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TO: All CVP Providers
FROM: Mick Bolduc 
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DATE: November 7, 2019
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 fast approaching the CVP wants to provide the holiday shipping schedules for McKesson & Merck so that all offices can plan their vaccine orders accordingly. Enclosed 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 coming holiday season.**

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



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The Holiday Shipping Schedules address both McKesson and Merck Direct Ship.

Please be sure to review the note below the schedules for important details about the timing of vaccine shipments.

~ November 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SHIPPING	2
3	4 SHIPPING	5 Election Day SHIPPING	6 SHIPPING	7 SHIPPING	8 NO SHIPPING	9
10	11 Veteran's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	12 SHIPPING	13 SHIPPING	14 SHIPPING	15 NO SHIPPING	16
17	18 SHIPPING	19 SHIPPING	20 SHIPPING	21 SHIPPING	22 NO SHIPPING	23
24	25 SHIPPING No shipping outside of the continental U.S.	26 LIMITED SHIPPING	27 NO SHIPPING	28 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	29 McK/Merck Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	30

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

LIMITED SHIPPING = McKesson to ship Priority orders

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

~ December 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 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 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrckS after 12:00pm (depot time), on this date may not be shipped prior to Jan. ----- Merck orders received after this date may not be shipped prior to Jan. SHIPPING	17 LIMITED SHIPPING	18 LIMITED SHIPPING	19 LIMITED SHIPPING	20 NO SHIPPING	21
22 Chanukah begins	23 NO SHIPPING	24 McK/Merck Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	25 Christmas - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed - Merck Closed NO SHIPPING	26 LIMITED SHIPPING	27 NO SHIPPING	28
29	30 Chanukah ends LIMITED SHIPPING	31 New Year's Eve NO SHIPPING				

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Note: - Orders sent to McKesson after 12:00pm (Depot Time) on Dec 16th may not be delivered until January.

- Frozen Direct Ship Orders sent to Merck after Dec 16th may not be delivered until January.

- With weather and Holiday Carrier delays shipping can be a challenge the month of December. We ask that you order as early as possible in the month to ensure a December delivery.

~ January 2020 ~

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

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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.