TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL FLU VACCINATION SEASON

Discuss and outline key strategies to achieve high influenza vaccination coverage rates for your patients and decrease missed opportunities for vaccination. This may include:

- reminding patients to come in for their annual influenza vaccination
- expanding hours for influenza vaccination and allowing influenza vaccine-only visits
- discussing mechanisms to track patients that will be due to return to the practice for a second dose

ORDER SUBMISSION

The Initial Flu Order Confirmation system is available at [myVFCVACCINES](https://myVFCVACCINES). Once logged in, providers will see the Flu Order button; follow on-screen instructions to confirm your initial flu order.

Key steps for confirming your 2019-2020 initial flu order:

- If your practice has any expired flu doses from the previous flu season, immediately remove them from your refrigerator and submit an online Return/Transfer form before confirming your initial flu order.

- For providers who submitted a 2019-2020 pre-book, a percentage of confirmed doses will be available for the initial flu order.

- For providers who did NOT submit a 2019-2020 pre-book, the number of doses available for your initial flu order are based on 1) reported usage for key pediatric and adolescent vaccines, and 2) available vaccine supply pre-booked for distribution to California VFC Providers.

- The maximum number of doses that may be requested for the initial flu order will be displayed by brand. Doses allocated for the initial order cannot be shifted between brands.

- Providers have two (2) weeks to review and confirm their initial flu order.

INFLUENZA VACCINE ACCOUNTABILITY

- VFC vaccine doses, including flu, can only be administered to VFC-eligible patients 18 years of age and younger. Doses administered must be documented using a vaccine administration log, immunization registry, or an electronic health record system.

- Doses administered and doses on hand must be reported to the VFC Program with each influenza vaccine order.

- If there is no electronic system to track usage, use VFC’s Vaccine Usage Log. Available for download on EZIZ.org.

- VFC vaccine cannot be administered to privately-insured patients or adult patients 19 years of age and older under any circumstance. Doing so may constitute fraud or abuse of VFC-supplied vaccines. For the same reasons, borrowing between vaccine supplies is not allowed.