

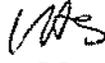
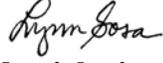


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

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TO: All Users of State Supplied Vaccines

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DATE: November 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Update on Hib and Rotarix orders

The primary purpose of this communication is to update you of the status of your Hib and Rotavirus vaccine orders for the month of November.

Hib

The Connecticut Immunization Program was recently notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that Hiberix vaccine will not be available during the month of November meaning your current Hiberix orders will not be filled this month. CDC does expect to have Hiberix available to order in early December. We continue to receive limited amounts of ActHib and providers who placed orders for ActHib in November received about half of their request. We realize the inconvenience the lack of Hib doses places on your office and are working with CDC to increase quantities of both Hib products to better meet your monthly needs.

Rotavirus

CDC has also notified us that Rotarix supply is currently unavailable at the McKesson depot in Memphis. Glaxo SmithKline expects to resupply Rotarix sometime in late November. Once McKesson has received additional inventory they will begin to ship your November Rotarix order.

Seasonal Influenza

The Immunization Program expects to receive the balance of its seasonal influenza vaccine in the next few weeks. Please continue to place orders for seasonal flu vaccine for your VFC patients 6 months-18 years of age as long as your need exists. We will try to fill your request to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your patience with the vaccine delays experienced during the past few months. As always, if you have any questions please call the State Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.



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