Orders placed in VTrckS placed after this date <u>may not ship prior to January.</u> REGULAR DELIVERY	14 REGULAR DELIVERY	15 REGULAR DELIVERY	16
17	18 REGULAR DELIVERY	19 REGULAR DELIVERY	20 LIMITED DELIVERY	21 LIMITED DELIVERY	22 LIMITED DELIVERY	23
24	25 Christmas - Federal Holiday No Deliveries	26 No Deliveries Merck & McKesson LIMITED DELIVERY Pfizer	27 LIMITED DELIVERY	28 LIMITED DELIVERY	29 LIMITED DELIVERY	30
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~ January 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	1 New Years Day - Federal Holiday No Deliveries	2 REGULAR DELIVERY	3 REGULAR DELIVERY	4 REGULAR DELIVERY	5 REGULAR DELIVERY	6
7	8 REGULAR DELIVERY	9 REGULAR DELIVERY	10 REGULAR DELIVERY	11 REGULAR DELIVERY	12 REGULAR DELIVERY	13
14	15 Martin Luther King - Federal Holiday No Deliveries	16 REGULAR DELIVERY	17 REGULAR DELIVERY	18 REGULAR DELIVERY	19 REGULAR DELIVERY	20
21	22 REGULAR DELIVERY	23 REGULAR DELIVERY	24 REGULAR DELIVERY	25 REGULAR DELIVERY	26 REGULAR DELIVERY	27
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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 (Regular hours defined as M-F, 8am-5pm).

Providers are strongly encouraged to order early during the winter holidays. Providers are also encouraged to maintain a minimum of 4 weeks of inventory to prevent vaccine outages if orders are delayed due to weather and/or carrier interruptions.

Shipments may arrive on any day of the week, including Mondays, based on the way business hours are entered in VTrckS.

- Providers with hours other than normal business hours should note that orders may ship out later than the “order shipped by” date.
- Flu and direct ship vaccines cannot be shipped as priority and therefore should not be marked as priority in VTrckS.