

## **How to order Immune Globulin for prophylaxis of contacts to hepatitis A or measles cases**

The Immunization Program handles and ships the immune globulin (IG) along with all the other state-supplied vaccines to health departments. IG is only different from vaccine because of its funding source; the state's Acute and Communicable Disease program pays for the IG out of their budget.

Therefore, we ask all health departments to check in with the Acute and Communicable Disease (ACD) program if there is an acute need for IG (not for routine restocking requests). Please contact the epidemiologist on call at (971) 673-1111. Let the epidemiologist know how many vials you'll need and how soon you need it.

At the same time as you call the ACD epidemiologist on call, ask the individual who orders vaccine for your agency to place an order for IG with the Immunization Program. It is important to include the individual who manages your stock because IG may already be at your health department or en route, and they will need to account for the IG inventory later on.

We will need to know how soon you need the IG, and if you need us to deliver it to a different place than where you typically receive vaccine orders in order to determine the best method of delivery — car, mule, bus, Fed Ex, etc. Once the epidemiologist blesses your order, they'll confirm that we should get the IG to you ASAP by contacting Shelby Tooze, our vaccine queen.

This process may appear duplicative, but so far it works for both state programs, and hopefully we are getting IG out in a timely manner. Let Shelby or Mimi know if there is a way we can further assist you.

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