



# California's Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program 2016-2017 Supplemental Flu Ordering Quick Guide



VFC's Supplemental Ordering will be available to VFC providers through [MYVFCVaccines](#) from the week of October 24, 2016 through the end of the 2016-2017 influenza season (as vaccine supply permits).

Any VFC provider who was unable to submit their initial order confirmation to VFC this past summer and all providers who have already received all of their confirmed doses for a particular formulation but need additional doses for VFC-eligible children may submit a supplemental order. Providers who have not yet received all confirmed doses of a particular product will have ordering disabled for that product (until all doses are received), but may order products that have already shipped in full.

## CURRENT VACCINE SUPPLY (week of 10/24/2016)

Supply levels for Sanofi Pasteur's Fluzone® Quadrivalent Formulations (0.25mL P-Free Pediatric Syringes; Multi-Dose Vial), GlaxoSmithKline's Fluarix® (pre-filled, Single-Dose Syringes) and Seqirus's Flucelvax® are adequate, and therefore supplemental ordering will be immediately available for these products.

VFC has yet to receive adequate supplies for Sanofi Pasteur's Fluzone® 0.5mL Syringe Formulation. As vaccine supply becomes available, we will ship additional doses to fulfill providers' initial flu vaccine requests. We expect to fulfill 100% of initial orders of the Fluzone® 0.5mL syringes by November.

Supplemental ordering for this product will be opened once additional doses are received to complete initial orders.

## ORDER SUBMISSION

Supplemental Ordering can be accessed through [myVFCVACCINES](#). Once logged in, providers will see the Supplemental Flu ordering icon; follow- on-screen instructions to submit an order.

General ordering limitations are built in the supplemental ordering system to ensure:

- VFC has processed and shipped initial orders, as well as any supplemental order, before providers are allowed to re-order doses.
- Doses have been used prior to ordering additional doses. Once most doses are used, providers can submit additional doses as needed. If a significant number of doses have not been used, a request cannot be submitted.
- More frequent orders are submitted throughout the flu season (rather than one large order). This minimizes vaccine waste at the end of the season, facilitates inventory management, keeps smaller vaccine quantities in refrigerators (preventing overcrowding and ensuring refrigerator air flow), and minimizes the risk of losing all your flu doses for the season due to a temperature excursion or unplanned power failure.

### PRIOR to ordering more flu doses, consider:

The number of flu doses you'll need during the ordering period, based on any planned reminder/recall influenza vaccination outreach efforts, and the age of scheduled patients—Some children will need a second dose for full protection. Consider how many doses you have on hand, and then order the doses to complete your need for that ordering period.

You'll need to submit transfers or returns prior to placing your supplemental flu order.

You'll need to report vaccine doses administered *to date* as part of supplemental ordering.

Orders ship in full, so make sure you can store all the doses you requested. Orders cannot be canceled once sent for fulfillment.

Supplemental orders are processed several times per week and sent to the VFC Program's National Vaccine distributor for fulfillment. An e-mail notification is sent to the practice's vaccine coordinator and back-up coordinator upon processing of the order.

Successful and timely delivery of your shipment depends on your delivery information listed on your [MyVFCVaccines](#) account. Keep these updated at all times, but most importantly before you place a vaccine order - verify that hours are reflective of clinic hours of operation for the next couple of weeks after order submission.

If doses allocated initially were not enough or if you find that the supplemental order limitation is inconsistent with your current VFC patient population, contact the VFC Program Customer Service line to have your allocation reviewed and increased.



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## INFLUENZA VACCINE ACCOUNTABILITY

- VFC vaccine doses, including influenza, 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 similar system.
- Doses administered must be reported to the VFC program with each supplemental influenza vaccine order AND will also be required to be reported at the end of the 2016-2017 Flu Season. Allocations for the next Flu Season 2017-2018 will factor in doses administered for this current season.
- A sample of VFC's [Vaccine Usage log](#) was included in your clinic's first flu vaccine shipment and can be downloaded from 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 (i.e. private-purchased flu doses given to VFC patients, or VFC flu doses given to privately-insured patients).

The image shows a sample of the '2016-2017 Flu Usage Log' form. It is a table with columns for 'Patient Name', 'Date of Birth', 'Vaccine Type', 'Lot Number', 'Expiration Date', 'Vaccination Date', 'Vaccination Site', and 'Vaccination Status'. The table is currently empty, with only the header row visible.

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL INFLUENZA VACCINATION SEASON

Discuss and outline key strategies to achieve high influenza vaccination coverage rates of 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,
- allowing influenza vaccine-only visits, and
- discussing mechanisms to track patients that will be due to return to the practice for a second dose.