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Dear Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Participants:

Update: Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 to 18 Years, United States, 2008

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization directs your attention to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) 2008; volume 57, number 12* on March 28, 2008. This *MMWR* contains an erratum on page 319 (Errata: Vol. 57, No. 1) for the Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 to 18 Years, United States, 2008.

Most important is the change/clarification to the intervals on the Catch-up Schedule for Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as follows:

On page Q-4, in the lower section of the Table titled, Catch-up schedule for persons aged 7--18 years, in row Human Papillomavirus, under column heading Dose 2 to Dose 3, the text should read: 12 weeks (and 24 weeks after the first dose).

This change reflects addition of a 24-week minimum interval for the HPV series between dose 1 to dose 3. This means that the third dose needs to be administered not earlier than 6 months (24 weeks) from the first dose. The minimum intervals between dose 1 and dose 2, as well as between dose 2 and dose 3, remain unchanged.

Dose 1 to 2: 4 weeks

Dose 2 to 3: 12 weeks (and 24 weeks after the first dose)

The *MMWR* may be viewed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5712.pdf>

You may find the erratum at the link provided below:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5712a6.htm>

You may view the correction to the HPV vaccine regimen with the revised 2008 Catch-up Immunization Schedule at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/child-schedule.htm#printable>

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The bureau asks that you provide this information to colleagues, members, coalitions, and partners with an interest in the administration of vaccine to children 0 to 18 years of age.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the CDC's recommendations, please contact Phyllis Yambor, R.N., Bureau of Immunization, at (850) 245-4342. For information regarding the VFC Program, please contact Robert Griffin or your VFC Program Representative at (800) 483-2543.

Sincerely,

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