

URGENT-PEDIARIX VACCINE UPDATE

Currently, there is a high demand for the Pediarix vaccine and GSK has not been able to manufacture enough to meet that demand. As a result, restrictions will be in place on Pediarix through September 2013.

Through September 2013, each VFC provider's monthly allocation of Pediarix is anticipated to be approximately half of the levels that have been ordered over the past several months. Please contact your VFC liaison if you would like to know your monthly Pediarix allocation.

For this reason, **the Missouri VFC program will need to reduce Pediarix vaccine orders beginning today.** Fortunately, GSK has sufficient supply of both DTaP and Hep B vaccine available to meet the increased demand for the component products that will result from the decreased availability of Pediarix. In addition, Sanofi Pasteur has sufficient IPV vaccine available to meet the increased demand for IPV and Merck will also be able to provide additional Hep B.

Remember to follow the recommended minimum intervals for all vaccines when switching between combination and single-antigen vaccines.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping Missouri's children healthy and immunized. Please contact Missouri's VFC program at 800.219.3224, if you have any questions.

