Bidirectional Borrowing and Replacement

- Two-way or bidirectional borrowing of flu vaccine is available for the ’21-'22 flu season only.
- Doses must be replaced with the same product, covering the same administration indications (e.g. private quadrivalent vaccine used for a 2-year-old child, must be replaced with a VFC quadrivalent vaccine indicated for a 2-year-old child). The brand/trade name does not have to be the same.
- Doses must be replaced within 30 days.
- The borrowing and replacement form required by CDC, found at the NCIP website, http://bit.ly/BorrowingForm, must be completed for each dose borrowed and retained on site.
- The process for borrowing/replacing virtual inventory in the NCIR has been streamlined (see below).

Borrowing and Replacement Process/Checklist

Complete the following steps each time borrowing occurs (regardless of direction):

☐ Physically transfer the vaccine you are replacing in your refrigerator (i.e. moving the vaccine from private supply to state supply or from state supply to private supply).

☐ Complete the Borrowing and Replacement Form and retain on site.

☐ Follow these steps for replacing stock in the NCIR:

Click Manage Transfers

Click New Transfer

Choose “Vaccine Replacement Due to Borrowing” in the Receiving Organization dropdown

Beside the vaccine lot number you are transferring, enter the number of doses being transferred in the Transfer Quantity column

Click Save (you should see a message that says saved successfully)

Generate the Packing List or Label

Click Ship

Enter a Ship Date

Click Ship again

The Immunization Branch Help Desk will accept the transfer, change the funding code, and accept the vaccine back into your virtual inventory.