

Florida Department of Health

2005 Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) Updates

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization would like to notify all county health departments and immunization partners of the following Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) Updates:

VISs updated during 2005 include: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (10/20/2005), Live, Intranasal Influenza Vaccine (10/20/2005), Japanese Encephalitis (5/11/2005), Meningococcal (Interim) (10/7/2005), and Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap - Interim) (9/22/2005).

Vaccine Information Statements forms may be accessed on line at the CDC, NIP website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/default.htm>. Foreign language translations may be accessed from the Immunization Action Coalition website at: <http://www.immunize.org/vis/>.

IMPORTANT: The National Childhood Vaccine Injury (NAVY) Act requires that all health-care providers give parents or patients copies of Vaccine Information Statements before administering each dose of the vaccines listed in the schedule.

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On March 15, 2005, the telephone number for the national immunization hotline changed. VISs posted on the CDC webpage contain the new number in the "How can I learn more?" section. Please replace your camera-ready copies of VISs with these new versions before reprinting.

Additional Notes:

Final influenza VISs are available. They are dated 10/20/05, and may be used immediately. NOTE: If you have stocks of the Interim influenza VISs (dated 7/18/05), they may be used through December 31, 2005. Spanish translations of both the TIV and LAIV interim VISs have been completed, and have been posted on the Immunization Action Coalition's VIS webpage.

A draft interim Tdap VIS was posted on September 22, 2005. A final version will be developed after ACIP has published its recommendations. Until then, the interim version may be used.

A typo in Section 1 of the 9/22/05 Tdap VIS has been corrected. The last sentence in the Pertussis paragraph should read "Up to 2 in 100 adolescents with pertussis . . ." Originally, this sentence erroneously stated "Up to 2 in 10 adolescents . . ." Copies of the Tdap VIS downloaded on or after September 27, 2005 contain the corrected sentence.

Hepatitis A was added to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program on December 1, 2004. This means that a new VIS must be developed according to a process mandated by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. This process is underway, and a new VIS will be available. The new VIS for hepatitis A will include a change reflecting the new, 1 year, minimum age for administering both Vaqta and Havrix. In the meantime, the current (8/4/04) edition will remain valid.

In light of reports of several cases of GBS following vaccination with meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra), the VIS was revised to include information about the potential association between the vaccine and the disease. This revised VIS is available and should be used. Meningococcal will soon be added to the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, and a new VIS will be developed at that time. NOTE: The 10/7/05 version of this VIS is a revision of the 4/4/05 edition, and is still an interim document.

CDC has not determined whether a VIS for the newly-licensed MMRV (measles, mumps, rubella, varicella) vaccine will be developed. Once the ACIP has published recommendations regarding MMRV, CDC will decide whether a VIS will be produced.

A new multi-vaccine VIS that can be used for all the routine 2, 4, 6 month vaccines (i.e., DTaP, hepatitis B, Hib, IPV, and pneumococcal) is being developed, and should be available in 2006. It will be offered as an alternative to the 5 individual VISs, which will also remain available. It will be 4 pages long (2 pages, front and back).

Reminder regarding combination vaccines: If there is no VIS for a non-routine combination vaccine (e.g., Pediarix, Comvax, Twinrix), use the VISs for all component vaccines.

For further information on VISs contact John Keegan or Vivienne Treharne of the Bureau of Immunization at (850) 245-4342 or SunCom 205-4342. Please share this information with all staff who provide immunizations.