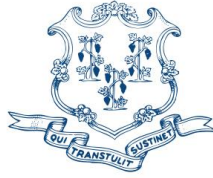


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TO: Health Care Providers
FROM: Mick Bolduc 
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DATE: November 3, 2016
SUBJECT: Holiday Shipping Schedule

The primary purpose of this communication is to inform providers of the upcoming Holiday Shipping Schedules for both McKesson & Merck.

Shipping Schedules

With the holidays fast approaching the CVP wants to provide the holiday shipping schedules for McKesson & Merck so that all offices can plan their vaccine orders accordingly. Enclosed you will find the shipping schedules for November, December and January for both McKesson & Merck (direct ship Varicella and MMRV vaccines). These schedules are determined by McKesson and Merck so the CVP does not have the ability to change any of the dates. **The CVP recommends for providers to order extra vaccine if necessary to avoid running low during the coming holidays.**

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 509-7940.



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Please be sure to review the notes below the schedules for important details about the timing of vaccine shipments.

~ November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SHIPPING	2 SHIPPING	3 SHIPPING	4 NO SHIPPING	5
6	7 SHIPPING	8 Election Day SHIPPING	9 SHIPPING	10 NO SHIPPING	11 Veteran's Day - CDC Closed - McKesson Open NO SHIPPING	12
13	14 SHIPPING	15 SHIPPING	16 SHIPPING	17 SHIPPING	18 NO SHIPPING	19
20	21 SHIPPING	22 Direct Ship Orders received 11/22 will ship for delivery on 11/23 LIMITED SHIPPING	23 Direct Ship Orders received 11/23 through 11/27 will ship on 11/28 NO SHIPPING	24 Thanksgiving - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed NO SHIPPING	25 McKesson Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed NO SHIPPING	26
27	28 SHIPPING	29 SHIPPING	30 SHIPPING			

SHIPPING = Normal shipping expected for routine orders to McKesson

Limited Shipping = McKesson to ship Priority orders only

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In preparation for this year's holiday season, please note that orders received after December 14th (McKesson) and 16th (Merck/Frozen) may not be shipped out until January 2017. Please plan accordingly.

~ December 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SHIPPING	2 NO SHIPPING	3
4	5 SHIPPING	6 SHIPPING	7 SHIPPING	8 SHIPPING	9 NO SHIPPING	10
11	12 SHIPPING	13 SHIPPING	14 Orders to McKesson placed in VTrckS after 12:00 pm (depot time), on this date may not be shipped prior to January. SHIPPING	15 SHIPPING	16 Direct Ship (Frozen) orders placed in VTrckS after this date may not be shipped prior to January. NO SHIPPING	17
18	19 SHIPPING	20 LIMITED SHIPPING	21 LIMITED SHIPPING	22 NO SHIPPING	23 McKesson Holiday - CDC Open - McKesson Closed NO SHIPPING	24 Chanukah begins
25 Christmas	26 Holiday - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed NO SHIPPING	27 LIMITED SHIPPING	28 LIMITED SHIPPING	29 NO SHIPPING	30 NO SHIPPING	31

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~ January 2017 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 End of Chanukah New Year's Day	2 Holiday - CDC Closed - McKesson Closed NO SHIPPING	3 Direct Ship Orders received 12/19/16 through 1/2/2017 will ship on 1/3/2017 SHIPPING	4 SHIPPING	5 SHIPPING	6 NO SHIPPING	7
8	9 SHIPPING	10 SHIPPING	11 SHIPPING	12 SHIPPING	13 NO SHIPPING	14
15	16 Martin Luther King - CDC Closed - McKesson Open SHIPPING	17 SHIPPING	18 SHIPPING	19 SHIPPING	20 NO SHIPPING	21
22	23 SHIPPING	24 SHIPPING	25 SHIPPING	26 SHIPPING	27 NO SHIPPING	28
29	30 SHIPPING	31 SHIPPING	(Greyed out)	(Greyed out)	(Greyed out)	(Greyed out)

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Shipment Timelines:

If you are expecting orders to arrive before the holidays, please keep in mind that routine shipments from McKesson can take up to 4 business days to process before they are shipped. Also, note that shipments may take longer than 4 days to process and ship if the provider does not have regular business hours on a daily basis.

McKesson shipments may arrive on any day of the week, including Mondays, based on the way business hours are entered in VTrckS. Below is the shipping schedule for routine vaccines as stated in the current contract. Note: Orders may ship out more quickly than the “Order shipped by” day shown in this table.

Order received* on	Order shipped by**
Mon	Thur
Tue	Mon
Wed	Mon
Thur	Tue
Fri	Wed

***Business/Ship day ends at 12:00 noon Local Distribution Center Time orders must be received prior to this cutoff to be considered received on a given day.**

****Orders shipped by applies to providers with normal business hours only. Providers with hours other than normal business hours should note that orders may ship out later than the “order shipped by” date shown in this table.**