July 21, 2023

From: KDHE Immunization Program

To: Vaccines for Children (VCF) Program Providers

RE: VAXNEUVANCE Voluntary Recall and Handling Instructions Due to Potential for Breakage

Merck has initiated a voluntary recall of VAXNEUVANCE™ Lots W021510, W021512, W021637, W027250, W028846 in the US market. The Company has received reports of breakage at the syringe flange and/or hub that could be identified when the syringe was inspected before administration, while the healthcare professional was securing the needle to the syringe, during vaccine administration or during post-administration (e.g., when activating a safety needle). The breakage resulted in a small number of injuries, including laceration and needle puncture.

Merck recommends that if you have VAXNEUVANCE™ from any of the recalled lots at your facility, you immediately quarantine and discontinue use of these doses and return all the pre-filled syringes in accordance with the attached recall notification. This product was distributed between July 22, 2022 and July 6, 2023.

Please review the attached information from Merck regarding the voluntary recall and a next steps to return the recalled lots.