

Ordering Instructions for Vaccine (Non-Routine)

1. Influenza/Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines

The TVFC provides influenza for children 18 years of age and younger and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines for children 18 years of age and younger who are at high-risk for complications of pneumonia disease. High-risk is determined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Influenza vaccine is available seasonally and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine is available as needed year-round.

In addition to the vaccine provided by the TVFC for high-risk children, LHDs may purchase influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines at the state contract purchase price. When a LHD purchases vaccine with their own local funds, they determine the eligibility locally as well.

Eligible Groups for Inactivated Influenza Vaccine

1. All children aged 6 months through 18 years of age.

Eligible Groups for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines

Children and adolescents aged 2-18 years of age and have one of the following:

- a) Functional or anatomical asplenia,
- b) Chronic illness (cardiopulmonary disease excluding asthma, diabetes mellitus, of CSF leak),
- c) Immunocompromising conditions (HIV infection, AIDS, malignancies, chronic renal failure, nephritic syndrome, organ transplant including bone marrow, or receiving immunocompromising medications),
- d) Alaskan Native
- e) American Indian

2. Rabies: Post Exposure Prophylaxis

As mandated by the Texas Health and Safety Code (826.025), the DSHS supplies post-exposure rabies biologicals (vaccines and rabies immune globulin) for persons who may be or have been exposed to rabid or potentially rabid animals. This mandate has resulted in a unique partnership between the DSHS Immunization Branch and the Zoonosis Control Branch.

At the state level, the Immunization Branch purchases and provides rabies biologicals to the HSR, LHD or hospitals. All rabies biological reimbursements are handled through the DSHS Central Office Revenue Management Unit, Billing Branch. Although DSHS requires reimbursement for these biologicals (rabies biologicals are not covered with state or federal funding), no one who has a valid exposure to rabies will be denied access to post-exposure treatment because of their inability to pay. DSHS does not dispense vaccine for pre-exposure prophylaxis.

Depending upon the HSR, Zoonosis or Immunization Branch Staff manage rabies biologicals in their offices and in established depot sites. These staff collect surveillance information (mandated by 97.123 of the Rules of the Board of Health "Provision of Anti-Rabies Biologicals"); provide the technical assistance for post-exposure prophylaxis; follow-up on bite reports from the local animal control agencies; dispense rabies biologicals as needed; and obtain reimbursement information and agreements.

For more information on the availability of rabies biologicals or guidelines for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, please contact the appropriate regional office.

3. Immune Globulin (IG)

IG is used for controlling the spread of infectious diseases. It is the responsibility of the LHD to obtain IG if warranted. DSHS will provide IG to areas without a LHD present. To determine whether IG is needed, please consult with IDCU staff at (512) 458-7676. Approval from IDCU will be needed prior to release of IG.

Procedure for the HSR to order IG:

1. Contact IDCU at (512) 458-7676 with information justifying need:
 - a) Date of exposure
 - b) Number of individuals exposed
 - c) Setting in which exposure occurred
 - i. Home
 - ii. Day-care*
 - iii. Restaurant/Food-handler*
 - iv. School*
 - v. Other

*All multi-person exposures are discussed with LHD, HSR, and epidemiology staff to determine how DSHS will respond.

2. IDCU will communicate the approved IG request and will provide the following information to the Immunization Branch:
 - a) Ship to Point of Contact and Phone Number
 - b) Ship to Address and Hours of Operation
 - c) Quantity of IG determined to be needed
 - d) Once the request is received by the Immunization Branch, an electronic Biological Order is completed and sent to the Pharmacy Branch
 - e) The Pharmacy Branch determines the proper method of shipping and ships the IG as soon as possible

Procedure for LHD to order IG from the distributor using the state contract:

1. Contact the Texas Building and Procurement Commission at (512) 463-6988 or e-mail purchaser.c@cpa.state.tx.us
2. Please refer to the Vaccines and Biological Contract (contract number 270-A2)
http://www2.cpa.state.tx.us/cat_page/cat_269_a2_0701.html