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Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

The Texas Vaccines for Children Program reminds all providers to prepare and plan ahead for back-to-school immunizations. Providers must order vaccines early to ensure the vaccine is received and available prior to conducting special back-to-school clinics.

It is important providers place vaccine orders for back-to-school initiatives in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. Providers may place additional regular orders or may order outside their Tiered Order Frequency (TOF) during this period to support their back-to-school efforts. Providers may also order above their Maximum Stock Levels (MSLs) with a comment justification in the EVI system. Before placing any order in EVI, doses administered must be up-to-date and the physical count must be entered into the EVI Inventory Provider C-33.

In contrast to previous years, the Department of State Health Service (DSHS) Pharmacy Branch warehouse no longer maintains large vaccine inventories and cannot support the volume of filling provider orders during the back-to-school time period. Urgently Needed Orders (UNOs) will not be processed as emergency orders for next-day shipment from the DSHS Pharmacy Branch warehouse.

All public and private school students are required to be up-to-date on all vaccinations prior to the start of the school year. School immunization requirements can be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/> under Immunization Requirements.

Beginning on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, TVFC providers may again update vaccine choices through the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) system. The "Update Choice" tab will be open from **July 1st through July 15th**. If you do not wish to make any changes to your current vaccine choices, you do not need to do anything.

After this summer period, the next opportunity to update your vaccine selections will be in October 2015.

A training entitled "Updating Vaccine Choice" is available for you to review and can be accessed at <http://www.upp.com/vacchoice/index.html>. A printed desk reference is also available in the "Provider Resources & Training" section on the TVFC webpage under the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) heading at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/ProviderResources.shtm>.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Health Service Region listed below.

PINS Beginning With	Health Service Region	Phone Number
01	HSR 1	806-783-6416
02	HSR 2	325-795-8660
03	HSR 3	817-264-4793
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties or 06 or 25	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08 or 00	HSR 8	210-949-2067
09	HSR 9	432-571-4132
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552

Sincerely,



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