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Dear Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Provider:

You MUST read this entire letter if your practice engages in any off-site vaccination clinics.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recently released updated standards related to off-site vaccination clinics and the VFC Program. The information in this letter addresses and takes into consideration the uniqueness of this provider type. The CDC continues to review additional aspects of the current policy to support how these community efforts can be successfully implemented while adhering to VFC requirements.

While administering the VFC program, the Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP) may collaborate with VFC providers within their jurisdiction to conduct off-site vaccination clinics. The goal of this partnership is to improve access and immunization coverage for VFC-eligible children. Per the current VFC procedure, vaccine is to be delivered directly to enrolled clinic locations and CDC does not recommend routine transport of vaccine due to the risk it poses to vaccine viability. However, because off-site clinics by definition require vaccine transport on the day of the clinic, CDC has determined that off-site clinics require enhanced storage and handling practices.

Specific VFC Program Requirements for Off-Site Vaccination Clinics

All VFC providers requesting to hold off-site vaccination clinics must be in good standing with all program requirements including, but not limited to, eligibility screening and documentation; proper vaccine administration fee billing; vaccine inventory management; and receiving required compliance site visits including the assessment of where and how vaccines are stored, handled and administered.

In addition, the Nevada State Immunization Program's Vaccine Manager must:

- 1. Review and approve mass vaccination protocols to ensure that the outreach efforts meet all VFC requirements, including how the provider is establishing public vaccine need and overseeing vaccine ordering for each clinic site to ensure proper amounts of public stock vaccine are transported on each clinic day.**
- 2. Be provided with and maintain a listing of clinic dates, locations and vaccine amounts by fund type that will be transported.**

To ensure vaccine is managed properly during off-site vaccination clinics, the following storage and handling practices are now REQUIRED:

1. As per current policy, public stock vaccine must be ordered through the NSIP and shipped directly to a VFC Provider within the county in which the vaccination clinic is taking place. Exceptions to this rule may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
2. The vaccine may be transported, not shipped, to local community sites where the temporary clinics will be held.
3. Only amounts of vaccines that are appropriate, based on VFC need, should be transported to each scheduled clinic.
4. Vaccine must be transported to and from the scheduled clinic at appropriate temperatures **and must be monitored by a continuous monitoring and recording device with a probe in buffered material. Temperatures during transport must be documented.**
 - a. **The NSIP will be providing LogTag TRED 30-7R data loggers to mass vaccinators for this purpose. In other words, VFC Providers ARE NOT expected to use their installed LogTag's for transport monitoring; "transport" data loggers will be provided upon request.**
5. Upon arrival at the off-site clinic location, the VFC Provider and/or appropriate staff must ensure that vaccine is stored to maintain appropriate temperatures throughout the clinic day:
 - a. Since the vaccine is at a temporary location, **temperature data must be reviewed and documented every hour during the off-site clinic using a state-provided LogTag TRED 30-7R.**
 - b. Vaccines exposed to temperature excursions must be labeled "do not use" until further information can be gathered from the manufacturer(s) on the usability of the vaccine; and a Vaccine Incident Report is filed with the NSIP.
6. **After each clinic day, the mass vaccinator must:**
 - a. Assess temperature data prior to placing vaccine back into storage units to prevent inadvertent administration of vaccine that may have been compromised.
 - b. **Submit the LogTag data download to the NSIP for review, follow-up and record retention.**
 - c. Vaccines exposed to temperature excursions must be labeled "do not use" until further information can be gathered from the manufacturer(s) on the usability of the vaccine; and a Vaccine Incident Report is filed with the NSIP.

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