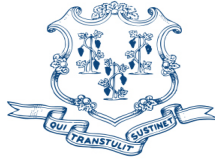


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TO: All CVP Providers

FROM: Mick Bolduc 

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DATE: October 27, 2021

SUBJECT: McKesson Merck Routine Vaccine Holiday Shipping Schedule

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform providers of the upcoming Holiday Shipping Schedules for both McKesson & Merck for routine CVP (Non-Covid) vaccines.

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. Below 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 holiday season. **Please note this schedule does not apply to Covid-19 vaccine-a specific schedule for Covid-19 vaccines during the holiday season will be forthcoming at a later date.**

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



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2021-2022 Routine VFC/317 & Flu Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

The 2021-2022 VFC/317 & Flu Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar address both McKesson and Merck Direct Ship. **This shipping calendar is for VFC/317 & Flu vaccines only. It does not apply to COVID-19 vaccine shipments.**

~ November 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 SHIPPING	2 SHIPPING	3 SHIPPING	4 SHIPPING	5 NO SHIPPING	6
7	8 SHIPPING	9 SHIPPING	10 SHIPPING	11 Veteran's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	12 NO SHIPPING	13
14	15 SHIPPING	16 SHIPPING	17 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrckS after 12:00pm (depot time), on this date may not be shipped until 11/29/21 SHIPPING	18 SHIPPING Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 11/17/21 will ship.	19 NO SHIPPING	20
21	22 SHIPPING Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 11/17/21 will ship. No shipping outside of the continental U.S.	23 LIMITED SHIPPING	24 NO SHIPPING	25 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	26 - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	27
28 Hanukkah Begins	29 SHIPPING	30 SHIPPING				

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

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~ December 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SHIPPING	2 SHIPPING	3 NO SHIPPING	4
5	6 SHIPPING	7 SHIPPING	8 SHIPPING	9 SHIPPING	10 NO SHIPPING	11
12	13 SHIPPING	14 Orders to McKesson placed on or after this date will not be shipped prior to January. Orders to be received in December need to be placed on or before 12/13/21 SHIPPING	15 SHIPPING Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 12/13/21 will ship.	16 SHIPPING Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 12/13/21 will ship.	17 NO SHIPPING	18
19	20 LIMITED SHIPPING	21 NO SHIPPING	22 NO SHIPPING	23 NO SHIPPING	24 Christmas Observed - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	25 Christmas
26	27 LIMITED SHIPPING	28 LIMITED SHIPPING	29 LIMITED SHIPPING	30 NO SHIPPING	31 New Year's Eve (New Year's Day Observed) - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	

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~ January 2022 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 SHIPPING	4 SHIPPING	5 SHIPPING	6 SHIPPING	7 NO SHIPPING	8
9	10 SHIPPING	11 SHIPPING	12 SHIPPING	13 SHIPPING	14 NO SHIPPING	15
16	17 Martin Luther King - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	18 SHIPPING	19 SHIPPING	20 SHIPPING	21 NO SHIPPING	22
23	24 SHIPPING	25 SHIPPING	26 SHIPPING	27 SHIPPING	28 NO SHIPPING	29
30	31 SHIPPING					

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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.