Outbreak Control

The ACIP has established a schedule for immunization of children 0-18 years eligible to be covered by the VFC program. This schedule applies to routine circumstances. However, during emergencies, such as outbreaks, other children who qualify for the VFC program will need vaccines.

The ACIP recommends that state and local health authorities be given flexibility to provide vaccine purchased by the VFC program for additional VFC eligible children during outbreaks provided that those outbreak control measures are consistent with existing ACIP recommendations.

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