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**Texas Department of State
Health Services**

Dear Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program Providers,

On June 22, 2022, [the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)](#) recommended the use of 15-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV-15) Vaxneuvance™ by manufacturer Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC, for the prevention of invasive disease caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in persons aged <19 years.

Recommendations have been adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and have been published on the [CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#). According to the CDC's guidance, Vaxneuvance™ is an additional option for pneumococcal conjugate vaccination that can be used interchangeably and in accordance with the currently recommended PCV13 dosing and schedules. More information on the dosing schedule for Vaxneuvance™ can be found in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) on the CDC's MMWR.

Vaxneuvance™ is available for ordering under the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) Program through the Vaccine Allocation and Ordering System (VAOS) as of December 1, 2022, as an additional option in the Federal Pediatric contract. To order Vaxneuvance™ in VAOS, follow the steps below:

1. Log into VAOS. Select the Open Ordering (TVFC/ASN/FLU) tile.
2. First, upload your Temperature Log by selecting your facility under Account Name. Then click Choose File, select your temperature log, and click Save File.
3. Navigate back to Open Ordering (TVFC/ASN/FLU) and click Next at the bottom of the screen. If applicable, confirm receipt of any pending shipments your facility has received. Once completed, click Next at the bottom of the screen.
4. If applicable, submit any vaccine transfer requests for your facility. Once completed, click Next at the bottom of the screen.

5. Report doses administered up to the current day by selecting your facility from the drop-down menu. You must click Save after entering the information.
6. Report Physical Inventory for your facility by clicking the arrow on the right of each inventory record. Once completed, click Next at the bottom of the screen.
7. If applicable, enter vaccine loss by selecting your facility in the drop-down menu. You must click Save after entering the information. Once completed, click Next at the bottom of the screen.
8. Select your facility from the drop-down menu, verify the required conditions, list out of office dates (if applicable), and then click Next at the bottom of the screen.
9. Click Update Choice. Check the applicable vaccine. Click Submit.
10. Navigate back to the Order Screen. Enter the quantity requested for the vaccine (list a Reason for Deviation if the quantity requested is greater than your suggested quantity). Click Review Order, and then click Submit to complete your Vaccine Order.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Program will be hosting a webinar about Vaxneuvance™ on December 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM CST at the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/701518532521865995>

The vaccine manufacturer Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC will be discussing vaccine safety and efficacy, clinical recommendations, and will be available to answer any questions. Additional information for Vaxneuvance™ can be found [here](#).

For questions, contact your Responsible Entity (RE).

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Texas Department of State Health Services
Immunization Program