



# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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## Return of Expired Seasonal Flu Vaccines

Dear VFC Provider,

As we conclude the 2009-2010 influenza season and begin to prepare for this year's season, we would like to remind you to make sure any expired doses of influenza vaccine are removed from your refrigerator.

All expired and spoiled seasonal VFC flu doses must be returned to McKesson Specialty to recoup the federal excise tax credit.

### To return expired seasonal flu vaccine:

- Complete a VFC Return and Transfer Form and fax a copy to the VFC Program at 877-FAXX-VFC (877-329-9832). Include a copy of this form with your vaccine shipment and ensure you keep a copy for your records. You may download a copy of this form at [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org).
- You may contact the VFC Program to request a postage paid label to send vaccines back to McKesson. If you do not get routine UPS deliveries at your clinic, we may be able to schedule a vaccine pick up for you. Otherwise, just hand the labeled box of vaccines to your regular UPS driver.
- When packaging vaccines, clearly label the outside of the container "EXPIRED VACCINES ENCLOSED".
- ONLY return any unopened vials, syringes, and nasal sprayer packages of seasonal flu vaccine. NEVER return used syringes, with or without needles, open vials, diluent, other pharmaceuticals, or viable vaccines.

### Return of Expired H1N1 Flu Vaccine

- For instructions on returning EXPIRED H1N1 vaccine, visit [www.CalPanFlu.org](http://www.CalPanFlu.org).

**If you have any questions please call the VFC program at (877) 243-8832.**

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