

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Leroy Harrison, Director of Business Development
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Dear Mr. Harrison:

The Immunization Program began purchasing and distributing Log Tag data-loggers to VFC Providers in June of 2014. The process was completed in December of 2015.

As of March 30, 2016, all Florida Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program Providers are required to use continuous temperature monitoring devices (data-loggers) for all vaccine storage units that hold VFC vaccine. In addition, providers are required to upload temperature data to the Florida State Health Online Tracking System (FL SHOTS) at least weekly.

Florida VFC Providers are not required to use the state issued Log Tags. They may use any data-logger that meets the following specifications:

- Calibrated and certified using a laboratory accredited by an ILAC MRA signatory body (recommended by CDC), or an entity that provides documentation demonstrating the calibration testing performed meets ISO/IEC 17025 international standards for calibration testing and traceability.
- A detachable, probe in glycol
- Alarm for out-of-range temperatures
- Current, minimum, and maximum temperatures
- Low battery indicator
- Accuracy of +/- 1°F (0.5°C)
- Memory storage of at least 4,000 readings
- User programmable logging interval [set to take readings every 15 minutes]
- A visual display of the temperature viewable on the outside of the storage unit
- The ability to document twice daily temperature inspections
- The ability to upload temperature data and inspection documentation to FL SHOTS

VFC Providers who choose not to use the data-loggers provided by the Immunization Section will not receive Field Staff support for the installation or trouble shooting of those devices. Providers are encouraged to speak with their vendor's sales/technical representative to ensure they will receive the support they need.

A list of data-loggers that have successfully uploaded temperature data to FL SHOTS can be found at: <http://flshotsusers.com/>

The Florida Immunization Program's goal is to ensure children receive viable vaccine to protect them from disease. Continuous temperature monitoring coupled with the VFC Provider's diligence ensures that the goal will be met.

If you have any questions concerning data-logger requirements or specifications please contact my VFC Manager, Beth Cox at 850-245-4444x2375 or beth.cox@flhealth.gov.

Sincerely,



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