

MnVFC Announcement

Date: March 16, 2023

To: MnVFC Providers

From: MnVFC Program

Re: Td vaccine supply shortage, MnVFC orders delayed due to severe weather

Please route to:

- Clinical supervisor
- Medical director
- Clinic manager
- Clinic staff
- Pharmacy
- Vaccine staff

Td vaccine supply shortage

Due to a nationwide shortage, Td vaccine (TDVAX and Tenivac) ordering will be closely monitored. This will affect both pediatric and adult doses.

To assist providers during this period, CDC developed the following guidance:

- Tdap vaccine is an acceptable alternative to Td vaccine, including when a tetanus booster is indicated for wound management. The only time Tdap vaccine is not an acceptable alternative is in very rare cases where a person has a specific contraindication to pertussis-containing vaccines. Refer to [CDC Pinkbook: Pertussis: Contraindications and Precautions to Vaccination \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pert.html#contraindications-precautions-vaccination\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/pert.html#contraindications-precautions-vaccination).
- The limited supply of Td vaccine needs to be preserved for those with a contraindication to receiving pertussis-containing vaccines.
- CDC recommends that vaccination providers transition to use of Tdap vaccine in lieu of Td vaccine whenever possible. This recommendation will remain in place until the period of temporary ordering controls for Td vaccine has been resolved.

Please follow this guidance for Td vaccine until the shortage is resolved. Td vaccines are not available for ordering in MIIC; they can only be ordered using our Special Ordering Form. If you need Td vaccine but don't have a copy of our special ordering form, please email us at health.mnvfc@state.mn.us.

You can read the full guidance from CDC at [Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis Vaccine Recommendations: Tdap Use While TD Supplies are Limited \(www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/dtap-tdap-td/hcp/recommendations.html#tdap-td\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/dtap-tdap-td/hcp/recommendations.html#tdap-td).

MnVFC orders delayed due to severe weather

McKesson is holding all MnVFC orders for the state due to severe weather. We do not know the exact date that shipments will resume. If you are out of MnVFC stock, you can borrow from private stock in the meantime while waiting to receive VFC shipments. Please remember to track this on a VFC Vaccine Borrowing Report form found at [Vaccine Management Forms \(www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/forms.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/forms.html).