

IMR Forecaster Now Uses the Four Day Grace Period

Best Practice Guidelines like the immunization schedule created by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices can be a help – but sometimes, providers need to make a judgment call. We've made some adjustments to the Vaccine Forecaster that will give you a bit more flexibility in determining whether a child is “up to date” for a particular series.

This year, Vermont joined most other states in adding a **four day grace period** to each vaccine series – and this is now reflected in the IMR. If a child receives an immunization that is up to 4 days early or late, the IMR forecaster will consider that an appropriate immunization.

Example: **Peter Rabbit, DOB 3/3/03** received a **MMR** immunization on **3/1/03**. According to the ACIP schedule, this is 2 days too soon. However, it is within the new 4 day grace period – so now, this is considered a valid immunization within the Immunization Registry.

This means that Reminder Recall Reports, and Not Up to Date Reports will no longer pull records where the child did receive the immunization in question, they just received it a bit too early or too late.

Of course, all of this is for your practice's eyes only. The child's Immunization Record and Vaccine Administration Record will include the date of all immunizations administered without any qualifiers.

If you have questions, please call us anytime at (888) 688-4668.