

**Date:** July 13, 2021

**To:** Iowa Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers

**From:** Iowa VFC Program

**Re:** Vaccine Update: Vaxelis (DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB)

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Effective July 13, 2021, the Iowa VFC Program will allow providers to begin ordering Vaxelis vaccine.

Vaxelis (DTaP-IPV-Hib-HepB) is a combination vaccine approved for use in children 6 weeks through 4 years of age (prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> birthday) and is indicated for the 3 dose primary vaccination series in infants at ages 2, 4, and 6 months. The recommended minimum age for the third dose of Vaxelis is 24 weeks, the minimum age for completion of the HepB vaccine series. It should not be used for children less than 6 weeks of age or older than 4 years of age. It is not approved for the booster dose of DTaP (dose 4 or 5) or IPV (dose 4 ) or Hib (dose 4).

A detailed Vaxelis vaccine summary is available [here](#) and includes information on use, dosage, schedule, and contraindications. When placing an order for Vaxelis vaccine, please review the clinic's vaccine inventory to identify all other vaccines needed. **VFC providers should continue to place vaccine orders consistent with their economic order quantity (monthly, bimonthly or quarterly) and monitor existing inventory to ensure VFC vaccine is not wasted or allowed to expire.**

Updated VFC Monthly Doses Administered Reports and VFC Available Vaccines and Covered Age Ranges documents are available on the [Immunization Program Website](#).

If you have questions regarding recommendations for use of Vaxelis vaccine, contact Shelly Jensen at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 5. For questions regarding vaccine orders contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext 6.