



**APRIL 23-24, 2024**  
**ARIZONA'S GREAT VACCINE ROAD TRIP**  
 2024 ANNUAL IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE



**Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program**  
**Upcoming Policy Changes and Program Improvements**

**Vaccine Handling & Management**

Current Policy	Upcoming Policy Change
<p><b><u>Records Retention</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Storing all required documentation for six (6) years as required by Arizona State law.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Electronic records are now allowable.</b></li> <li><b>Offsite storage of physical records is now allowable</b> per ARS 36-422.01 but must be made available to surveyors within 2 hours if requested (unlikely), per AAC Title 9 Chapter 10, <b>for a period of six (6) years.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Restitution</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dose for dose replacement is required from VFC providers when vaccine wastage of doses that expire in the calendar year is greater than 5% of the total number of VFC vaccines that expire in the calendar year and in situations where providers fail to maintain vaccines per VFC program requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dose for dose replacement exceeding 5% wastage is being <b>removed</b> from the ADHS VFC Operations Guide.</li> <li>The restitution language in the report card is being <b>removed</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Vaccine Delivery</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be open at least four (4) days a week and four (4) consecutive hours a day to receive VFC vaccines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provider <b>must be open a minimum of 4 consecutive hours on a day other than Monday</b> to receive vaccines.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Provider Transfers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter or email from the receiving facility is required prior to approval of a transfer in ASIIS for short-dated vaccines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A letter/email is no longer required for short-dated vaccines (less than 90 days).</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Temporary, Mobile, Off-site, or Satellite Clinics</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A notice was sent to Providers via Granicus this past year with guidance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance will be added to the VFC Operations Guide as a new section.</li> </ul>

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<p><b><u>Daily Temperature Monitoring and Recording</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information that is required when documenting a temperature reading:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperatures must be handwritten on the appropriate temperature log with the provider's pin. The logs must be posted on the VFC refrigerator and freezer.</li> <li>Two temperature readings per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and one min/max temperature reading per day at the beginning of the workday for the previous 24 hours to the tenths place (e.g. 40.2°F).</li> <li>Exact time (e.g., 8:07 am) and date of each reading.</li> <li>Name or initials of the person who assessed and recorded the reading.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers have two options for documenting temperature readings:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option 1: Handwrite the temperature on a paper log. The log should be posted on each vaccine storage unit door or nearby in a readily accessible and visible location.</li> <li><b>Option 2: Use a continuous temperature monitoring and recording system that allows providers to document temperature readings electronically.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Information that is required when documenting a temperature reading:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>At least one min/max temperature reading per day at the beginning of the workday.</b></li> <li>Time and date of each reading.</li> <li>Name or initials of the person who assessed and recorded the reading.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Missing Temperatures</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is a temperature gap, your site will be notified and will have 24 hours to email the gap before the order/transfer is denied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is a temperature gap, your site will be notified and will have <b>48 hours</b> to email the gap before the order/transfer is denied.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Excursion</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If vaccines are required to be wasted due to a vaccine incident, providers will be required to submit a data logger report with five (5) full consecutive days of current in-range temperatures before an order can be placed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If vaccines are required to be wasted due to a vaccine incident and there is <b>no previous history of an excursion in the unit, the provider will be required to submit a data logger report with three (3) full consecutive days of current-in-range temperatures before an order can be placed.</b></li> </ul>

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