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TO: California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

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SUBJECT: Unannounced Storage and Handling Visits

The California Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct unannounced visits to review the storage and handling practices of participating providers. In the [VFC Program Agreement](#), VFC providers agree to these visits in support of vaccine management requirements, which help protect your patients in receiving unspoiled, fully potent vaccines. Non-compliance in visits might result in the inability to order VFC vaccines.

Any VFC Provider may be selected to receive an unannounced storage and handling site visits at any time during operating hours. Storage and handling visits are typically briefer than routine VFC Compliance Visits, which are instead coordinated in advance with key practice staff. Please ensure that your staff are aware of the possibility of unannounced site visits.

Thank you again for your participation in the VFC Program. If you have questions, please contact the VFC Program, 877-2GET-VFC (877-243-8832).