



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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Get your practice ready for the 2016-2017 Flu Season

Dear VFC Provider,

VFC's Influenza Vaccine Order Confirmation for the 2016-2017 Flu Season will be available for providers to confirm their allocation in **mid to late-July 2016**. Once the system is open, you will have **2 weeks** to review and confirm allocated doses.

We encourage your practice to follow these steps to get ready:

- Most flu products from the 2015-2016 Flu Season (except FluMist® which had earlier expiration dates) expire June 30, 2016. If you still have doses on-hand, please remove them from your storage unit immediately.
- Complete and submit a VFC Return Form by logging into your MyVFCVaccines account on www.eziz.org. Complete this Return Form **prior** to confirming your 2016-2017 Flu Season allocation; you will need this information to confirm allocated doses. Ship any expired 2015-2016 flu doses back to McKesson as soon as possible.
- Begin forming your flu vaccination plan to ensure all children in your practice are protected. Review the number of VFC doses administered during the 2015-2016 season; review flu vaccination scheduling plans; assess your available vaccine storage space, etc.

Supply Update Reminder:

- MedImmune's FluMist® will not be offered as part of the VFC Program during the 2016-2017 flu season. CA's VFC Program is working with CDC on the selection of alternative products to adjust pre-booked products for the state.
- Providers with privately purchased FluMist® vaccine supply: MedImmune has alerted its customers via a healthcare provider letter that they may reach out to their distributor to make order modifications for alternative formulations. A report of manufacturers and distributors that have influenza vaccine available for pre-ordering can be found at <http://www.izsummitpartners.org/content/uploads/2016/06/ivats-16-17.pdf>

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

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Visit our website at www.eziz.org and log into MyVFCVaccines to check your email address. Also be sure to check your spam folder!