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SUBJECT: TVFC: Change in Merck Shipping Containers

Merck will begin using new shipping containers for delivery of frozen vaccine products.

Here are some of the changes implemented with the new shipping containers:

- Boxes will be more identifiable because of Merck’s logo on the banding straps and Merck’s name on top of box.
- New handles and symbols to reduce mismanagement and/or misplacement of the container.
- Easy-to-read instructions are on the outside stressing immediate storage and handling is needed.
- A pamphlet on the inside to reiterate the important storage and handling required for the product, as well as instruction about how to recycle the container.
- Reinforced interior design to better protect product from shifting and possibly being crushed in transit. Bubble wrap included to keep product secure and dry.

Merck will begin sending the new shipper the week of June 24th. Please note the pictures attached, as they show the difference for public and private purchase vaccine.

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

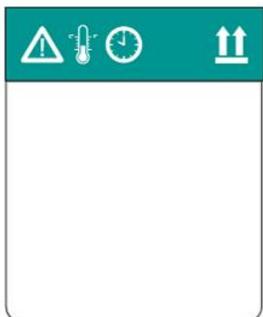
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FREEZER BOX TOP

Private Sector Version



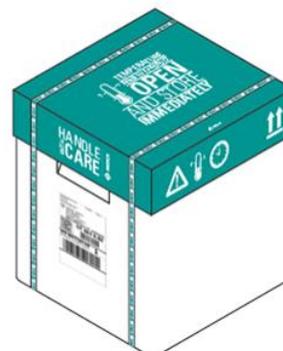
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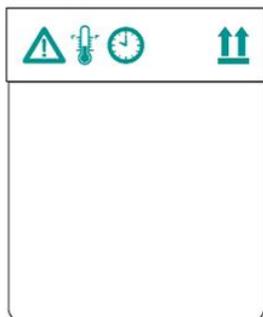
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FREEZER BOX TOP

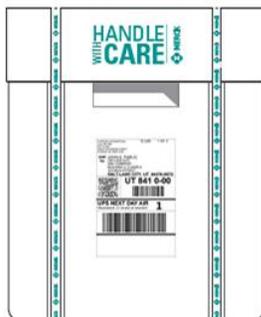
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