

## The BackPage

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### New Acronyms

Existing field staff who assess compliance for Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines

for Adults (VFA) are now called Virginia Vaccines Quality Assurance (VVQA) consultants. Virginia Vaccine Supply and Assessment (VVSA) oversees Virginia's VFC and VFA programs. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Vaccines for Adults (VFA) websites have been updated.

### New Medicaid HMOs

Virginia Medicaid health plans are changing. INTotal Health is now owned by United Health Care. Virginia Premier is collaborating with Kaiser Permanente. When verifying eligibility, check the effective dates for the plans. The VFC Eligibility & Health Plans guide has been updated to reflect these changes:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2016/04/VVFCeligibility.pdf>

### Adolescent Toolkit

On August 24, CDC published National, Regional, State, and Selected Local Area Vaccination Coverage Among Adolescents Aged 13–17 Years. Vaccination rates for some adolescent vaccines remain below Healthy People 2020 goals, leaving millions of adolescents vulnerable to serious health risks. A toolkit which offers a selection of resources and insight into activities and strategies to enhance and improve the delivery of vaccinations throughout adolescence, from middle school to college is located here:

<https://www.immunizationmanagers.org/page/adolescents>

### Stakeholder Survey

In order to remain vigilant and address the continually evolving landscape of immunization service delivery and immunization coverage levels for all Virginians, the state of Virginia is actively pursuing the development of an immunization coalition. We are collecting stakeholder feedback to assess interest in participating in a coalition in Virginia. We appreciate your feedback and thank you for your time and effort completing this quick survey. Please be sure and provide your name and contact information at the end of the survey if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic new endeavor. Access the survey at this link:

<https://redcap.vdh.virginia.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=3FNC9PN733>

### Flu Vaccine Still Available

Injectable and intranasal flu vaccine presentations are available. Please notify Susan Kocen in the VVSA Order Center if you need vaccine.

### Flu Pre-Book

Flu Pre-books for the 2019-20 Influenza season will be solicited when available presentations are determined. The pre-book will begin in January 2019.

### Flu Borrowing

For seasonal influenza vaccine, providers may use private-stock seasonal influenza vaccine to vaccinate VFC-eligible children. Those private stock doses used on VFC-eligible children can later be replaced when VFC stock becomes available. This *one directional borrowing* exception is unique to seasonal influenza vaccine.

### Gold Star Awards (October/November)

#### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Children's Choice of the NRV, Dublin  
Kinder Life Pediatrics, Culpeper  
Kinder Life Pediatrics, Centreville  
Ped. Assoc. C'ville-Zion Crossroads, Gordonsville  
Practice of Dr. Richard Bennett, Richmond  
UVA Family Care of Culpeper, Culpeper



#### Excellence in Storage and Inventory Management

Blue Ridge Pediatric Associates, Winchester  
Evergreen CHC, Manassas  
King William-Dawn Community Doctors, Aylett  
Pediatricare of Northern VA, Manassas

## Adult Vaccine Update

### Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccine Resource

Hep A outbreaks are occurring in multiple states across the U.S. increasing awareness of the importance of protection through Hep A vaccine. The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) recently revised its resource for healthcare professionals titled Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Vaccines: Be Sure Your Patients Get the Correct Dose. Changes were made to incorporate the recently licensed 2-dose Heplisav-B vaccine.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2081.pdf>

### Heplisav-B

Heplisav-B, manufactured by Dynavax will be available to order on the Adult Order Form in January 2019. Please refer to the April 20, 2018 MMWR: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Use of Hepatitis B Vaccine with a Novel Adjuvant: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6715a5.htm>

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