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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM

June 7, 2013

Dear Vaccines for Children Provider:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program has ordered influenza vaccine in preparation for the 2013-2014 Influenza Season. The influenza vaccine is for distribution to, State Health Centers, County-Municipal Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, private VFC providers and other Department approved public provider sites.

Distribution of the influenza vaccine will most likely begin in September or October. Ordering influenza vaccine will be done by paper form as in years past. DOH VFC staff will enter the influenza order in PA SIIS on behalf of each provider. To ensure that providers are able to obtain an adequate amount of vaccine, please indicate the number of anticipated doses on the *Influenza Vaccine Ordering Form* included with this letter.

Please submit your orders by **July 31, 2013.** Completed order forms for influenza vaccine may be emailed to paimmunizations@pa.gov or faxed to (717) 441-3777 or (717) 441-3800.

Influenza vaccine obtained through the Department may only be provided to those persons 6 months of age and older.

The Influenza Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) that must be provided to each person receiving the influenza vaccine is located on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis. The most recent Influenza VIS is usually posted on this website by July.

Please direct any questions regarding influenza vaccine ordering to Nancy Mumper and clinical questions to Marilyn Black at (717) 787-5681.

Sincerely,

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