

AN IMMUNIZATION UPDATE FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DATE: June 28, 2011
TO: MnVFC Providers
FROM: MnVFC Program
RE: Returning nonviable MnVFC influenza vaccine

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

As you may know, injectable influenza vaccine will be expiring June 30th. Follow the steps below to return nonviable MnVFC influenza vaccine to McKesson.

Returning nonviable MnVFC influenza vaccine

All vaccine received through MnVFC that becomes nonviable must be returned to McKesson Specialty Distribution following these steps:

- 1) Remove nonviable vaccine from the refrigerator or freezer and mark it "nonviable" to avoid using it unintentionally.
- 2) Complete the *Returning Nonviable MnVFC Vaccine* form, stating the reason the vaccine is nonviable (i.e., expired vaccine). You will find the form at: www.health.state.mn.us/vfc.
- 3) Contact the MnVFC program at 651-201-5522 for approval and further instructions for returning the vaccine to McKesson.
- 4) Pack the vaccine to protect it from breaking (cold packs are not necessary) and include the original *Returning Nonviable MnVFC Vaccine* form in the package.
- 5) Be prepared to fax the *Returning Nonviable MnVFC Vaccine* form to the MnVFC program at 651-201-5501.
- 6) Keep a copy of the *Returning Nonviable MnVFC Vaccine* form for your records.

MnVFC program staff will contact McKesson Specialty Distribution to coordinate a UPS pick-up within 5 to 7 business days. Be sure to inform the front desk staff at your clinic that UPS will be picking up the package within 5 to 7 days.

Never return the following items to McKesson; dispose of them per your vaccine disposal policy:

- Syringes you filled yourself but did not use
- Used syringes with or without needles attached
- Broken vials
- Any open multi-dose vials

If you have questions about nonviable vaccine, call MnVFC at 651-201-5522.

Note: In the event of a state government shutdown nonviable MnVFC influenza vaccine returns will not be processed. You may send/fax in your *Returning Nonviable MnVFC Vaccine* form but staff will not be available to contact McKesson Specialty Distribution to coordinate a UPS pick-up. Once the state government shutdown is over staff will resume processing of these requests and forms.

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