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TO: All CVP Providers

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DATE: October 27, 2022

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 vaccines.

Shipping Schedules

With the holidays fast approaching the CVP wants to provide the holiday shipping schedules for McKesson & Merck (direct ship Varicella and MMRV vaccines) so that all offices can plan their vaccine orders accordingly. You will find the shipping schedules for 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 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 the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.



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2022-2023 Routine VFC/317 & Flu Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

Please see the holiday shipping schedules for both McKesson and Merck Direct Ship for routine vaccines. In order to have adequate routine vaccine supply, please note dates when shipments will be held due to the upcoming holidays. Planning for December is vital; due to the carriers having high holiday volume, it is best to submit orders early to ensure your providers receive their shipments before limited delivery occurs.

Please note: This calendar is for the routine program only and does not apply to COVID-19 vaccine deliveries. A schedule that is specific for COVID-19 vaccine distribution will be provided at a later date.

If you are expecting orders to arrive before the holidays, please keep in mind that routine shipments from McKesson can take 4 business days to process before they are shipped. Also, note that shipments may take longer than 4 business 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**
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Monday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday

*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 not that order 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.

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November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Shipping	2 Shipping	3 Shipping	4 No Shipping	
6	7 Shipping	8 Shipping	9 Shipping	10 Shipping	11 Veteran's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open - Merck Open No Shipping	12
13	14 Shipping	15 Shipping	16 Shipping	17 Shipping	18 Orders placed to McKesson after this date may not be shipped prior to November 28th No shipping outside the continental U.S.	19
20	21 Shipping	22 Limited Shipping	23 No Shipping	24 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed No Shipping	25 - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed No Shipping	26
27	28 Shipping	29 Shipping	30 Shipping			

Shipping = Normal shipping expected for routine orders for McKesson & Merck

Limited shipping = McKesson to ship priority orders only

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December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Shipping	2 No Shipping	3
4	5 Shipping	6 Shipping	7 Shipping	8 Shipping	9 No Shipping	10
11	12 Shipping	13 Shipping	14 Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 12/13/21 will ship. Shipping	15 Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 12/13/21 will ship. Shipping	16 No Shipping	17
18	19 Only orders received prior to the cutoff of 12/13/21 will ship. Shipping	20 Shipping	21 Limited Shipping	22 - No Shipping	23 Christmas Eve Observance - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Open No Shipping	24
25	26 Christmas Day Observance - CDC Closed - McKesson Open - Merck Closed No Shipping	27 Shipping	28 Shipping	29 Limited Shipping	30 No Shipping	31

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January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 New Year's Day Observance - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed No Shipping	3 Shipping	4 Shipping	5 Shipping	6 No Shipping	7
8	9 Shipping	10 Shipping	11 Shipping	12 Shipping	13 No Shipping	14
15	16 MLK Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open - Merck Open Shipping	17 Shipping	18 Shipping	19 - Shipping	20 No Shipping	21
22	23 Shipping	24 Shipping	25 Shipping	26 Shipping	27 No Shipping	28
29	30 Shipping	31 Shipping				

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