

## Vaccine and Diluent Disposal

- Dispose of empty, preservative-free vaccine vials, syringes without needles and oral applicators into the trash.
- Dispose of empty manufacturer-filled syringes and end user-filled syringes with needle attached in a sharps disposal container.
- Multi-dose vials that contain thimerosal as a preservative are considered hazardous waste. As a result, all empty or partially used multi-dose vials and syringes containing vaccine drawn from multi-dose vials that contain thimerosal should be disposed of in a marked hazardous waste container.
- Use the DLA contracted Prime Vendor pharmaceutical reverse distributor program for all Prime Vendor purchased unopened and unused single-dose vials, multi-dose vials, and manufacturer-filled syringes of vaccine and diluent (expired and/or compromised) for possible credit. Vaccines not ordered through the Prime Vendor program cannot be disposed of using this contract.
- Dispose of vaccines not ordered through the Prime Vendor (e.g., Influenza, Japanese Encephalitis, etc.) in accordance with the local environmental regulations and through enterprise or local regulated or hazardous medical contracts. Sites can create a local pharmaceutical returns service contract for disposal of vaccines. These contracts are unit funded.