

### Immunization Partners

This update includes information about the shipping file for the week of 12/26/2011, an update on 2012 vaccine ordering calendars, a reminder about the flu vaccine pre-book survey, notice of a CDC barcoding project, an update to the VFC Operations Guide, and the top ten vaccine management accomplishments of 2011.

### General Vaccine Ordering Update:

The shipping file for the week of 12/26/2011 is attached.

### 2012 Vaccine Ordering Calendars:

We sent e-mails to each LHJ this week with the 2012 EOQ information. The emails included two attachments:

1. an Excel spreadsheet showing updated frequency assignments, and
2. a file with 2012 provider ordering calendars.

If you have not received the email or attachments, or if you have questions about the email, please contact Karen Meranda at [karen.meranda@doh.wa.gov](mailto:karen.meranda@doh.wa.gov) or 360-236-3553.

### 2012-2013 Provider Flu Vaccine Pre-book Survey:

The 2012-2013 provider flu vaccine pre-book survey opened this morning. It closes January 9 2011. We faxed all health care providers enrolled in the State Childhood Vaccine Program letting them know about the survey. The survey allows providers to give us input about the amount and type of flu vaccine to pre-book for the program. It does not guarantee specific products to individual providers. Please help us by reminding providers to complete the on-line survey: <http://www.wafluvaccine.org>

- The person in the clinic who manages flu vaccine ordering and knows about flu vaccine use should complete the survey.
- They will need their vaccine ordering PIN to enter the survey.

### CDC Barcoding Project:

CDC has established a vaccine barcoding pilot. They asked us to provide a list of 100 providers who might be interested in participating in the project during 2012. We submitted the names of 60 providers so far (see attached list) and are sending them a letter describing the project (also attached). During the next few weeks, the CDC's pilot team will contact these offices to see if they are interested and if 2D bar coding is a good fit for them. The CDC pilot team will support participating practices by giving them barcode readers, software, and training at no cost. 2D barcodes are set-up differently and include more information than one-dimensional barcodes. CDC expects the vaccines with 2D barcodes to be available by August of 2012. When providers administer the vaccines, they can scan the data into their electronic medical record system. The pilot does not include using barcodes for inventory

management. The pilot will end in March 2013. The State Office of Immunization and Child Profile will use unidentified data from Washington's Immunization Information System (Child Profile) to meet the reporting requirements of the pilot. This is the only reporting requirement for the pilot.

**Top Ten Vaccine Management Accomplishments of 2011:**

Providers, LHJs and state staff worked together to reach many vaccine management goals this year! We know this list doesn't include all of our work or yours. However, we wanted to share a few highlights of the year from our perspective, and thank you for helping make them happen! We are all busy, moving from task to task throughout the day, and project to project throughout the year. We sometimes forget about the things that went well. We seldom pause long enough to say, "Wow, we did that!" We hope you take a few minutes to reflect on your successes in 2011, and "Wow!" yourself with your own list! Here's ours:

1. Successfully integrated VTrckS, CDC's new vaccine management system.
2. Implemented EOQ statewide with all providers enrolled in the Childhood Vaccine Program.
3. Met our goal of decreasing single antigen orders to 3% of all orders.
4. Rolled out on-line vaccine ordering to over 50% of providers.
5. Created just-in-time training videos for on-line vaccine ordering.
6. Upgraded the Mass Immunization Module with barcoding and waiting room features, conducted statewide training and developed on-line training videos for it.
7. Completed the complex process of implementing provider vaccine choice.
8. Developed and used a new flu vaccine pre-book process with provider input.
9. Distributed 565,000 doses of childhood flu vaccine.
10. Distributed over 3 million doses of childhood vaccines valued at about \$124 million.

We look forward to working with you in 2012!

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