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TO: Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Providers
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SUBJECT: Texas Vaccines for Children Program: Vaccine Orders for Back-to-School

The Texas Vaccines for Children Program (TVFC) is reminding all providers to prepare and plan ahead for special back-to-school immunization initiatives. Providers must order vaccines early enough to ensure that the vaccine is received and available prior to conducting special vaccine clinics to support back-to-school initiatives.

It is imperative that providers place vaccine orders for Back-to-School initiatives in the Electronic Vaccine Inventory (EVI) systems. Providers may place additional regular orders or order outside their Tiered Order Frequency (TOF) during this period to support their back-to-school efforts. Providers may 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 updated to the current day.

In contrast to previous years, the Department of State Health Service (DSHS) warehouse will no longer maintain large vaccine inventories and cannot support the volume of filling provider orders. Urgently Needed Orders (UNOs) will not be processed as emergency orders to ship next day from the DSHS 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. For more information regarding school requirements, please visit, <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>.

If you have questions, please contact your DSHS Health Service Region or TVFC Regional Consultant. The Regional Consultant contact information is included below.

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