

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

WHAT'S NEW IN 2015?

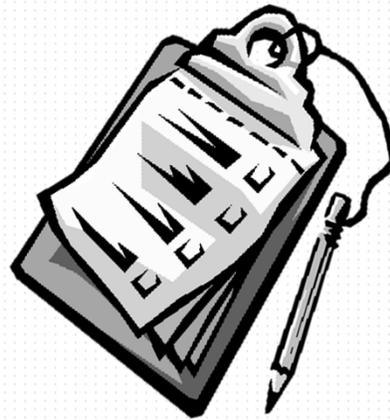
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Topics:

- New Requirements in 2015
- VFC Site Visit Update and Reminders



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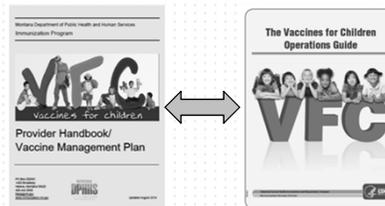
Not much!!!

- Mostly State-level changes
- Most provider-level changes happened in 2014.
- Preview of changes to *VFC Provider Handbook*

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Updates to the VFC Provider Handbook

- No policy changes this year
- Will update to harmonize with CDC VFC Operations Guide
 - Shorten
 - Consistent terminology
- When: This summer.
- Please watch your email for information.



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“New” VFC Requirements for 2015

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Vaccine Management Plan:

All VFC provider are required to have a routine and emergency Vaccine Management Plan:

Routine: Sections 11-17 of the *VFC Provider Handbook*
Emergency: Section 12

Date and signature and title of preparer/updater.
Date of last review with staff (annually)

Fill in table at bottom of page 46 (Section 12)

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Backup Thermometers:

VFC providers must have at least one backup thermometer with a current certificate of calibration on hand.

- Distributed one backup to all providers (even those exempt from using data loggers).
- Labeled “Backup Data Logger.”
- Before use:
 - Install battery (in box).
 - Set up for either a refrigerator or freezer.
- Not for routine use.
- Store in a well-marked, well-communicated location so it can be found if needed.
- If you commission your backup, also install the probe that came with it.
- Please keep data loggers and probes together as they were sent to you. Check numbers on probe wires and data loggers.



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Data Logger Probe Location:

Data logger probes must be placed in a central area of the storage unit with the vaccines.

We recommend taping in place.



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Paper Temperature Logs:

Must be filled out completely and archived for three years.
Trouble-shooting log entries for any out-of-range events on the log.

New version in 2015. Instructions are on the form.



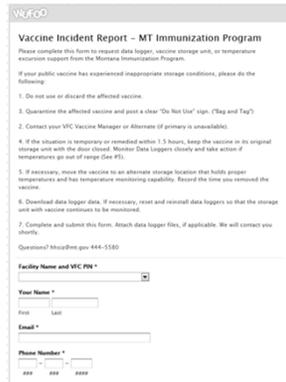
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- Official VFC document that you would have to produce in the event of an audit.
- Documentation that you maintained the “cold chain.”

Online Vaccine Incident Report:

- Routine Use - To submit data and request data logger, vaccine storage unit, or temperature excursion support
- Instructions are on the form.
- Field for uploading data files (Browse)
- Bookmark for future reference.

Vaccines For Children (VFC)
Vaccine Incident Report



Site Visits: Reminders and Updates

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Types of VFC Site Visits

Type	Purpose	Frequency	Visit Duration	CDC Requirement
VFC Compliance	VFC compliance	Every other year	1.5 – 2 hours	Visit 50% of total providers each year (@120/year)
Unannounced Storage and Handling Visit	Vaccine storage and handling	As needed dependent on location and staff availability	30 minutes	Visit 5% of total VFC providers each year (@12/year)
Enrollment Visit	Program education, inspect storage equipment	As needed	1 hour	All newly enrolling or re-enrolling providers (@3-5/year)
Education Visit	Provider education	By request of provider	Varies	Encouraged, but no requirement (@3-5/year)

Clinics with 11 or more kids in the 24-35 month age group, get a combined VFC/AFIX Visit.

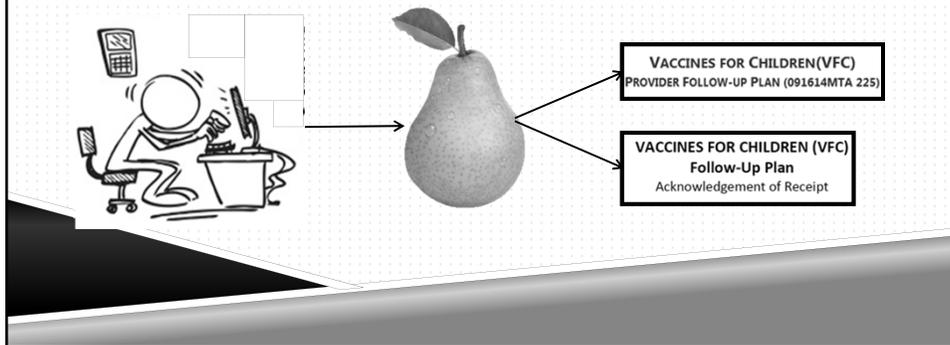
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Online CDC program used to document VFC site visits.
New in 2014

Records site visit results and prescribes corrective actions and follow ups.

Aggregates site visit information for reporting to CDC and quality improvement



Site Visits: Updates and Reminders

New site visit review processes for:

- o **Eligibility Screening and Documenting:**
 - o We are required to randomly check 10 immunization visits to ensure that eligibility is documented in a way that meets requirements.
- o **Borrowing:**
 - o We are required to examine borrowing logs since your last site visit. Borrowing must not be excessive, must be for approved reasons, and must be paid back within three months.

What can you do to help your site visit go smoothly?

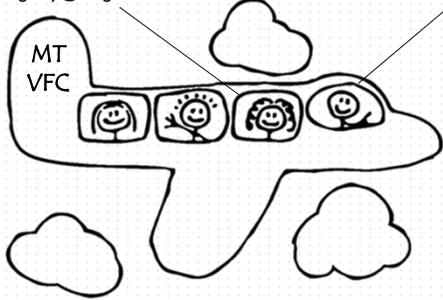
- Strive to be compliant!
 Use the checklist in Section 8
 If unsure, ask.
- Respond to our emails and phone calls
- Complete pre-visit tasks on time
- Take the visit seriously and give us your attention
- Include providers and other staff members
- Ask questions and keep an open mind
- Don't shoot the messenger.
- Give us feedback
- Respond promptly to follow-up questions
- Complete corrective actions on time

Our promise to you:

- Clearly and concisely communicate requirements
- Respect your time and effort
- Be knowledgeable, courteous, and professional
- Promptly respond to questions
- Be open-minded and fair
- Provide feedback and corrective action plans in a timely manner

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