

VFC SITE VISITS

VFC site visits are essential to the success of the VFC Program. The data collected from these visits help CDC assess our state's overall compliance with federal VFC Program requirements.

Providers new to the VFC Program will receive an initial enrollment site visit. This visit includes an assessment of the site's vaccine storage and monitoring equipment, a review of the site's general vaccine handling procedures, and an overview of the VFC Program requirements.

Active VFC providers will receive a CDC required compliance visit, at minimum, every other year. LHDs must conduct site visits with at least 50% of their providers every year with the remaining 50% of providers visited the following year. MDHHS recommends that LHDs work toward the goal of visiting as many providers as possible every year.

LHDs are responsible for conducting VFC provider compliance visits within their jurisdiction to assure vaccine storage and handling requirements are being followed and appropriate standards for immunization practices are being met. The compliance visit presents a face-to-face opportunity for the LHD to answer provider questions about the VFC Program as well as work with the provider to develop a corrective action plan to address any issues found during the visit.

CDC requires MDHHS to conduct unannounced site visits throughout the state every year. These visits may be randomly selected, however, priority is given to providers with ongoing compliance issues.

At minimum, personnel identified as the Primary Vaccine Manager and the Back-up Manager of the provider site are required to complete annual educational training, by (ideally) being present at the entire site visit OR by completing and documenting two in-person INE trainings or two CDC You Call the Shots web module trainings (VFC and Vaccine Storage and Handling modules), or a combination of one training of each. It is recommended that ALL office staff who work with VFC vaccine receive training on the requirements of the VFC program and correct vaccine storage and handling procedures. In addition, staff identified as the Primary Vaccine Manager and Backup Manager must complete MCIR VIM training.

VFC provider sites with children 24-36 months old and/or adolescents 13-17 years of age, in the MCIR, are required to have an AFIX quality improvement (QI) visit in conjunction with their VFC compliance visit. The current MDHHS requirements and guidelines for the AFIX QI visits can be found on our [Michigan.gov/immunize](http://www.michigan.gov/immunize) website, http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_4911_4914_68361-331915--,00.html or contact your MDHHS Immunization Field Representative for assistance.