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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Important Varicella Vaccine Ordering Notice

The Bureau of Immunization (BOI) is pleased to provide this important update regarding the availability of Merck Varicella (Varivax®) vaccine provided through the VFC Program.

Merck is transitioning their ordering system and this will affect direct shipment of Varivax® vaccine. There will be **no shipments** between March 26 and April 5 (blackout period). We request that providers review their inventory and needs for this vaccine during this two-week period and book orders in the next two weeks to ensure there is enough vaccine on-hand. Orders needed prior to the blackout period must be submitted **no later than Wednesday, March 17**. Orders received after March 17 will be placed in queue and released after April 6.

- **Orders must be received by March 17 to be processed.**
- **March 26 – April 5: Blackout Period. No orders will be processed. Your request will be placed in queue.**

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