

## Addendum

### Interim Recommendations for the Use of *Haemophilus influenzae* Type B (Hib) Conjugate Vaccines Related to the Recall of Certain Lots of Merck's Hib-Containing Vaccines (PedvaxHIB® and Comvax®)

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Since Merck has suspended production of its Hib conjugate vaccines and does not expect to resume distribution of these vaccines until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008, and because this will cause a short-term reduction in available doses of Hib-containing vaccines, CDC, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, makes these recommendations:

#### INTERIM GUIDELINES<sup>1</sup>

##### Until further notice,

1. Continue to administer the primary series of vaccine (2 or 3 doses, depending on the formulation) beginning at age 2 months, as usual.
2. Temporarily **defer** administering the **booster** dose of Hib vaccine usually administered at age 12–15 months. Register and track children for whom the booster dose is deferred to facilitate recalling them for vaccination when supply improves.
3. **Administer all recommended doses**, including the 12–15 -month booster dose **only to children who fall into these high risk categories:**
  - **Asplenia;**
  - **Sickle cell disease;**
  - **Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV) or certain other immunodeficiency syndromes and malignant neoplasms;** and
  - **American Indian and Alaskan Natives** (If available, use PedvaxHIB® or Comvax® in this population, particularly in the first six months of life, as it leads to more rapid seroconversion.)

<sup>1</sup> Guidelines adapted from MMWR 2007; 56 (Dispatch):1–2. Available at: [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm56d1219a1.htm?s\\_cid=mm56d1219a1\\_e](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm56d1219a1.htm?s_cid=mm56d1219a1_e)

Signature

Health Officer or Medical Provider

Date

Please follow the interim guidelines above for the use of Hib vaccines until the national shortage has been resolved or you have received further instructions from the Oregon State Public Health Immunization Program.