

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Department Administrators
Vaccine Providers, Medical Directors, and Vaccine Coordinators

FROM: IDPH Immunization Section

DATE: November 22, 2023

RE: **November 2023 to January 2024 Vaccine Delivery Holidays
for VFC, 317, and Bridge Programs**

This notification is for providers in Illinois **outside** of the City of Chicago. Provider offices within the City of Chicago should refer to guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health.

IDPH Immunization Section Holiday Closures

The Immunization Section will be closed on the following holidays:

Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24, 2023	Day After Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25, 2023	Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
Monday, January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Shipping Holidays through January 2024

Please be advised shipments will be limited due to the upcoming holidays. This pertains to VFC, Adult 317, and Bridge Access Vaccine Programs. Providers are strongly encouraged to order early during the winter holidays. Providers are also encouraged to maintain a minimum of 4 weeks of inventory to prevent vaccine outages if orders are delayed due to weather and/or carrier interruptions.

November 2023

- No vaccine will be delivered November 22 through November 24, 2023.
- Normal shipping will resume the week of November 27, 2023.

December 2023

- **To ensure delivery in December, please submit vaccine orders by Friday, December 8, 2023.**
- Limited deliveries will occur through December 20, 2023, for vaccines ordered before the ordering deadline.
- No vaccine will be delivered between December 21, 2023, and January 1, 2024.

January 2024

- No vaccine will be delivered on January 1, 2024.
- Post-holiday deliveries will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
- No vaccine will be delivered on January 15, 2024.

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For help, questions or feedback please contact the IDPH Immunization Section at dph.vaccines@illinois.gov or call 217-785-1455 and select option 2.