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Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Public Health

	Please route to:
	• Clinical supervisor
	• Medical director
	• Clinic manager
	• Clinic staff
	• Pharmacy staff
	• Vaccine staff

DATE: June 1, 2016

TO: Vaccines For Children

FROM: Stacy Hall, RN MSN
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          Adrienne M. Whitney, MPH
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Subject: **Hurricane Preparedness 2016**

This memo is to remind you to review your vaccine emergency storage plan for all vaccines in your inventory. In accordance with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Provider Agreement Emergency Vaccine Management Plan, an emergency vaccine storage plan is required of all VFC providers. This pre-planning is necessary to ensure proper vaccine storage in the event of a power failure.

Your close attention to this request helps us save millions of dollars in vaccines currently held in statewide provider inventories, in the event of a hurricane-related emergency. Please help us prevent needless and unsustainable loss of vaccine by detailing a plan for vaccine in your office in the event of a power failure.

Please review step-by-step guidance in the Immunization Policies and Procedures Manual – Revised October 2015 which is available at the LINKS Document Centers or at https://linksweb.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/linksweb/docs/Imm%20Manual%20update%20Oct%202015.pdf and review: "Procedures for Vaccine Protection and Disaster Preparedness" pp. 181-186, "Policy on Transporting Vaccine" pages 47-48 and the "Policy on Power Outage" pp. 47-48.

This memorandum should be maintained for future reference and shared with your staff. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your Region's Immunization Consultant. A listing of the Immunization Consultants by name with contact information is available from the LINKS homepage at https://linksweb.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/linksweb/main.jsp.

Please contact the Immunization Program at 504-838-5300 if you have questions. Thank you.