

To: Vermont Child Vaccine Program/Vermont Adult Vaccine Program Providers

From: Immunization Program

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Re: Adult Polio Vaccine for Special Populations

Adult Polio Vaccination Policy Update

Due to the recent polio case in New York, there has been an increased interest in polio vaccination from adults. Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) is not a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Adult Immunization Schedule](#). Therefore, it is not available for the Department to purchase for adults through the CDC contract. Currently, CDC does not recommend routine polio vaccination for unvaccinated adults or adults with incomplete vaccination. The state supply of IPV is not to be used for adults; it is for pediatric use only.

The Immunization Program recently received special funding that allowed the Department to private purchase poliovirus vaccine for Ukrainian adults. The Immunization Program has worked with CDC to expand the eligible population to all refugees, immigrants, and migrant workers. In identifying populations to vaccinate, refer to the [CDC website](#) on countries with circulating poliovirus.

The purpose of this limited supply is to prioritize vaccinating populations who have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated before arriving in the United States. It should not be used for travel vaccination. Since this IPV supply is available through alternative grant funding, it is available for use for all adults aged 19 years and older. This exception to the normal Vermont Adult Vaccine Program covered population (19 – 64 years), will allow increased IPV coverage for refugees, immigrants and migrant workers.

IPV multi-dose vials can be used after puncture until their expiration date. However, vials cannot be transferred once punctured.

This vaccine will not be in VIMS. To request IPV for refugees, immigrants or migrant workers, e-mail AHS.VDHimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov to order as needed.

If you have any questions, please e-mail AHS.VDHimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov. If you would prefer to speak by phone, please include a phone number in your e-mail.