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Curbside Immunization Visit Reminders

We have heard of many ways that our Maine Immunization Providers have modified the way they offer office visits and immunization services to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the ways includes offering “curbside” or “drive-thru” immunizations. This is a safe and comfortable way for parents to continue vaccinating and to seek medical care for their children.

If you are a provider offering this type of service, it is important to remember that the same requirements for in-office visits, apply to curbside and drive-thru visits. We ask that you continue to do the following:

- Screen ALL patients 0-18 years old for VFC-eligibility prior to administering vaccination
- Offer Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) for each immunization given

To minimize contact with each other, we suggest that screening be done over the phone prior to the visit. VIS sheets may also be reviewed by parents and patients prior to the visit. Offering a VIS sheet is required by [Federal Law](#). All vaccine providers, public or private, are required by the National Vaccine Childhood Injury Act to give the appropriate VIS to the patient (or parent or legal representative) prior to every dose of specific vaccines. The appropriate VIS must be given prior to the vaccination and must be given prior to each dose of a multi-dose series. It must be given regardless of the age of the recipient. We suggest that a link to the VIS sheet is offered to the parent/patient over the telephone or via electronic patient chart prior to the visit.

Vaccine Information Statements may be accessed from the U.S. CDC website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html>

If you have questions on storage and handling of the vaccine as it relates to curbside immunizations or any questions in general, please contact the Maine Immunization Program at 207-287-3746.

As always, we thank you for all that you do to keep the children of Maine free from vaccine-preventable disease.