

# January 2023 Updates



Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued participation in the VFC Program.

#### \*\*\*Transfers\*\*\*

Transfers occur when VFC stock leaves the clinic and does not return. All transfers must be approved in advance by the VFC Program (either the VFC Help Desk staff or the VFC Consultant). Transfers are completed in ShowMeVax and the clinic completing the transfer must document the VFC staff approving the transfer in the comments screen.

#### \*\*\*VFC Recertification\*\*\*

Annual VFC Recertification began December 1, 2022. The recertification process must be completed online within ShowMeVax. VFC providers can contact a VFC Consultant or the VFC-SMV Help Desk for assistance with the recertification process. If you have not completed the recertification process, your clinic may be suspended from ordering additional VFC stock. If you need assistance, please contact your VFC Consultant or the ShowMeVax help desk.

### \*\*\*Digital Data Loggers (DDLs)\*\*\*

The VFC Program has DDLs for VFC providers. If your current DDL is nearing the calibration end date, please let your VFC Consultant know and DDLs can be mailed to the clinic.

### \*\*\*Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers (IQIP)\*\*\*

Vaccinations are one of the most important preventive measures in keeping our children healthy and that is why the VFC program recognizes the importance of an immunization quality improvement process. The CDC's free QI program for VFC providers is <a href="Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers">Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers</a> (IQIP). IQIP starts with one in-person visit to review immunization rates and discuss evidence-based strategies to improve immunization rates. The process will provide free resources and ongoing support for you and your staff at 2, 6 and 12 months. Working together, we can identify ways to successfully improve immunization rates in your clinic and bring children up-to-date on their vaccinations. Staff will be contacting you to set up a visit. If you would like more information, please contact Lana Hudanick at <a href="Iana.hudanick@health.mo.gov">Iana.hudanick@health.mo.gov</a>.

#### \*\*\*VFC411 \*\*\*

VFC411 is coming to a location near you! The Immunization Bureau is looking forward to conducting face-to-face training for VFC providers. VFC411 is designed to update providers on vaccine storage and handling, Vaccines for Children (VFC) visits, vaccine ordering, immunizations schedules, best practices and many other helpful topics. This training is a great way for providers to fulfill their yearly educational requirement, while meeting other providers from around their area. Training dates begin in March 2023, each training session will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a one hour break for lunch. Lunch will not be provided. See the <a href="https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc411form.php">attached flyer</a> for dates and locations. To register, please visit <a href="https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc411form.php">https://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc411form.php</a>.

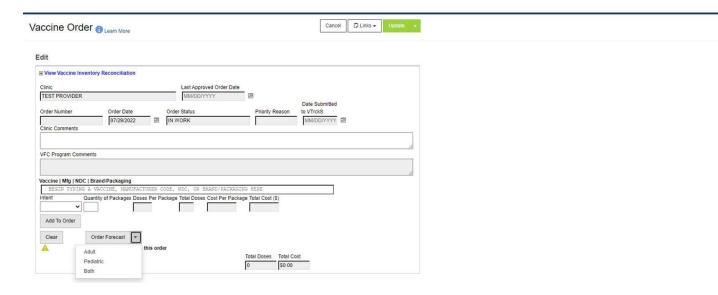




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## \*\*\*VFC Stock and Ordering\*\*\*

When placing a vaccine order, VFC providers should be utilizing the 'Order Forecast' feature in ShowMeVax (SMV) to ensure they are ordering appropriate stock for the timeframe. The 'Order Forecast' feature will show the amount of doses ordered the same time one year ago plus thirty days. The 'Order Forecast' feature is located with the order form for each vaccine line item. By clicking on the 'Selection Action' arrow, you can forecast by intent: Adult, Pediatric, or Both.



For example if you administered 10 doses of a VFC vaccine, you should only order 10 doses of that vaccine for the month. If you have ordering questions please contact your VFC Consultant or the VFC-SMV Help Desk.

### \*\*\*Pfizer COVID19 Vaccine Storage\*\*\*

Please use caution when receiving and storing Pfizer COVID19 vaccine. Ensure that if stored in the same refrigerator as VFC stock, that the COVID vaccine is stored away from the DDL probe and not adjacent to VFC vaccines.

