

VFC/STATE UPDATES

OCIC – January 13, 2021

2021 Recertification

- 2021 Recertification has been launched. Deadline to submit: February 1.
- Not completing VFC Recertification will result in suspension of vaccine ordering privileges and eventual account termination from the VFC Program
- All key staff are required to complete lessons on EZIZ. There are no new lessons. For those who have previously taken the lessons have the option to test out

VFC PROVIDER VISITS

- The VFC Program has resumed provider visits virtually.
- The VFC Program has resumed provider visits virtually via Zoom or Webex
- 3 types of visits: Compliance, Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP), and Announced Storage and Handling.
- Local VFC Field Representative will reach out to your clinic staff to schedule

Afternoon Teach Webinar

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 12-1pm
- . Topic: New Process for Issuing Medical Exemptions in California. Discussion will include changes in vaccination law and the new process for issuing medical exemptions for children attending child care or school (K-12).
- Webinar will be recorded and posted for those who are unable to attend on EZIZ.org

Temporary Clinic Closure

- Please inform your VFC Field Representative if your clinic plans on closing temporarily and will not order and administer vaccines to VFC eligible patients for further instructions
- Complete Temporary Clinic Closure form and submit to the VFC Central Office
- Download data logger information when returning to the office to review and report any out of range temperature excursions of the vaccine units

Vaccines for Adults

- Quarter 1 Ordering Period Closes January 18, 2021

Data Logger Update

- VFC Program will discontinue the use of data loggers that have CSV data files or Excel spreadsheets.
- When purchasing new data loggers, new devices must be able to generate a summary report of recorded temperature data since the device was last reset; summary reports must include minimum and maximum temperatures, total out of range (if any), and alarm settings. Devices that only generate CSV data files or Excel spreadsheets will not be acceptable.

Flu Vaccine is now more important than ever!

- Clinics should continue to order and administer flu vaccines.
- Vaccine is still available to order through the end of the season (June)