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Mercury - Questions

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Hello ladies, I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer.

I am writing to you today with a question about which vaccines *do* and *do not* have mercury in them here in Vermont.

On **May 18, 2017**, on VPR, radio listeners were left with the message that, *if you get vaccinated in Vermont, the shot will not have mercury in it*. I believe that Christine you explained that, "because of perception," the state no longer purchases mercury containing vaccines.

Can you please confirm that this is the case? I can find nothing in writing confirming the fact that the state no longer purchases mercury containing vaccines. Was this a formal, binding decision taken by a committee or person? Was it written into the regs? Where might we find proof, in order to assure consumers who choose to vaccinate but who are concerned about mercury poisoning?

I believe that this year in clinics set to begin October 4th, Vermont State Employees are being offered mercury-containing shots unless allergic, pregnancy or breastfeeding in which case they can ask for a single dose shot. Correct me please if I am wrong on that. We are writing a piece for our membership on the subject.

And also - are there any other vaccines being purchased by the state which contain, "trace amounts"? Are pharmacies doing there own purchasing? Have they been instructed to order only "mercury-free", single dose flu shots?

Awaiting your reply and wishing you all the best.

Sincerely,

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