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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

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**TO:** All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

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**SUBJECT:** Update on October Vaccine Orders

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you on the status of your October vaccine order-specifically Hepatitis A and DTaP/IPV.

## **October Orders**

The CDC has recently notified us that Glaxo SmithKline has discontinued their 5 dose pre-filled syringe presentation and will be replacing it with a package of 10 dose pre-filled syringes. The exact date as to when the 10 dose syringes will be available is unknown. We were hoping to fill your October Hepatitis A request with the new 10 pack syringes but were unable to do so, therefore when filling out your November order please keep in mind that any doses you previously requested in October will not be shipped to you. There has also been a delay in filling DTaP/IPV combination vaccine (Kinrix) orders requested in October. As soon as Kinrix product becomes available at McKesson your October order will be shipped.

## **Influenza Vaccine**

Seasonal influenza vaccine supply continues to funnel into the Immunization Program on a weekly basis. Please continue to order seasonal influenza for your VFC population 6 months-18 years of age as long as you have a demand for the vaccine. The Immunization Program will try to fill your seasonal influenza request as completely as possible given our current inventory. If you have excess seasonal influenza vaccine please contact our office to help arrange a transfer to another provider who will be able to use whatever extra doses you have in inventory.

For the month of November we will have several different formulations of seasonal influenza vaccines including MedImmune's FluMist Live Attenuated Intranasal Vaccine (LAIV), multi-dose vials of both Sanofi Pasteur's Fluzone for children 3-18 years of age and Novartis' Fluvirin for children 4-18 years of age, as well as Sanofi's Fluzone preservative free syringes for children 6-35 months of age. Please be sure to check your order upon arrival for the influenza formulation you receive and the corresponding package insert.

I understand that these delays put a tremendous strain on your office especially now during the height of H1N1 activity. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this stressful time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mick Bolduc at (860) 509-7929.