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TO: All CVP Providers
FROM: Mick Bolduc 
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DATE: September 29, 2020
SUBJECT: Holiday Shipping Schedule

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform providers of the upcoming Holiday Shipping Schedules for both McKesson & Merck.

Shipping Schedules

With the holidays not too far off 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 when it becomes available.**

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



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2020-2021 Routine VFC/317 & Flu Vaccine Holiday Shipping Calendar

The 2020-2021 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 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 SHIPPING	3 Election Day SHIPPING	4 SHIPPING	5 SHIPPING	6 NO SHIPPING	7
8	9 SHIPPING	10 SHIPPING	11 SHIPPING	12 SHIPPING	13 NO SHIPPING	14
15	16 Veteran's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	17 SHIPPING	18 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrck S after this date may not be shipped prior to Nov 29 th SHIPPING	19 SHIPPING	20 NO SHIPPING	21
22	23 SHIPPING	24 LIMITED SHIPPING	25 NO SHIPPING	26 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	27 - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	28
29	30 SHIPPING	31	1	2	3	4

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

LIMITED SHIPPING = McKesson to ship Priority orders only

NO SHIPPING = No McKesson & Merck shipping expected for these days

Note:

- Orders sent to McKesson after November 18th may not be shipped prior to November 29th
- With weather and holiday carrier delays, shipping can be a challenge during the holidays. We ask that you order as early as possible in the month to ensure delivery before the Thanksgiving holiday.

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~ December 2020 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SHIPPING	2 SHIPPING	3 SHIPPING	4 NO SHIPPING	5
6	7 SHIPPING	8 SHIPPING	9 SHIPPING	10 Chanukah begins SHIPPING	11 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrckS on this date may not be shipped prior to January NO SHIPPING	12
13	14 SHIPPING	15 SHIPPING	16 SHIPPING	17 LIMITED SHIPPING	18 Chanukah ends NO SHIPPING	19
20	21 LIMITED SHIPPING	22 NO SHIPPING	23 NO SHIPPING	24 McKesson Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	25 Christmas - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	26
27	28 LIMITED SHIPPING	29 LIMITED SHIPPING	30 LIMITED SHIPPING	31 New Year's Day Eve NO SHIPPING		

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~ January 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	2
3	4 SHIPPING	5 SHIPPING	6 SHIPPING	7 SHIPPING	8 NO SHIPPING	9
10	11 SHIPPING	12 SHIPPING	13 SHIPPING	14 SHIPPING	15 NO SHIPPING	16
17	18 Martin Luther King - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	19 SHIPPING	20 SHIPPING	21 SHIPPING	22 NO SHIPPING	23
24	25 SHIPPING	26 SHIPPING	27 SHIPPING	28 SHIPPING	29 NO 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.

Please ensure that provider hours are updated in VTrckS. Contact McKesson Customer Care if providers expect to be closed during their normal business hours or if you have any statewide holiday holds.

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.

Priority Shipments: Flu vaccines ship on an expedited delivery schedule and direct ship vaccines are not shipped as priority. Therefore, do not mark flu or direct ship vaccine orders as priority in VTrckS.