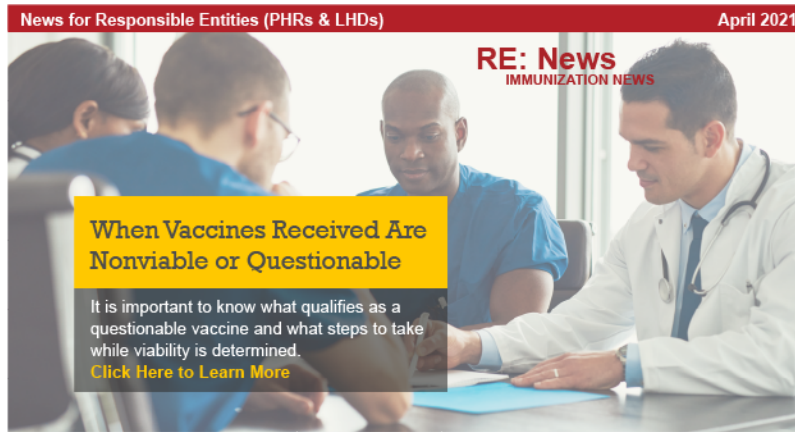


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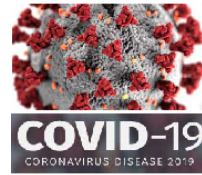
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**Data Logger Calibration Testing Policy Update**

Data logger calibration testing is now required to be conducted every two to three years or according to the manufacturer's suggested guidelines. [Learn more.](#)

**Learn the latest.**



**TVFC Offers Two New Vaccines**

The Texas Vaccines for Children's Program (TVFC) will offer two new vaccines. The first, MenQuadfi, is a new Meningococcal combination vaccine. The second, VAXELIS, combines Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis, Inactivated Poliovirus, Haemophilus b Conjugate and Hepatitis B Vaccine. [Learn more now.](#)

**Events**

- APRIL** National Minority Health Month
- APR 5-11** National Public Health Week
- APR 24-30** World Immunization Week
- APR 24-MAY 1** National Infant Immunization Week
- APR 26-27** Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research



**Quarterly Choice to Open Early: May 3**

Choice will open on May 3, 2021, one week early. Choice will remain open until May 21, one extra week. Providers may make updates to their vaccine ordering selections during this time.

This extra time allows providers to decide if they want to add Sanofi's new vaccine, MenQuadfi, being added to the TVFC program.

**Reminder: Visit the Immunization Webpage**

This is a reminder that the Immunization Unit has an incredible amount of information available on COVID-19 for health care providers on their website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccination-providers.aspx>.

The information is updated regularly to keep up with the fast-changing response to COVID-19 and is changing too fast to include any links in this announcement. If you haven't visited our website lately, please explore it to see the latest news on COVID-19 and other immunization news.

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## May Is Hepatitis Awareness & Testing Month

Next month is National Hepatitis Awareness Month, established to increase awareness about this hidden epidemic that affects millions worldwide as both an acute illness and as an incurable chronic illness.

In addition, May 19 is National Hepatitis Testing Day, to remind healthcare providers to encourage priority populations to get *tested*. [More information here.](#)

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## Use NIW 2021 to Remind Providers About Importance of Infant Immunizations



The [National Infant Immunization Week](#) is April 24 through May 1. This event is an opportune time to encourage your providers to reach out to parents of children two years old and younger who may have fallen behind their regular immunizations.

[Here are a variety of materials](#) to help providers develop a practice environment to improve young patients' immunization rates and communicate with parents.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheets Offered in Dozens of Translations for Recipients and Caregivers

The FDA has posted dozens of translations of Fact Sheets for recipients and caregivers for each of the three authorized COVID-19 vaccines. [Use these resources](#) to help you communicate with patients about the importance of COVID-19 vaccination.

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## CDC Releases Guide to Improve COVID-19 Vaccine Rollouts in Communities

CDC has developed a [Rapid Community Assessment Guide](#) to help state and local health departments diagnose and address access and confidence challenges related to COVID-19 vaccines. [Check out the five-step guide now.](#)

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