



# CRITICAL NOTICE

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*An Immunization Update from the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP)*

## Governor Otter Restores Funding

On August 4, 2009 Governor Otter **approved** a transfer of \$2.1 million to restore Idaho's immunization status to universal select through January 1, 2010. All state supplied vaccines can now be administered to Vaccines for Children (VFC) eligible and insured children with the **exception** of HPV vaccine.

State supplied HPV vaccine, as before, can **only** be administered to VFC eligible children.

Although vaccine supply does not guarantee adequate immunization rates, the Governor's action to extend Idaho's universal select status has provided Idaho with a great opportunity to help eliminate any existing financial and/or access barriers to immunizations. Increasing immunization rates requires a concerted effort on the part of all immunization providers to ensure all children receive immunizations according to the ACIP recommended schedule.

For questions regarding **state supplied** vaccines please contact the Idaho Immunization Program (IIP) at 208.334.5931.

## VFC Policies

Within the next 2 weeks the Idaho Immunization Program will be sending the 2009 Policies and Guidelines, Provider Enrollment Agreement and Provider Profile. These documents will need to be completed and returned to the IIP by September 10, 2009 and prior to placing vaccine orders.

VFC screening will be required during each visit when a state supplied vaccine is administered.

State supplied vaccines **must** be administered to children according to the ACIP schedule unless there is a valid circumstance preventing adherence to the schedule.

## Privately Purchased Vaccine

Privately purchased vaccine should be reserved for insured children. IIP will not compensate providers for vaccine purchased for the insured population.

Questions regarding privately purchased vaccines will **need** to be answered by private insurance carriers and vaccine suppliers.

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