VACCINE DEPOT TRANSITION

Upcoming changes in how state-supplied vaccine will be distributed to Alaska providers

Webinar- Friday, June 16th at 10am
Change in Vaccine Distribution

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is changing how state-supplied vaccine is distributed in Alaska
- State-supplied vaccine will be distributed to Alaska medical providers by McKesson Distributor
  - McKesson is a national vaccine distributor located in Aurora, Colorado
  - McKesson distributes all vaccine purchased through the CDC’s discounted vaccine contract
- When? Summer 2017
Current Vaccine Distribution

Manufacturerr

McKesson Distributor (Colorado)

Vaccine Depot (Anchorage)

Enrolled Providers (throughout Alaska)

Vaccine Depot places bulk vaccine order

Provider places vaccine order in VacTrAK; Immunization Program approves order
New Vaccine Distribution

Provider places vaccine order in VacTrAK; Immunization Program approves order and sends to McKesson
Why Change Vaccine Distribution?

- All other states utilize McKesson for distribution of public vaccine
  - Transitioned from state depots to centralized distribution 10+ years ago
- Recent increased efficiencies in McKesson’s shipping and cold-chain management
- Increased burden on Vaccine Depot to manage shipping logistics and ensure cold-chain management
- Reallocation of limited Immunization Program staff time and resources
- Cost of spoiled and wasted vaccine during transit will be incurred by CDC, not the Immunization Program
What Remains Unchanged

- Ability to communicate with all Immunization Program staff
- Same vaccine formulary offered by the Immunization Program
- Place orders in VacTrAK
- Track order status in VacTrAK
  - In Manual Review, Pending State Approval, Approved and Shipped
  - Tracking number
- Manage inventory in VacTrAK
- Submit returns in VacTrAK
- Receive frozen vaccines from Merck via UPS
- Tribal hub facilities redistribute to villages
What Will Change

- No email notifications from Depot when order is shipped
  - Tracking numbers and order status will update in VacTrAK
- Temperature inside shipment will be monitored by Freeze and Warm paper markers instead of a LogTag
- Vaccine is delivered via FedEx® or UPS contractor directly to provider facility
  - Please fill out survey on FedEx and UPS in your community
- Vaccine packed in 3-day (72 hour) pack-outs
  - Very important to track your shipment
  - Email CDC and Immunization Program if shipment arrives after 3 days
- Spoiled vaccine doses will be mailed to McKesson via
  - A postage-paid address label for the box will be provided to you
Benefits

• Vaccine will be delivered directly to your facility
• Shipment tracking number in VacTrAK
• No transport LogTag to mail back to the Depot
• Longer vaccine expiration dates
• No postage cost for vaccine returns
• More Immunization Program staff time can be devoted to quality assurance and education
Timeline- February through June

- Immunization Program’s collaboration with CDC and McKesson
- Communication with providers
  - Regional Workshops- March and April
  - Spring Immune News Newsletter- May 23rd
  - Email announcement- June 6th and 15th
  - Survey on FedEx and UPS in your community- due June 16th
  - Webinar- June 16th
- Creating instructions
  - How to order from two order sets during transition
  - How to track and receive in a shipment
  - How to request a reshipment
  - How to receive a postage-paid address label for vaccine returns
Timeline- June through August

• Shipments
  • As the Depot reduces stock, providers will receive vaccine from both McKesson and Depot
  • Two order sets
    • Depot order set
    • McKesson order set
  • Transition start date and more detailed instructions will be emailed

• Vaccine returns
  • Continue to mail to Depot for now
  • Will start mailing returns to McKesson in August
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QUESTIONS?

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