

Oregon Vaccines for Children (VFC)

Guidelines for Borrowing Vaccine Between VFC and Private Stocks

In rare circumstances, VFC providers are permitted to borrow between their state-supplied and private vaccines. Borrowing should occur only when extenuating circumstances arise.

Extenuating circumstances may include:

- Vaccine delivery delays
- Vaccine delivery wasted in transit
- A national vaccine shortage
- New staff responsible for vaccine orders
- Unanticipated increase in demand

Routine borrowing due to improper inventory management is not permitted.

Important borrowing requirements

Providers may not borrow vaccine from their VFC stock to give to a non-VFC patient if this may result in vaccine not being available for VFC patients

Providers must document every instance of borrowing on the Oregon Vaccines for Children Borrowing Report¹.

Replacement must be made within 90 days unless clinic can justify delay.

Seasonal Influenza: providers may use private stock seasonal influenza vaccine to vaccinate VFC eligible children if VFC seasonal influenza stock is not yet available. Those private stock doses used on VFC eligible children can later be replaced when VFC stock becomes available. State-supplied influenza vaccine may not be used for privately insured patients. This one-directional borrowing exception is unique to seasonal influenza vaccine.

Providers must maintain borrowing reports for at least three years, and must make borrowing reports available for review at VFC site visits or upon request by the Oregon Immunization Program.

We encourage you to consult with your Health Educator any time borrowing between vaccine stocks is necessary. If borrowing is an ongoing issue at your clinic, your Health Educator will help you identify inventory management issues and a long-term solution. Your Health Educator can be reached at (971) 673-0300.

If you need this material in an alternate format, please call 971-673-0300.

¹ In certain rare circumstances, The Oregon Immunization Program may approve an alternative method for tracking and documentation of borrowing.