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Date: January 14, 2009  
To: Oregon Private VFC Providers  
From: Lorraine Duncan, Immunization Program Manager  
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Mimi Luther, VFC Manager  
Re: Hib Vaccine Supply



The Oregon VFC Program is completely out of Hib vaccine for the rest of January. We expect our monthly allotment from CDC to be insufficient to fill all provider needs every month, until the resolution of the Hib vaccine shortage. CDC anticipates the shortage to continue at least through mid-2009.

- ★ Effective today – and until the shortage is resolved - we will hold your single antigen Hib orders aside. We will begin processing those orders on 2/2/09 and the first of every month thereafter. The number of doses you receive will be based on our determined allocation for your clinic (75% of 2007 doses), and prorated according to the amount of vaccine we are allocated by CDC.
- ★ If you have any excess VFC Hib vaccine that you are able to share, let us know as soon as possible.
- ★ ALERT will no longer forecast Hib doses for children over 12 months of age. Instead, please use the attached table to determine which of these children need additional doses, and which should be deferred.
- ★ If you have private stock and wish to use it on VFC eligible children, please document carefully: log the VFC eligible child's name, date of birth, and date of vaccine administration. We cannot guarantee when you will get enough VFC doses to replace private doses used in this manner.
- ★ We have plenty of sanofi's Pentacel® vaccine. If you are a current Pediarix® user and would like to order Pentacel®, please contact Mimi Luther as soon as possible ([Lydia.m.luther@state.or.us](mailto:Lydia.m.luther@state.or.us) 971-673-0296). We will ask for a monthly inventory report, and written confirmation of your acceptance of our wasted vaccine policy (if you waste doses, we bill you for those wasted doses). If you are a single antigen Hib vaccine user and would like to order Pentacel®, please do so. No monthly inventory report is needed.
- ★ Please maintain vigilance in surveillance of any potential cases of Hib disease.
- ★ We will keep you informed on this situation. Once we receive updates from CDC, we will let you know right away via email and blast fax.

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