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Immunization Program

Dear Vaccine Coordinator,

As you are probably aware, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) require that the Connecticut Vaccine Program (CVP) perform compliancy site visits at each practice that participates in the program at least once every other year. Beginning this year, the CDC also requires each site not receiving a site visit during a particular year complete two CDC-developed web modules. You are receiving this communication because your site has not been selected for a site visit during 2013, and therefore the web modules should be completed.

To comply with this new requirement, we are asking that both the vaccine coordinator and back-up coordinator at each site (i.e. each PIN) view the modules. The vaccine coordinator is the person at the office who has primary responsibility for ordering, monitoring, and ensuring the quality of vaccines at the practice; the back-up has responsibility in the vaccine coordinator's absence. The web modules take about one hour each to complete, and can be completed in sections. The modules can be viewed at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/youcalltheshots.htm>.

Choose the following two modules from the ones listed:

- "Vaccine Storage and Handling" (located at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/sh/ce.asp>)
- "Vaccines for Children (VFC)" (located at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/isd/ycts/mod1/courses/vfc/ce.asp>)

You do not need to register for continuing education credits unless you would like to.

To navigate through the modules, click on the "Back" and "Next" arrows at the top of the module. There are some slides with questions that test your knowledge of the current topic.

The information covered in these modules is considered best practices. The CVP storage and handling requirements prohibit the use of dormitory-style refrigerators (those with a single door on the outside and an embedded freezer inside the refrigerator), but do not currently require separate refrigerator and freezer units or the use of thermometers with probes in glycol.

After viewing the modules, please email our program at dph.immunizations@ct.gov with your PIN in the subject line and a sentence stating that you and your back-up coordinator have viewed the VFC modules. **Please complete the modules by September 30, 2013.**

If you have any questions, please call our program at (860) 509-7929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent A. Sacco".

Vincent Sacco, MS – Immunization Program Manager
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