



June 5, 2017

Re: DT, PPSV23, and Td vaccine availability in provider offices

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Provider,

Each year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) approves immunization schedules for children and adolescents. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has an important role to ensure all ACIP recommended vaccines are available for your patients. Effective immediately, providers who participate in the TVFC Program are required to carry at least one dose of a pediatric presentation of DT, PPSV23 and Td unless you are a specialty provider. As defined on the TVFC enrollment form, specialty providers are those that serve (1) a defined population due to specialty (OB/GYN, STD, family planning) or (2) a specific age group of children. The ACIP immunization schedule listing these vaccines for children and adolescents aged 18 or younger is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

Annual site reviews are conducted in TVFC provider offices, ensuring compliance with the TVFC Program rules. During your annual site review, if you choose not to carry at least one dose each of DT, PPSV23, and Td (and you are not a specialty provider), non-compliance for the associated question will be documented. Your follow-up plan will include a strong recommendation to carry all vaccines so that your patients can be assured of access to all vaccines needed, based on their risk or previous vaccine history.

If the required doses of DT, PPSV23 & Td are lost as a result of expiration, the loss will be considered non-negligent and you will not be penalized.

Thank you for your continued support of the TVFC Program. If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate TVFC Contact listed below.



PINS Beginning With	TVFC Contact	Phone Number
00	City of San Antonio	210-207-3965
01	HSR 1	806-783-6412
02	HSR 2	325-795-5660
03	HSR 3	817-264-4790
04 or 05 not in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties	HSR 4/5N	903-533-5310
05 in Hardin, Jefferson or Orange Counties, 06	HSR 6/5S	713-767-3410
07	HSR 7	254-778-6744
08	HSR 8	210-949-2067
09	HSR 9	432-571-4137
10	HSR 10	915-834-7924
11	HSR 11	956-421-5552
25	City of Houston	832-393-5188

Sincerely,

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