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TO: Prevention Partnership Providers and
Local Public Health Units

FROM: Molly Howell, MPH *mt*
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RE: Vaccine Transport Data Loggers and Coolers

DATE: July 31, 2014

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Immunization Program received one-time funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to improve vaccine storage and handling practices in the state. You are receiving a VFC 5000TP continuous temperature monitoring device (data logger) for vaccine transport that you requested from the Immunization Program. Refrigerator and freezer vaccine storage data loggers (Fridge-Tag[®]2) were delivered in May of this year and should have been implemented. Please do not use the Fridge-Tag[®]2 data logger for vaccine transport.

Training

In addition to a brief manual in the data logger package, the Immunization Program prepared a presentation with illustrations on how to setup and use the VFC 5000TP for vaccine transport. The presentation and a web-based training on how to activate and use the VFC 5000TP is currently available on the Immunization Program website at: www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Providers/Education.htm under the data logger training section.

Vaccine transport best practice

The NDDoH Immunization Program recommendations for vaccine transport are available at: www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Documents/Providers/Forms/Vaccine_transport.pdf. The vaccine transport data logger will help providers to monitor vaccine temperatures when transporting vaccines. Providers are required to check the temperature every 30 minutes when they transport vaccines. Providers may use vaccine transport temperatures logs that are available at: www.ndhealth.gov/Immunize/Providers/Forms.htm under the temperature monitoring section. If temperature excursions are detected, providers should not use the vaccines and must contact the vaccine manufacturer and the Immunization Program.

Vaccine transport coolers

Providers who requested vaccine transport coolers from the Immunization Program and received a confirmation email from VWR international will receive their coolers by July 30, 2014. **If you don't receive the coolers by July 30, 2014, please contact the Immunization Program.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Immunization Program at 701.328.3386 or toll-free at 800.472.2180.

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