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## **Blast Communication**

*(The important information below has been provided to us by the Georgia Vaccines for Children Program.)*

### **Georgia Vaccines for Children Program Update- February 2020**

The Georgia VFC Program recently released a VFC Newsletter. The following is a short summary and overview of the items in the recent VFC Newsletter.

#### **2020 - 2021 Flu Pre-Book Survey is Closed**

The deadline for the Flu Pre-Book survey was January 10, 2020. If you missed the deadline, please click [here](#) to complete the waitlist survey. For proof of completion, print out the final page before submitting the survey.

#### **GRITS - New Childhood Lead Reporting Features**

The Georgia Department of Public Health has added a feature to the GRITS system to better address the risks of lead poisoning to children. Please click [here](#) for further instructions.

#### **Merging Duplicate Records in GRITS**

When you have duplicate client records in GRITS, send an email to [DPH-GAimmreg@dph.ga.gov](mailto:DPH-GAimmreg@dph.ga.gov), stating to merge the two records (Merge GRITS ID 9152040 and 10267652).

#### **Now Available: The 2020 Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit**

The [toolkit](#) is a comprehensive guide that reflects best practices for vaccine storage and handling from Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, product information from vaccine manufacturers, and scientific studies.

The toolkit has been updated for 2020 to clarify language including:

- Beyond use date (BUD)
- Routine maintenance for vaccine storage units
- New definition added to the glossary

#### **VFC Reminder**

The primary and backup VFC vaccine coordinators need to complete the following webinar trainings:

- 2020 - You Call the Shots module on [Vaccines for Children](#)
- 2020 - You Call the Shots module on [Vaccine Storage and Handling](#)

Remember to print and retain your Certificate of Completion.

**To view the VFC Newsletter please click [here](#)**

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