

# CVP Update



## [CDC Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel<sup>®</sup> Manufacturing Delay](#)

Sanofi Pasteur is experiencing a manufacturing delay with Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) vaccine. As a result, Sanofi Pasteur is not able to meet all of the Pentacel vaccine demand throughout the first half of 2016. However, Sanofi Pasteur has sufficient supplies of the relevant single antigen vaccines (DAPTACEL, ActHIB, and IPOL) to address the anticipated gap in Pentacel supply.

**Providers should continue to follow the recommended immunization schedule and ensure that patients receive all recommended doses of DTaP, Hib, and polio vaccines.**

### **Options include:**

Using DTaP, IPV, and Hib vaccines to complete a series begun with Pentacel. There is a sufficient supply of DTaP, IPV and Hib vaccines to meet the anticipated demand.

Other combination vaccines containing DTaP and Hib vaccines may also be used to complete the series.

### **Considerations when changing vaccine products:**

- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends using the same brand of vaccine for all doses of a vaccination series, when feasible. If providers do not know or do not have available the brand of vaccine previously administered, another brand may be used.
- Hib vaccines are interchangeable. If different brands of a vaccine require different numbers of doses, use the higher number when mixing brands. The Hib vaccine component in Pentacel is licensed as a four-dose series.

**For additional questions or information, please contact The Connecticut Vaccine Program at (860) 509-7929.**

Additional vaccine information and sample schedules using single component and combination vaccines for children who have already received one, two, or three doses of Pentacel follow.

## Sample Schedules for Using Single Antigen DTaP, Hib, and IPV Vaccines When Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel<sup>®</sup> Manufacturing Delay

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using DTaP, Hib, and IPV vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib).

When assessing for needed vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each.

### 1 prior dose of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	DTaP	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
	Hib	Hib	Hib		
	IPV	IPV			IPV

### 2 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	DTaP		DTaP*	DTaP
		Hib	Hib		
		IPV			IPV

### 3 prior doses of Pentacel

2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel		DTaP*	DTaP
			Hib		
			IPV		

\*The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose. This is an ACIP off-label recommendation.

Vaccine	Use for
<b>DTaP</b>	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
<b>Hib</b>	Any dose in the series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
<b>IPV</b>	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
<b>DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)</b>	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age. Do <b>not</b> use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

### Sample Schedule for Using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib Vaccines When Vaccinating Children during the 2015-16 Pentacel<sup>®</sup> Manufacturing Delay

The following are sample schedules for completing a series using Pediarix (DTaP-IPV-HepB) and Hib vaccines for children previously vaccinated with Pentacel (DTaP/IPV-Hib). When using combination vaccines, ensure that minimum intervals between doses and the minimum age have been met for each of the component vaccines.

#### 1 prior dose of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15 months	15-18 months	4-6 years
HepB	HepB		Pediarix	Pediarix**			
		Pentacel					DTaP*
				Hib	Hib	Hib	

#### 2 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15	15-18	4-6 years
HepB	HepB			Pediarix			
		Pentacel	Pentacel				DTaP*
					Hib	Hib	

#### 3 prior doses of Pentacel

Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	12-15	15-18	4-6 years
HepB	HepB				HepB		
		Pentacel	Pentacel	Pentacel		DTaP*	DTaP
						Hib	

\*The 4th dose of DTaP can be given as early as 12 months of age, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the 3rd dose. This is an ACIP off-label recommendation.

\*\*Administration of a 4<sup>th</sup> dose of HepB vaccine is permissible when a combination vaccine containing HepB is given after the birth dose.

Vaccine	Use for
<b>DTaP</b>	Any dose in the 5-dose series for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
<b>DTaP/IPV/HepB (Pediarix)</b>	Doses 1, 2, and 3 of DTaP and IPV; any dose of HepB for children 6 weeks through 6 years of age
<b>HepB</b>	Any dose in the HepB series for children at birth and older
<b>Hib (ActHIB, PedvaxHIB)</b>	Any dose in the Hib series for children 6 weeks through 4 years of age
<b>IPV</b>	Any dose in the polio series for persons 6 weeks of age and older
<b>DTaP/IPV (Kinrix)</b>	Dose 5 of DTaP and dose 4 of IPV for children 4 through 6 years of age Do <b>not</b> use for doses 1 through 3 of DTaP and IPV or dose 4 of DTaP

### *Connecticut Immunization Registry and Tracking System (CIRTS) Update*

On December 2, 2015, the State Immunization Program deployed a new release of CIRTS. This release includes a NEW login process that allows provider users to reset their own passwords using a security question, and it includes a NEW read-only role for school nurses. Roll out and training to put school nurses online will be gradual and is expected to begin in 2016. Currently, almost 80 practices are online with CIRTS and we are continuing to put providers online. Direct access to CIRTS provides you with: children's previous immunization records including the birth dose of Hepatitis B; the ability to enter vaccines you administer; forecasting of due and overdue vaccines; and official immunization certificates.

If you don't have direct access and need a previous immunization record, you can contact CIRTS at (860) 509-7929. If your practice wishes to come online with CIRTS, please email [Nancy.Sharova@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Sharova@ct.gov) to request a Statement of Confidentiality.



*Happy Holidays from the Connecticut Immunization Program*

