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### **Indiana Hib Vaccine Supply Update:**

Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers are reminded that supplies of Hib Vaccine continue to be limited. The Indiana Immunization Program has been allocated a reduced supply of ActHIB (sanofi pasteur) and a very limited supply of Pedvax HIB (MERCK) for the months of December, January and February. It may be ordered on a first come first serve basis until monthly allocations are exhausted.

Some of our providers have reported that requested orders for ActHIB, submitted to the ISDH Immunization Program in December, have not been received. We are currently working with CDC and McKesson to determine the cause and status of these orders.

### **TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) Now Available for Ordering**

TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) will be available for ordering. This vaccine was temporarily unavailable during the immediate response to the Hib vaccine supply issues. Sanofi will not be producing more TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) until Hib vaccine supplies normalize. However, they do have limited inventory available. It may be ordered on a first come, first serve basis until existing inventory is utilized.

When considering ordering TriHibit (DTaP-Hib), please consider the following:

**TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) is for the 12-15 month booster dose ONLY.  
It is not licensed for any dose in the primary series.**

With the interim recommendations, only high-risk patients described in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) on interim recommendations that continue to be recommended for the 12-15 month booster dose should be considered for the TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) vaccine (<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5650a4.htm>, <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5650.pdf>).

For more information, see the previously referred MMWR.

Excerpt from above referenced MMWR:

“Certain children are at increased risk for Hib disease, including children with asplenia, sickle cell disease, human immunodeficiency virus infection and certain other immunodeficiency syndromes, and malignant neoplasms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that providers continue to vaccinate these children with available Hib conjugate vaccines according to the routinely recommended schedules, including the 12-15 month booster dose. PedvaxHIB (if available), ActHIB, and TriHIBit may be used for the booster doses for these children during this shortage. Hib vaccines also are recommended for use in prophylaxis for susceptible close contacts of patients with Hib disease. CDC recommends that providers continue to vaccinate close contacts according to published guidelines.”

“American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children also are at increased risk for Hib disease, particularly in the first 6 months of life.”

Providers that have TriHibit (DTaP-Hib) on hand should make every effort to target this vaccine to the indicated high-risk groups. In the event that vaccine is due to expire and is at risk of being wasted, the vaccine should be used for the 12-15 month booster dose in non-high-risk children rather than be discarded.

### **Return and Recycle Program for sanofi Pasteur Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Containers**

Sanofi pasteur is introducing a Return and Recycle Program for expanded polystyrene (EPS) containers. Instructions and materials will be contained within each eligible container. To participate in the Return and Recycle Program, empty the vaccine container, seal the container with the provided tape, attach the pre-paid shipping label, and contact a FedEx® carrier for pickup.

### **Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Informational Sessions**

NEW THIS YEAR! Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users who are interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP’s role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

January 31, 2008  
1:00pm – 2:30pm EST  
Mary Margaret Hospital – Ripley County  
321 Mitchell Avenue  
Batesville, IN 47006

## **CHIRP User Group Meeting**

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

*Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.*

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## **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:  
[Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.